



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
January 22, 2012
Sheraton Hotel, Sapphire Room
Niagara Falls, New York

The meeting was called to order by Deanne Cunningham at 1:40 pm

1. ATTENDANCE:

CLUB REPRESENTATIVE:

AM-CENTER: Don Smith
BATAVIA: Timothy L Dusen
CANYON: Michael Carney
ERIE: Larry Brown
HAMILTON: Rob Thorne & Leonie Holmes
NIAGARA FALLS: Terry Babit
ST. CATHERINES: Victor Ens
SCIENCE MUSEUM: Robert Carey
SOUTH TOWNS: Manny Lo Presto
TWIN CITIES: Not Present
TWIN TIER: Wade Aiken & Joe Spowal
WELLAND: Tom Linton

OTHER ATTENDEES:

SMCC: Mary Lou Frost
STCC: Janet Lo Presto
AM-C: Robert Briggs

OFFICERS:

PRESIDENT: Deanne Cunningham
VICE-PRES: Ravi Sampath
SECRETARY: Michael Carney
(for Joan Schumaker)
CDN. TREAS: Leslie Khan*
U.S. TREAS: Chuck Vallone
PAST PRES: Stan Sammy*

APPOINTED COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

WEBMASTER/SLIDE CHAIR:

Chris Empey

CONVENTION CHAIR:

Patty Raydo

*Authorized Signatories for CDN Account

2. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF November 6, 2011 MINUTES: There was unanimous approval of the November 6, 2011 Minutes, with a motion by Stan Sammy and a second by Tim Dusen.

3. AMERICAN TREASURER'S REPORT by Chuck Vallone. Distribution and discussion of the American Treasurer's Report dated January 22, 2012. The report indicated a balance of \$6,092.19 as of January 20, 2012. Chuck reported that the NFRCC Grant requests from Erie Photographic and Twin Tier (see item #6. Correspondence) have been approved and payments have been made to these clubs.

4. CANADIAN TREASURER'S REPORT by Leslie Khan. Distribution and discussion of the Canadian Treasurer's Report dated January 22, 2012. The report indicated a balance of \$11,473.39 as of January 22, 2012. Leslie noted that the Canadian bank account needs to be updated. "Apparently it is too old and needs to be updated to the 21st century. Clubs and organizations are now required to have some sort of business account, ours is just a regular humdrum account. In order to change the account we will need a statement (from the minutes of a meeting) stating the list of officers and the list of signing member for the account. The signatories for the Canadian account will be Leslie Khan and Stan Sammy.

- Upon the motion by Terry Babit and 2nd by Patty Raydo. The American and Canadian Treasurer's reports were unanimously approved.

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES (old business):

- Update on replacement of George Butt Monochrome Trophy. - Leslie Khan reported that the bi-level base for the Monochrome Butt Trophy arrived at Alison's Trophy last week. However, it is massive and is only appropriate for a much larger cup. We will probably have to go with a single base and Alison's will let Leslie know when they get a single base. Photographs of the original trophy have provided wording for the front plate and that the trophy was first awarded in 1985 to Science Museum Camera Club and in subsequent years to South Towns Camera Club.
- Update on progress of "Not-for-profit" status. - Chuck Vallone is still working on this. Original paperwork was misplaced in Albany, but Chuck expects that the application will be approved.
- Update on an AV chair to replace Dave Bauer. - Joe Spowal will do the Fall 2012 Seminar but will be unable to do the 2013 Convention as he is the co-chair. Stan Sammy said he would serve as AV chair for the 2013 Convention.
- Update on 2013 Convention. - Chuck Vallone reported that a one year contract has been signed for the 2013 Convention at the Niagara Falls Convention Center. Wade Aiken has the following 8 speakers signed up for the **2013 Convention**

Nevada Weir (National Geographic) - Saturday Keynote <http://www.nevadawier.com/>

Laurie Excell - Friday Keynote & Adventures of a Wildlife photographer
<http://www.laurieexcell.com/index.html>

Rob Stimpson - Wild Ontario (Canadian Speaker) <http://www.robstimpson.com/index.htm>

Scott Linstead - Camera Traps (Canadian Speaker) <http://www.scottphotography.com/>

Deb Sandidge - Infrared Photography

<http://www.deborahsandidge.com/-/deborahsandidge/>

Robert O'Toole - Alaska <http://www.robertotoole.com/>

Vik Ornsstein - Child Portraits (studio)

<http://vikorensteinphotography.com/-/vikorensteinphotography/default.asp>

Greg Dommir - Outdoor Flash (He is head of NatureScapes, but will also have a vender booth) <http://www.naturescapes.net/docs/>

- Report on venue search for 2014. Stan Sammy noted that this is a work in progress. The committee has received a proposal from the Marriott Gateway at the Falls and Marriott Fallsview Hotel for March 7 – 9, 2014. (Note: The Fallsview Hotel has been completely renovated since the last NFRCC convention was held at this site.) The Scotia Bank Conference Center has yet to get back to us.

