



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 14, 2013

The Niagara Falls Conference Center, Chairman's Room
Niagara Falls, New York

President Deanne Cunningham called the meeting to order at 1:37 PM. Dee announced that Don Kurek, a TCCC member and 1999 recipient of the Kodak Award passed away in March.

1. ATTENDANCE:

CLUB REPRESENTATIVE:

AM-CENTER: Don Smith
BATAVIA:
CANYON: Ravi Sampath
ERIE: Patty Raydo
HAMILTON: Rob Thorne
NIAGARA FALLS: Chris Empey
ST. CATHARINES:
SCIENCE MUSEUM:
SOUTH TOWNS: Deanne Cunningham
TWIN CITIES: Mike Dziak
TWIN TIER:
WELLAND: Tom Linton

OFFICERS:

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

APPOINTED COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

WEBMASTER: Patty Raydo
SLIDE CHAIR: Chris Empey
CONVENTION CHAIR: Doug Hansgate

OTHER ATTENDEES:

EPC: Larry Brown
Am-Cn: Ron Storfer

2. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF February 24, 2013 MINUTES: There was unanimous approval of the minutes, with a motion by Les Khan and a second by Tom Linton.

3. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF TREASURER REPORTS:

- **AMERICAN TREASURER'S REPORT** - Chuck Vallone submitted his 5th Report for the 2012-13 year, dated 4/14/2013, showing a balance of \$16,331.77.
- **CANADIAN TREASURER'S REPORT** - Leslie Khan's report, dated 4/14/2013, showed a balance of \$10,295.81

- The American and Canadian Treasurers' Reports were unanimously approved with a motion by Doug Hansgate and a second by Rob Thorne.
- 2013 Convention Report – Chuck distributed a financial report showing a profit of \$8,207.02 with \$300 dollars yet to come from Hunt's for their sponsorship. We also have a comp check from the hotel for \$307 that has been included About 59 people were walk-ins at the 2013 convention. Chuck noted the need to: be more formal with what we expect from speakers: clarify expectations ahead of time; and have a spreadsheet for expenses with a clear budget for the convention that the board approves. There was discussion of the need for an annual budget for the NFRCC. It was pointed out that our expenses and income come from two events, the Fall Seminar and the Spring Conventions.
- Chuck would like to be replaced as Treasurer for next year and to have the audits done.

4. OLD BUSINESS:

- **Update on IRS status---** Chuck Vallone reported that in a response dated 3/12/2013 the IRS recognized receipt of the following report:
 - Non-Profit Status Filings with IRS – Forms Updated and Submitted 2/18/2013
- **Progress on developing relationship with GTCCC** - Most of the Executive Board met with GTCCC President Harvey Rogers during the convention. The May 4 conference, shared links on the websites and an inter-association conference held alternate years in the two countries were mentioned. Karl Miller has agreed to work with Dee on inter-association conferences. Doug noted that they were packing a lot into a one-day conference. He is organizing car-pooling to the May 4 event. Dee will send out a reminder to the clubs on the May 4 event. The field trip idea came up as a result of Doug's discussion with Harvey to provide guides in both countries for interesting field trips.
- **NFRCC list of e-mail addresses** - Chris noted what e-mail addresses we have and how we can proceed to collect more addresses from people who want to hear from us and also may want to receive info from our sponsors. Doug will collect info from Patty, Dan Palmer, and Chris and create an email list for the NFRCC.
- **Slide-chair vacancy update** - Chris has agreed to stay on as Slide Chair with the understanding that he would be free to attend the convention since the slides would be sent electronically and either judged ahead of time or on Friday afternoon. Doug confirmed that the Convention Committee is working to modify how slides are submitted and judged.

5. CORRESPONDENCE:

- **NFRCC Projector** - Stan Sammy forwarded an e-mail from Dave Bauer on the projector. The projector was sent in for repair right after it was purchased in 2010, it is used twice a year, and again needs to be sent for repairs. Dave has the projector and Doug will facilitate getting it repaired.

