



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

September 8, 2013

The Buffalo Marriott Niagara, 1340 Millersport Highway
Amherst, NY, 14221-2902

President Ravi Sampath called the meeting to order at 1:33 PM. Ravi passed out revised agendas and announced that we will be following Roberts Rules of Order.

1. ATTENDANCE:

CLUB REPRESENTATIVE:

AM-CENTER: Ron Storfer
BATAVIA: Michael Carney
CANYON: Joan Schumaker
ERIE: Patty Raydo
HAMILTON: Rob Thorne
NIAGARA FALLS: Eric Baloga
ST. CATHARINES: Vic Ens
SCIENCE MUSEUM: Sharon Dentice
SOUTH TOWNS: Manny LoPresto
TWIN CITIES: Mike Dziak
TWIN TIER: Matt Brown
WELLAND:

OFFICERS:

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

APPOINTED COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

WEBMASTER: Patty Raydo
SLIDE CHAIR: Chris Empey
CONVENTION CHAIR: Doug Hansgate
HISTOIAN: Bob Briggs

OTHER ATTENDEES:

EPC: Larry Brown BCC: Scott Neumann Sci- Museum: Mary Lou Frost
Am-Cn: Don Smith STCC: Janet LoPresto

2. REVIEW AND APPROVAL MINUTES:

- **April 14, 2013 and June 16, 2013 MINUTES:** There was unanimous approval of the minutes, with a motion by Dee Cunningham and a second by Patty Raydo.

3. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF TREASURER REPORTS:

- **CANADIAN TREASURER'S REPORT** - Leslie Khan's report, dated 8/22/2013, showed a balance of \$10,514.36 in the checking account and \$17,925.38 in the GIC (Savings) Account.
- **ELECTION OF NEW AMERICAN TREASURER** – At the April 14 meeting Chuck Vallone requested that he be replaced as American Treasurer and Michael Hilczmayer from the Twin Cities

Camera Club has agreed to accept the position. Joan Schumaker moved that Michael be elected NFRCC Treasurer for the 2013-14 year, Vic Ens seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously.

➤ **AMERICAN TREASURER'S REPORT –**

- Chuck Vallone submitted a report for 4/14/2013 thru 6/20/2013 showing a balance of **\$16,835.32**. He also submitted a NFRCC Consolidated Fiscal Year End Report (7/1/2012 – 6/30/2013), including both Canadian and US funds (using at par dollars) that showed a starting year balance of \$37,611.64 and ending year balance of \$45,275.06.
 - Our application to the IRS for non-profit status has yet to be reviewed and we will need to file a US Tax return for the last fiscal year. Chuck has obtained an estimate of \$500 from CPA/Tax Firm Lawler-Witkowski to prepare this return.
 - Mike Hilezmayer submitted a US Treasurer's Report for July 1, 2013 through September 8, 2013 showing a balance of \$15,846.92 in our checking account. Major expenses were the NFRCC Program Booklets and the web site.
- The American and Canadian Treasurers' Reports, including the tax preparation expense, were unanimously approved with a motion by Manny LoPresto and a second by Sharon Dentice.

4. OLD BUSINESS:

- **Update on IRS status:** See Treasurer's Report
- **Progress on developing relationship with GTCCC –** Doug Hansgate will be sending club representatives information on the NFRCC/GTCCC 1st Inter Regional Competition and Keynote on Oct. 26, 2013. Clubs will be able to submit new images by Oct. 15 for this competition.
- **Potential New Club Members -** Dee has contacted the two potential new club members, Camera Rochester and Port Colborne, and both responded that they would not join us at this point.

5. CORRESPONDENCE: Peter Finnie, photographer based in Tottenham, Ontario (just north of Toronto) has written an e-book, *Photographer's Mental Gear - The Business & Mindset Side of the Lens*, and is willing to provide a program for interested clubs. Additional info at www.photographersmentalgear.com Contact Peter at: biffspandexpphoto@gmail.com

6. CLUB MEMBERSHIPS DUE:

- Michael reported that he had received club dues of \$20 from some but not all clubs. Please submit dues ASAP to Michael at 509 Central Avenue, Lancaster, NY 14086

7. 2013-14 PROGRAM BOOK DISTRIBUTION: Mary Lou Frost distributed 2013-14 program books for each of the clubs. **Thank You Mary Lou!!!**

8. FALL SEMINAR 2013 – Nov. 9: Ravi Sampath

- Ravi reported he will be away from mid-October until after the Fall Seminar. Rob Thorne will also be away on Nov. 9. Joan Schumaker and Barbara Kubiak will fill in for Ravi and Rob at the Fall Seminar. Dave Bauer and Doug Hansgate will make sure we have the NFRCC projector and a back-up for the 9th. We need to arrange for the AV equipment to be picked up at 4:30 pm so a new program can come in at 5 PM.
- Ravi noted that late registration, after October 27th, will be \$55.

