



# NIAGARA FRONTIER REGIONAL CAMERA CLUBS

AM-CENTER CAMERA CLUB, AMHERST, NY  
CANYON CAMERA CLUB, PERRY, NY  
ERIE PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB, ERIE, PA  
ST. CATHARINES PHOTOGRAPHIC CLUB, ST. CATHARINES, ONT.  
SOUTHTOWNS CAMERA CLUB, HAMBURG, NY  
TWIN TIER CAMERA CLUB, OLEAN, NY

BATAVIA PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB, BATAVIA, NY  
NIAGARA FALLS CAMERA CLUB, NIAGARA FALLS, ONT.  
HAMILTON CAMERA CLUB, HAMILTON, ONT.  
SCIENCE MUSEUM CAMERA CLUB, BUFFALO, NY  
TWIN CITIES CAMERA CLUB, TONAWANDA, NY  
WELLAND CAMERA CLUB, WELLAND, ONT.

## Minutes of the Board of Directors October 24, 2010 Niagara Falls Conference Center Niagara Falls, New York

**Call to Order** The meeting was called to order at 1:45 pm

### In attendance were Executive Board Members:

President	Stan Sammy
Vice President	Karl Miller (absent)
Secretary	Deanne Cunningham
US Treasurer	Chuck Vallone
Canadian Treasurer	Leslie Khan
Past President	Larry Stevenson (absent)

### Clubs were represented as follows:

AM CENTER	Moragh Stroud
BATAVIA	Tim Dusen
CANYON	Joan Schumaker
ERIE	Patty Raydo (absent)
HAMILTON	unrepresented
NIAGARA FALLS	Scott Simons
ST. CATHARINES	Stan Sammy
SCIENCE MUSEUM	Mary Lou Frost
SOUTH TOWNS	Manny LoPresto
TWIN CITIES	Doug Hansgate
TWIN TIER	Barb Kubiak
WELLAND	Tom Linton

### **OTHER ATTENDEES:**

Carol Weber (Canyon)  
Bob Briggs (Historian)

- ❖ Stan Sammy asked for a few minutes of silence in remembrance of Don Logan, who was extremely active in both Saint Catharines Photographic and the NFRCC. He held many offices, including NFRCC President.

**2. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF September 19, 2010 MINUTES :** There was unanimous approval of the Sept. 19, 2010 Minutes, with a motion by Mary Lou Frost and a second by Tom Linton.

**3. CANADIAN TREASURER'S REPORT by Leslie Khan.** Distribution and discussion of the Canadian Treasurer's Report dated Oct. 24, 2010. A correction was made in the balance from last report. The new report indicated a balance of \$ 16, 452.97, as of Oct. 24, 2010.

- ***Motion by Les Khan for additional signatures on Canadian bank account required by Canadian bank.***

“The Niagara Frontier Regional Camera Clubs (NFRCC) approves the addition of Stan Sammy as a signatory of the NFRCC Canadian Bank account.”

Second by Tom Linton. Approved.

**4. AMERICAN TREASURER'S REPORT by Chuck Vallone.** Distribution and discussion of the U.S. Treasurer's Report dated Oct. 23, 2010. The report indicated a balance of \$9,151.02, as of Oct. 23, 2010.

- Upon a motion by Doug Hansgate and a second by Scott Simons, the Treasurers' reports were unanimously approved.
- Chuck moved that the payments for Program Books, Webmaster, and Speaker Notes be approved. Seconded by Deanne Cunningham. Approved.

