



# 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

April 22, 2012

Schoellkopf Room at the Niagara Falls Conference Center  
Niagara Falls, New York

The meeting was called to order by President Deanne Cunningham at 1:37 pm.

### 1. ATTENDANCE:

#### CLUB REPRESENTATIVE:

AM-CENTER: Don Smith  
BATAVIA: Not present  
CANYON: Joan Schumaker  
ERIE: Larry Brown  
HAMILTON: Rob Thorne Leonie Holmes  
NIAGARA FALLS: Chris Empey  
ST. CATHERINES: Not present  
SCIENCE MUSEUM: Robert Carey  
SOUTH TOWNS: Manny Lo Presto  
TWIN CITIES: Mike Dziak  
TWIN TIER: Joe Spowal  
WELLAND: Tom Linton

#### OTHER ATTENDEES:

TTCC: Tina Spowal  
HCC: Leonie Holmes  
AM-C: Robert Briggs, Historian

#### OFFICERS:

PRESIDENT: Deanne Cunningham  
VICE-PRES: Ravi Sampath  
SECRETARY: Joan Schumaker  
CDN. TREAS: Leslie Khan  
U.S. TREAS: Charles Vallone  
PAST PRES: Stan Sammy

#### APPOINTED COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

WEBMASTER/SLIDE CHAIR:  
Chris Empey  
CONVENTION CHAIR: Patty Raydo

**2. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF March 4, 2012 MINUTES:** There was unanimous approval of the March 4, 2012 Minutes, with a motion by Stan Sammy and a second by Bob Carey.

**3. AMERICAN TREASURER'S REPORT** by Chuck Vallone. Distribution and discussion of the American Treasurer's Report dated April 22, 2012. The report indicated a balance of \$6,359.42 as of April 21, 2012. Income from the NFRCC 2012 Convention Report was \$38,342.74, expenses were \$31,947.53, with profit to date of \$6,395.21. This includes payments from 285 conference attendees.

**4. CANADIAN TREASURER'S REPORT** by Leslie Khan. Distribution and discussion of the Canadian Treasurer's Report dated April 22, 2012. The report indicated a balance of \$ 13,356.40 as of April 22, 2012. \$15,000 was transferred to the American account on March 7, 2012.

- Upon the motion by Rob Thorne and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Chris Empey the American and Canadian Treasurer's reports were unanimously approved.

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

- Update on an AV Chair: Dave Bauer will continue as AV Chair.
- Report on venue search for 2014 Convention (Stan Sammy and Leslie Khan): Stan and Leslie visited the Niagara Fall Canada Convention Center, but they have not yet received cost information. They reported that the FallsView would be too expensive. Stan and Leslie will continue to look at other venues.
- Update on NFRCC Facebook and Google Plus pages: Joe noted that he has been monitoring the sites and that he had objected to one person advertising a Lightroom course on the NFRCC Facebook page. After brief discussion, members of the Board agreed by a show of hands that, while the sites need to be monitored, it is appropriate for members to share information on these sites of workshops, courses, events, etc... that would be of interest and benefit to other NFRCC members.

**6. CORRESPONDENCE: None**

**7. CONVENTION 2012 REPORT --- Patty Raydo:** A Financial Report and a Survey Report for the convention were distributed. (see attached) About 300 attended the convention and approximately 150 surveys were returned. Patty went over her financial report that showed a total of 285 people who made some payment for the convention. Ravi suggested that future convention budgets be based upon 200 people paying full price.

- Results of Questionnaire: The length of the banquet program was a major concern.
- Suggestions for next year: Give the service awards prior to the banquet and/or the Salon awards after the speaker or on Sunday morning. Chris suggested that the donors and door prize winners be read but that winners not come and pick them up until after the banquet. Another suggestion was to distribute door prizes by listing winners in the vendor area. Descriptions of the service awards could be projected rather than read.
- Discussion of procedures for convention 2013: for the most part this will be left up to next year's chairs. It was suggested that there be one person specifically identified to deal with the hotel.
- Inquiry from hotel re increase in room numbers for 2013: need to determine if we need to pay for rooms we book that we don't use.

**8. WEBSITE - Chris Empey:** Chris has been working on getting material ready for Don Smith and Tom Linton and will be meeting with them.

**9. INTERCLUB DIGITAL SLIDE COMPETITIONS REPORT – Chris Empey:** Chris will be sending out the McKellar dates for 2012-13

## 10. NEW BUSINESS:

- Setting of meeting dates for 2012-2013: Sept. 9, Oct. 28, Jan 13, Feb. 24, April 14.

GENERAL MEETING---September 9, 2012

PRE-SEMINAR MEETING --- Oct. 28

**Seminar: Nov. 10, 2012**

GENERAL MEETING --- Jan. 13, 2013

PRE-CONVENTION MEETING ---Feb. 24

**Convention: March 15-17, 2013**

FINAL MEETING --- April 14, 2013

- 2012-2013 Program Guide: Mary Lou will be doing this project again.
- Retirement of Kodak Award: Joe Spowal suggested that the Kodak Award be retired. President Dee noted that the proposed renaming of the Kodak Award involves a Constitutional revision and that the Board defeated this on November 1, 2009. The long history that Kodak and this prestigious award have with the NFRCC was noted and Dee called attention to the fact that no matter where photography goes from here, Kodak has played a major role in its history. It was agreed that the Kodak Award remain unchanged.
- Possible continuation of Lifetime Award: Joe Spowal suggested that the Lifetime Award, given for the first time this year, be continued. President Dee reported that the Kodak Selection Committee 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.” This proposal was approved unanimously by the Board and is recorded in the January 22, 2012 minutes. Stan Sammy noted that we need to come up with criteria for the Lifetime Award.
- Name plates on trophies. Ravi has completed engravings on plates for trophies that have been brought to him and will complete the rest this fall. He will develop a procedure so that in future years engraving of winner’s names can be completed in a more timely way.

## 11. CLUB NEWS:

- Canyon Camera Club’s 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Photographer’s Dream Day will be at the Mt. Morris Dam Visitor Center on June 9, 2012.
- Science Museum will have an exhibit at WNED TV in May.
- Bob Briggs has a program on Ansel Adams.

**13. Adjournment:** At about 3:45 PM a motion to adjourn was made by Stan Sammy, seconded by Larry Brown and approved unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joan Schumaker, Secretary