6. CORRESPONDENCE:

- NFRCC Member Club Grant Applications
 - Erie Photographic Club – A request for remainder of their grant monies to help defray the cost of purchasing a Canon Realis SX80 Mark II projector
 - Twin Tier Camera Club – For purchase of a Viewsonic Pro8200 1080pDLP HD Projector and a Da-Lite 76034 Versatol Tripod Projection Screen (50 x 67”).
- Nominations for the Kodak Award were received and forwarded by President Dee to members of the Kodak Selection Committee.
- Chris Empey brought to the board his letter resigning as webmaster of NFRCC effective June 30, 2012. President Dee read this letter at the meeting and requested that all Presidents ask their club members if anyone would like to take over the Webmaster position. It was suggested that perhaps two people could share the responsibilities. Joe Spowal has offered to do it with help from someone else. Please send inquires to Chris Empey at cempey@nfrcc.org

7. FALL SEMINAR REPORTS:

- Report on finance from 2011 Fall Seminar. - Chuck Vallone distributed a summary of income and expenses for the fall seminar that showed a profit of \$1,749.00. The new NFRCC pins were sold at the seminar and the sale of 58 pins brought in an additional \$290.
- Results of questionnaires from 2011 Fall Seminar. Ravi Sampath reported that there were 151 completed questionnaires returned and he reviewed the results. The board liked the idea of the survey and would like to see it repeated each year for both the Spring Convention and Fall Seminar.
- Report on the 2012 Fall Seminar. - Ravi Sampath had sent details on the 2012 Fall Seminar and he reviewed these at the meeting. The Seminar will be November 10, 2012, 9:00 am-4:30 pm at Michaels Banquet Facility in Hamburg, NY. They have agreed to the same pricing as in Fall 2011. Speakers will be Jay and Varina Patel, website is www.jaypatelphotography.com. The registrar will be Janet Lo Presto. AV will be managed by Joe Spowal. Projection screen by SVS. If we have 186 attendees, we will make about \$1,500 as we did in 2011.

8. CONVENTION 2012 REPORT --- Patty Raydo:

- Ribbons need to be ordered. Karl Miller will know where to order from. The badge ribbons from last year need to be located. In the meantime, Stan Sammy will order more badge ribbons.
- Who is bringing projectors? The NFRCC projector will be available and Science Museum will bring theirs.
- South Towns agreed to supply the scoring system and the print box. Niagara Falls will also bring their scoring system.

- A sign-up sheet was available for clubs to volunteer to host/introduce specific presenters.
- Room and ticket compensation for those working on the Convention was discussed.
- Print Salon and Slide Salon judges need to be different. Patty Raydo will select 6 judges and determine what to pay them.

9. WEBSITE --- Chris Empey:

- 2012 Convention details and registration information is now on the website.

10. INTERCLUB DIGITAL SLIDE COMPETITIONS REPORT --- Chris Empey:

- Chris reminded clubs that Golden Horseshoe images need to be submitted by March 1, 2012. NO LATER
- Each club must submit to Chris the number and names of members in the club who have competed in club slide competitions between September 1, 2011 and January 1, 2012 (both traditional and transparencies and/or digital projected images). **This list needs to be sent immediately if it has not already been submitted.**

11. NEW BUSINESS:

- President Dee reported that the Kodak Selection Committee has proposed that the NFRCC establish an Award to be given this year to an especially deserving individual. This will be designated the NFRCC Lifetime Achievement Award, and will be given this year in addition to the Kodak Award. This is not to be an annual award. Tim Dusen moved that this proposal be approved, 2nd by Ravi Sampath, motion passed.
- Fund-raising activities – A silent auction at the convention, utilizing donations from trade show vendors, was proposed. The procedure was discussed and gained general acceptance. Tim Dusen offered to help with the auction. As soon as we know the majority of the items to be auctioned, an email will be distributed to spread the word about the auction to clubs. Potential auction items were discussed, as well as the possibility of displaying these on the website in advance of the Convention.
- President Dee stated that she has been approached by a vendor who would like to embroider patches with the NFRCC logo to sell at the 2012 Convention. There was general approval of the logo being used for this purpose, but only for the 2012 Convention. Dee volunteered to negotiate with the vendor for some compensation for the NFRCC from this project.
- Nominating Committee to present slate of officers for 2012-2013. The committee reported that the current 2011-2012 officers have agreed to being nominated to continue in the same positions for 2012-2013. They are therefore proposing the current slate of officers as their nominations for 2012-2013. **Clubs are encouraged to seek additional names of members who would be willing to serve as NFRCC officers and to bring those names to the March 4 meeting when elections will take place.**

12. CLUB NEWS:

- Twin Tier has moved to Cattaraugus County Arts Council at 100 West Main St., Allegheny, NY. Need to change their address in the program booklet and on the website
- An “Exhibition of Audio Visual Presentations and Photographic Prints” is being hosted by the Hamilton Camera Club, the Latow Photographers Guild, and the Trillium Photographic Club. This event is being held on February 4, 2012 at 7 PM at the Burlington Art Centre. NFRCC members should call Rob Thorne at 905-689-6829 for club member prices: \$15 per person or 2 for \$25
- Science Museum Club will have exhibit at WNED TV in May.

13. BUSINESS FOR NEXT MEETING:

- NFRCC facebook page
- Webmaster position

14. NEXT MEETING:

Remaining meeting dates for 2012: March 4, 2012; April 22, 2012

15. Adjournment: At 4:07pm Tim Dusen moved that we adjourn, unanimous consent.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joan Schumaker, Secretary

Note: These minutes were created from meeting notes taken by Michael Carney, Canyon Club Representative, and input from President Dee Cunningham. Many thanks to Michael and Dee for their most valuable assistance in our efforts to maintain accurate records of NFRCC business.