



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

March 4, 2012

Sheraton Hotel, Ballroom, Ruby Room
Niagara Falls, New York

The meeting was called to order by Deanne Cunningham at 1:30 pm

1. ATTENDANCE:

CLUB REPRESENTATIVE:

AM-CENTER: Don Smith
BATAVIA: Timothy L Dusen
CANYON: Michael Carney
ERIE: Larry Brown
HAMILTON: Leonie Holmes
NIAGARA FALLS: Terry Babij
ST. CATHERINES: Not present
SCIENCE MUSEUM: Mary Lou Frost
SOUTH TOWNS: Manny Lo Presto
TWIN CITIES: Not present
TWIN TIER: Wade Aiken
WELLAND: Tom Linton

OTHER ATTENDEES:

HCC: Rob Thorne
STCC: Janet Lo Presto
AM-C: Robert Briggs

OFFICERS:

PRESIDENT: Deanne Cunningham
VICE-PRES: Ravi Sampath
SECRETARY: Joan Schumaker
CDN. TREAS: Leslie Khan
U.S. TREAS: Chuck Vallone
PAST PRES: Not present

APPOINTED COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

WEBMASTER/SLIDE CHAIR:
Not present
CONVENTION CHAIR: Patty Raydo

2. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF January 22, 2012 MINUTES: There was unanimous approval of the January 22, 2012 Minutes, with a motion by Don Smith and a second by Manny Lo Presto.

3. AMERICAN TREASURER'S REPORT by Chuck Vallone. Distribution and discussion of the American Treasurer's Report dated March 4, 2012. The report indicated a balance of \$5,753.46 as of March 4, 2012.

4. CANADIAN TREASURER'S REPORT by Leslie Khan. Distribution and discussion of the Canadian Treasurer's Report dated March 4, 2012. The report indicated a balance of \$18,128.69

as of March 4, 2012 and there is \$3,335.23 in Conference Registration Fees from PayPal and Canadian registrations to be deposited.

- Upon the motion by Tom Linton and 2nd by Larry Brown. The American and Canadian Treasurer's reports were unanimously approved.

5. OLD BUSINESS (business arising from the minutes):

- Update on an AV Chair to replace Dave Bauer: Stan is going to do this for 2013. We need to have someone on the team this year in hopes that they can take over this position.
- Update on replacement for Chris Empey as webmaster: Need someone to manage it under a Word Press Blog. Security is a major problem with web sites. Tom Linton will manage and Don Smith will serve as consultant beginning June 1.
- Report on venue search for 2014 Convention (Stan Sammy and Leslie Khan): No Report
- Follow-up on suggestion to create an NFRCC Facebook page: During this discussion, a NFRCC presence on Google Plus was recommended by Terry Babij. Tim Dusen moved that Terry Babij create a Google Plus page and Wade Aiken a Facebook page. Mary Lou seconded this motion and the it was approved unanimously. A link to these two pages should be placed on the NFRCC web site. It was suggested that members consider using g-mail for e-mail .
- Update on permission for logo use in embroidered patches: Dee reported that ALD Embroidery, LLC contacted her and is donating 4 items of clothing that will be used for door prizes at the 2012 convention. This vendor will also have patches to sell at the convention and will take orders for clothing. A maximum of 100 patches was suggested for sale at the convention.

6. CORRESPONDENCE: None

7. CONVENTION 2012 REPORT --- Patty Raydo:

Patty reported that we have taken in \$28,752.00 in Registration Fees to date. Projected Costs are \$33,759.30. Ravi Sampath reported that we have about \$3,000 in registration and room expenses for NFRCC people attending the convention and suggested that we reduce this cost to NFRCC. Dee noted that changes in compensation should be delayed until after a review of this year's convention is complete. Chuck explained that costs were reviewed last year and a lot of cutting was done when it appeared that we would be \$5,000 short.