6. CONVENTION 2013 REPORT: Wade Aiken was absent.

- **Financial report** – See report under item #3 above from US Treasurer Chuck Vallone.
- **Convention Evaluation results** - Patty Raydo submitted an analysis of the Conference questionnaires. Responses were informative and will help in planning for future conventions. Comments on the raffle questioned how the tickets were drawn. We need to make the drawing more random and it should continue to not take up time at the dinner. It was also noted that ticket sales were disorganized and, while tickets were being sold during the dinner, some were to be drawn next day, etc.

7. FALL SEMINAR 2013: Ravi Sampath

- Ravi reported that Ian Plant will be the presenter for the Fall Seminar on Nov. 9, from 9 AM to 4:30 PM at Michael's Banquet Facility in Hamburg, NY and proposed that the price increase to \$50. He wants to do registrations electronically and charge \$50 until a certain date and then \$55 afterward. The speaker cost is \$1,000 plus \$500 for travel expenses and \$250 estimated for two hotel nights.

8. CONVENTION 2014 REPORT: Doug Hansgate

- **Convention Committee** – Doug Hansgate, Mike Dziak, Chris Empey, Bob Carey, and Scott Simmons visited the Marriott at Millersport and they are working on streamlining the process of doing the print and slide competitions, etc. Discussions took place on hotel costs for attendees and Doug pointed out that there are many options for accommodations other than the Marriott.
- **Convention Attendance** – Club representatives need to ask club members why they didn't come last year and report back to the Convention Committee.

9. WEBSITE: Patty Raydo – Patty noted that she is struggling to keep the website updated.

10. INTERCLUB DIGITAL SLIDE COMPETITIONS REPORT – Chris Empey

- **Chris** – All competition reports have been distributed. Chris needs a new thumb drive for the slide competitions.

11. NEW BUSINESS:

- **NFRCC Inventory List** – Joan will send out the inventory list to be updated.
- **Next year** - Ravi requested that each club submit an activity that they would like the NFRCC to conduct/pursue in 2013 -14. Tom asked for clubs to update their own information to the NFRCC website.
- **Program Book** –
 - Mary Lou Frost to compile and print the program book for next year
 - Mary Lou plans to send out a template for clubs to use for their Program Book pages
 - Clubs are to submit the following material to Mary Lou and Ravi by July 15.
 - ✓ Elected officers with mail addresses and phone numbers
 - ✓ Schedule of meetings for 2013-14
 - ✓ Award recipients
- **Calendar for 2013-2014** – Ravi proposed the following meeting dates that were approved unanimously with a motion by Chris Empey and second by Tom Linton. Meetings will be held at the Marriott:
 - September 8, 2013 - Distribute Program Books, Re-Confirm Club Presidents and representative, etc.
 - October 27, 2013 - Pre-Fall Seminar, Call for nomination of officers and Awards
 - January 12, 2014 - Selection of Awardees, Election of Officers
 - February 16, 2014 - Pre-Spring Convention meeting
 - *Convention: March 6-8, 2014*
 - April 6, 2014 - Final Meeting, Year End Reports

- **Advertising on the NFRCC Website** - Chris asked about preferred labs for printing photos and this generated a discussion of advertising on the website. Doug suggested a button on the website for any vendor who wants to advertise on the website and that we charge \$40/year. It was noted that links to advertisers would drive traffic to the website with people looking for discounts and that advertising space should be limited to vendors recommended by a member and sponsors of speakers. Links for sponsors would be included along with other vendors paying for website ads.
- **Potential New Club Members** – Two photography clubs, Port Colburn and Camera Rochester, may be interested in joining the NFRCC and need to be contacted.

12. CLUB NEWS:

- **CCC** – Joan announced that the **11th Annual Photographer’s Dream Day** is June 29 at the Mt. Morris Dam Visitor Center. Information will be sent to clubs and will be available on the NFRCC Website.
- Niagara Falls President - Eric Baloga
- Am-Center President. – Ron Storfer
- Twin Cities – Affiliated with the Buffalo/Niagara Chapter of PPSNYS. Club meetings are on every Tuesday with at least one meeting each month being geared to the various ability levels of members.
- Each club needs to identify the point person to disseminate information to their club. This should be the NFRCC Club Representative and the e-mail for this person will be included on the NFRCC Board List.

13. Adjournment: At 4:23 PM a motion to adjourn was made by Patty Raydo, seconded by Don Smith and approved unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joan Schumaker, Secretary

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