**5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES (Old Business):**

- Update regarding legal status and locating a lawyer and CPA (Chuck Vallone, working with Doug Hansgate and Joan Schumaker)
  - The original papers of incorporation from 1997 were distributed and explained.
  - Several suggestions for legal counsel have been considered by the committee. A sheet with details was distributed and discussed.
  - Chuck encountered a number of difficulties in applying for non-profit status and completing the IRS filing.
  - Chuck moved that we proceed with retaining Kevin Stadelmaier as legal counsel for obtaining non-profit status for the NFRCC, with a retainer of \$935. Second by Joan Schumaker. Motion approved.
- Update regarding insurance status (Chuck Vallone, working with Doug Hansgate and Joan Schumaker). Nothing yet on insurance. Suggestion from Joan Schumaker that we talk to Kevin Stadelmeier regarding the insurance question. Tabled until next meeting.
- Progress report from Constitution Reform Committee (Doug Hansgate, Patty Raydo, Chris Empey, and Tom Linton). Committee is going to do teleconferencing, with constitution up on website to make wholesale changes.

**6. CORRESPONDENCE:** none

**7. DUES:** *All dues have been paid*

## 8. FALL SEMINAR REPORT --- by Karl Miller

- In Karl's absence, Dee Cunningham gave a progress report. Everything is ready to go.
- **Motion by Dee Cunningham** : As of today, reservations are closed. Seconded by ML. Approved.

## 9. CONVENTION REPORT --- Mary Lou Frost and Patty Raydo

- Forms and flyers were e-mailed to clubs, in an effort to be Green.
- Mary Lou handed out pre-registration forms for **club members**. Dec.15<sup>th</sup> is the cutoff date for the reduced ticket cost of \$100, if done through the camera club.
- Club members are allowed to pre-register for laptop lab programs. Bottom portion of form should be sent directly to Joan Schumaker, either by mail or scanned and sent by email. Forms are to be sent in by clubs...not by members themselves.
- Crowne Plaza room reservations (\$99 per night) should be made individually ASAP.

## 10. WEBSITE --- Chris Empey (absent --- no report)

## 11. INTERCLUB DIGITAL SLIDE REPORT --- Chris Empey absent --- no report)

## 12. NEW BUSINESS:

- **Kodak Award Nominations**
  - A committee was set up for Kodak Award Selection (2US, 2 CDN, with NFRCC President to act as chair.) **They will meet at 1:00 pm before the start of the January Meeting to vote on the recipient of the award.** Electronic copies of the nominations will be emailed to the committee in advance, so that they have time to study them before the meeting.
  - Dee Cunningham, Tim Dusen, Tom Linton, Les Khan will be the committee, chaired by Stan Sammy.
  - Nominations are due in November (**send electronic copies to Stan Sammy and Dee Cunningham**) [stansam@niagara.com](mailto:stansam@niagara.com) and [DeeCunning@aol.com](mailto:DeeCunning@aol.com)
  - Guidelines and information can be found on page 18 of the Constitution and By-Laws
- ***Nominations and voting for the Stork/Bertuca/Sharpe service awards.***
  - Nominations were taken and votes were submitted and counted.
- ***Selection of a nominating Committee*** (four persons with equal representation from both countries) to present slate in Jan.
  - Suggestion from ML that executive positions not be required to serve two years. Not required by the constitution. Will be dealt with at a later time.
  - Nominating committee:
    - Joan Schumaker
    - Leslie Khan
    - Doug Hansgate
    - Tom Linton

## 13. CLUB NEWS:

- Batavia---Has moved to Northgate Free Methodist Church, at 8610 Bank Street

- Am-Center --- New membership policy --- any member of the Senior Center may join, regardless of where they live. (The Amherst requirement is dropped)
- Science Museum --- Has set up an exhibit in the foyer of the Museum in conjunction with the museum's exhibit on the science of motion
- St. Catharines Photographic--- 65<sup>th</sup> anniversary gala to be held on 2/5/11 at 5:30 pm \$30.00 per person

**14. NEXT MEETING:**

Remaining meeting dates for 2010-2011:

January 16, 2011    Feb. 13, 2011    March 20, 2011

**15. ADJOURNMENT:** By motion of Tim Dusen and unanimous consent, the meeting was adjourned at 3:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Deanne D. Cunningham