Patty noted she has studied the finances: helpers, including AV folks, have been asked to pay \$65 for meals at the convention; and NFRCC members have been asked to provide rides for speakers to and from the airport to save about \$90/speaker (she has had limited or no responses to this request). It was pointed out that the NFRCC does not keep running financial reports of what is needed to run the convention, that there is no convention budget to go by, and that this makes it very difficult for new convention chairs to plan. It was suggested that a convention budget be prepared in advance.

A discussion of conference expenses resulted in the suggestion that speaker's notes be provided electronically and/or that a check box be added to the registration form for attendees to request hard copy

of speaker's notes at an additional expense. Speaker's Notes have been provided to attendees as part of the cost of the convention.

Patty noted that the NFRCC has 800 members and that we need to determine why they are not attending the convention. Manny Lo Presto suggested that club presidents survey their members to obtain this information and report back to the NFCC Board. Mary Lou Frost requested that current lists of conference attendees be sent to clubs for review. The need to refine procedures for responding to people who have registered was noted.

Mary Lou stated that we need to divide up convention responsibilities since there is too much for one person.

- Final preparations --- additional speaker needs, projectors, etc...: Need people to provide rides to and from the airport.
- Badge Ribbons: Chuck has them and there are enough for this year.
- Honor ribbons: Ravi reported \$259.09 cost . Has a new option for future ribbons - it was passed around for review.
- Trophies: Ravi noted that all trophies have been returned. The Lifetime Achievement Award will be presented in a private ceremony to Jack Blumenthal since he is unable to attend the convention. Wade Aiken will take care of this and provide photos of the ceremony to show at the convention.
- Hosts and introducers assignments: Hard copy will be in the registration packets for hosts. These were also e-mailed to hosts by Dee.
- Silent Auction update: Advance Notice of Auction Items has been e-mailed to clubs and a list was distributed. A Tamron wide angle lens worth \$500 – 800 has been added to the auction items and Nik software will be sending something. The Silent Auction should be a revenue producer.

8. WEBSITE - Chris Empey: No report

9. INTERCLUB DIGITAL SLIDE COMPETITIONS REPORT – Chris Empey:

- 4th McKeller individual was distributed by Terry Babij

10. NEW BUSINESS:

- Election of Officers: It was announced that the current officers have agreed to continue for the 2012-2013 year. Since there were no additional nominations submitted, a motion to cast one ballot for the current slate of officers was made by Mary Lou Frost, seconded by Tim Dusen and approved unanimously.
- Proposal for new policies: Dee suggested the following:
 - 1) We create a position for the purpose of keeping track of miscellaneous items belonging to the NFRCC so we are not left with searching out the whereabouts of ribbons, etc. Need to have assignments for various items. Joan will create an inventory of NFRCC items after the 2012 convention and include their locations. The secretary will update this each year.
 - 2) At the conclusion of each convention, various officers and chairmen shall submit the results of competitions and salons and the winners of trophies and awards to the secretary for inclusion in the NFRCC minutes. We need this information to assure

accuracy in the NFRCC Program Book. Dee will serve as proofreader for general pages of the Program Book.

- 3) A Procedures Book for the Convention is needed and should include a summary of steps needed, financial reports and miscellaneous expenses. Dee is working on this.
- Ravi suggested that budgets be prepared for the fall seminar and convention each year (including a % for miscellaneous cost increases), be approved by the Treasurers, and be voted on by the NFRCC Board. Chuck reported that there is a convention budget every year but no requirement that it be approved. Old convention budgets are passed along to the incoming convention chair each year. It is then up to the new convention chair to make a budget, determining a break-even point for paid attendance and cost. Most chairs then present the conference budget to the board. Chuck also noted that relative expenditures and attendance is about the same over the years and thinks that the NFRCC does not have the marketing skills to dramatically increase conference attendance.

11. CLUB NEWS:

- Canyon Camera Club's 10th Annual Photographer's Dream Day will be June 9, 2012

12. NEXT MEETING:

Last meeting date for 2012: April 22, 2012

13. Adjournment: At 3:30 pm. A motion to adjourn was made by Don Smith, seconded by Tim Dusen, and approved unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joan Schumaker, Secretary

Attachment: NFRCC 2012 Convention Awards