9. CAN-AM PHOTO EXPO 2014: Doug Hansgate

- **Expo Committee** – Doug Hansgate, Mike Dziak, Chris Empey, Bob Carey, and Scott Simmons. The committee is moving forward, working to secure high-end speakers and they have budgeted \$19,000 to pay speakers. New software will identify each attendee with a bar code that can be used as ID for the salons and entrance into sessions. All portions of the Expo will be integrated so that salon entries are tracked and identified and follow-up questionnaires can be sent directly to attendees of specific sessions. The need for insurance and the cost was discussed and Doug will check with the Marriott on this. For the first time we will have tracks for just Wedding or Portrait photographers. Other tracks are Wild Life, Landscape, Macro, and Post Production. Each track will be offered at three different levels. Flyers and info sheets will be prepared for distribution to clubs and to advertise the event to the public. The cost for rooms at the Marriott is \$142/night. Rather than individual club hospitality rooms, there will be a party for everyone in the ballroom after the banquet on Saturday. A cash bar will be included.
- **Convention Attendance** – Club representatives need to ask club members why they didn't come last year and report back to the Convention Committee.

10. WEBSITE: Patty Raydo –

- Patty asked for assistance with some of the more extensive additions to the site and Don Smith offered to help with these items. Chris Empey explained that there was a problem with the website that he has solved.
- Ravi requested that a **Registration Form for the Fall Seminar** be added to the website and that it ask registrants for camera club affiliation. It was noted that a flyer is needed for the Fall Seminar and that the flyer should include a registration form.
- **Clubs are reminded that they can update their own portions of the website** using the information that Tom Linton sent last year.
- Michael Carney reported that the Batavia club has a new website: **Batavia.photoclubservices.com**
- **Advertisement on the website** - Dee moved that we table the discussion of selling advertising on the website until a future TBD meeting date. Joan seconded the motion and it passed.
- Doug suggested that we budget for someone to update the website. Ravi explained that we need to determine what we want the website to accomplish and then we need to manage it correctly. Mary Lou suggested that we have a committee to determine what we want to do with the website. Don suggested that we have a forum to make our website more interesting. Patty asked that people e-mail her with any ideas they have on additions to the website.

11. INTERCLUB DIGITAL SLIDE COMPETITIONS REPORT – Chris Empey

- Chris will e-mail info sheets on the competitions to the clubs. McKellar submissions need to be received by Sept. 29 or they will not be entered in the competition.

12. NEW BUSINESS:

- **Distribution of NFRCC Program Books via e-mail (Format: PDF and/or Word** - Ravi asked if getting the Program Book in PDF format by e-mail was sufficient for members and requested that club reps survey their members on this. It was noted that the Program Book is part of our brand and is used to let people know what is going on.
- **Preparation of NFRCC Program Book** - Mary Lou moved that club pages be sent as word documents to each of the club presidents to be updated and returned by August 1 so the Program Book can be printed in early August. Joan seconded. Passed.

- **Kodak Award Nominations** are to be sent to Ravi and Joan in November.
- **Nomination for all of the other awards are to be brought to the October 20 meeting when voting will take place.**

13. CLUB NEWS:

- South Towns wants to change their name and their projector is for sale for \$350. Contact Manny LoPresto for details.
- The Science Museum is sponsoring Ellen Anon for a lecture in the evening on Sept. 20 and there is an all day workshop with Ellen on the 21st. The lecture is free, but the cost of the workshop is \$50. Advance registration is required for both.
- Canyon will be sponsoring Capture the Splendor: Letchworth Park with Michael Carney as guide on October 5.
- Batavia is sponsoring an HDR workshop on April 19th. Meet at 9 AM at church, shoot for 2 hrs, lunch, followed by hands on editing with your laptop \$30/person. Don Menges from Image City Photography Gallery. Max of 30 people.

14. Adjournment: At 4:11 PM a motion to adjourn was made by Sharon, seconded by Leslie, and approved unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joan Schumaker, Secretary

2013-2014 Meeting Dates – (Marriott at Millersport)

- October 20, 2013
- January 12, 2014
- February 16, 2014
- *Convention: March 6-8, 2014*
- April 6, 2014