



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

October 20, 2013

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

President Ravi Sampath called the meeting to order at 1:36 PM.

1. ATTENDANCE:

CLUB REPRESENTATIVE:

AM-CENTER: Ron Storfer
BATAVIA: Scott Neuman
CANYON: Joan Schumaker
ERIE: Larry Brown
HAMILTON: Leonie Holmes
NIAGARA FALLS: Eric Baloga
ST. CATHARINES:
SCIENCE MUSEUM:
SOUTH TOWNS: Janet LoPresto
TWIN CITIES: Mike Dziak
TWIN TIER:
WELLAND:

OFFICERS:

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

APPOINTED COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

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

2. REVIEW AND APPROVAL MINUTES:

- **For the September 8, 2013 minutes, Joan announced a correction to the Batavia note under Club News.** There was unanimous approval of the corrected minutes, with a motion by Doug Hansgate and a second by Larry Brown.

3. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF TREASURER REPORTS:

- **CANADIAN TREASURER'S REPORT** - Leslie Khan's report, dated 10/20/2013, showed a balance of \$10,594.40 in the checking account and \$17,925.38 in the GIC (Savings) Account.
- **AMERICAN TREASURER'S REPORT** – Mike Hilczmayer submitted a Consolidated US and Canada Report through October 14, 2013 showing a balance of \$15, 870.92 in the US checking account and total assets of \$46,452.50. The major expense this past period was \$500 for accounting services to prepare a US Tax Return for the past fiscal year.
- The Treasurers' Reports were unanimously approved with a motion by Chris Empey and a second by Mike Dziak .

4. OLD BUSINESS:

- **Update on IRS status** - Mike noted that we have not received a response from the IRS.
- **Progress on developing relationship with GTCCC** – In preparation for the Inter Region Competition on October 26, Doug Hansgate reported that all images are in and recorded using GTCCC guidelines. New abbreviations were needed for all the separate clubs. Digital files were also required for all prints submitted to assist with record keeping. This event takes place at the Toronto Camera Club building and Bruce Mc Kelley will speak in the afternoon on “Photography on Set - Behind the scenes type photos.” Doug wants to know how many are planning to attend on the 26th and also for the Friday 6:30 PM guided shoot in China Town. Messages have been sent to clubs. Do we need to send these out more widely? The Saturday event starts at 10:30 AM, there is no charge and Doug will provide an address for the meeting place.
- **Distribution of NFRCC Program books via e-mail (Format PDF and/or Word)** - Clubs indicated that the printed books are preferred but it would be advantageous to have a PDF version of the program book on the website with an index. Ravi noted that Mary Lou needs the cooperation of the clubs by having them send their copy in common format and on a timely basis. Ravi will share ideas with Mary Lou concerning the common format and use of the website. The format will need to be determined by April.

5. CORRESPONDENCE:

- **Joan reported that we have received a request from Allison Davis to post a link to *Photo Editing Software Reviews and Comparisons*** <http://www.reviews.com/photo-editing-software/> on the NFRCC website. Ravi commented on the software table concerning Photoshop and Lightroom. It was agreed that this link could go on the Resource Page since there will be a disclaimer included.

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

- Dave Bauer has requested a spare projector for this event and Doug Hansgate offered to provide two extra projectors.
- Ravi reported that Ian Plant is costing \$1,000 plus a max of \$500 for travel reimbursement and a max of \$250 for hotel expenses. The break even number for attendance is 123.
- Michael asked if there was an advance deposit made for Michael’s Banquet Facility. Ravi said he would check with Chuck on this. (There was no advance payment made.) The AV people will forward an invoice for \$315 to Michael.
- We currently have 67 registrations from the US mail and 40 from the Internet for a total of 107. A question was asked about a Saturday night activity and Doug said he would put together a team for an event if there was enough interest. Joan and Barb Kubiak will meet Ian the night before and take him to dinner.
- Ravi will contact Dave on the possibility of a second screen if attendance exceeds 200.

7. CAN/AM PHOTO EXPO 2014 (March 7-9): Doug Hansgate

- Doug explained the numerous tracks attendees will be able to choose from, including: Wedding; Portraiture, Landscape, Wildlife and Macro. Plans call for having information on the Expo available for the Fall Seminar. In order to display Salon Prints, plans are to invest in \$10,000 worth of Pro Panels. Concern was expressed for storage of the panels and ability to transport them.
- The Expo page is on the NFRCC website but we need a link to the new CAN/AM website, <http://canamphotoexpo.com>, by the fall seminar. There will be a full-page color ad in Photo Life magazine and other photo magazines are being contacted about including ads.
- Doug noted that the ballroom is reserved for Friday and Saturday nights and the committee is checking on entertainment.

8. WEBSITE: Patty Raydo –

- Patty asked that clubs send info for the Resource Page. This page will include a disclaimer noting that the NFRCC is not recommending any particular items listed. Ravi thanked Chris for helping Patty with the Resource Page.

9. INTERCLUB DIGITAL SLIDE COMPETITIONS REPORT – Chris Empey

- Chris reminded club reps that images need to be submitted by the published deadlines.

10. NEW BUSINESS:

- **Vote for the Stork/ Bertuca/Sharpe Awards – Due to the absence of a number of club representatives, Joan moved that voting on these awards be moved to January. Leslie seconded this motion and it was approved.**
- **Kodak Award Committee will consist of Chris Empey, Larry Brown, Mike Dziak, and Leslie Khan with Ravi as chair. Committee members will receive nominations in December and meet prior to the January meeting.**
- In response to a question about transporting trophies across the border, it was noted that US Customs form #5544 should be used
- **Trophies need to be brought to the January meeting.**
- **Nominating committee for officers for 2014-15 will consist of Doug Hansgate, Chris Empey, Joan Schumaker, and Terry Babij. The Committee will present a slate at the January meeting so it can be taken back to member clubs.**
- **Advertisements on the NFRCC Website –** Businesses can be promoted on the Resource Page automatically, but local vendors who are supplying NFRCC member discounts should have special recognition on the website. Doug Hansgate moved the following: “Approved local vendors who provide NFRCC members benefits through discounts or specially offers will have a free posting on the website under a tab: “Local sponsors that provide Member Benefits.” Rob Thorne seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously. If there are vendors already supplying benefits to members of some of the clubs, we need to know about them so they can be added to the website.

11. CLUB NEWS:

- **Niagara Falls** Help Portrait Event takes place on Nov. 30th.
- **Hamilton** has Joe LeFevre coming on January 20th to present: *Making Dynamic Landscape Images: From Conception to Capture to Computer Optimization*. Tickets for NFRCC members are \$5, but there is a limit to the number of attendees. Check their website for details: <http://hamiltoncameraclub.com>

14. Adjournment: At 3:32 PM a motion to adjourn was made by Ron, seconded by Leslie, and approved unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joan Schumaker
Secretary

2013-2014 Meeting Dates – (Marriott at Millersport)

- **January 12, 2014**
- **February 16, 2014**
- **CAN/AM EXPO: March 7-9, 2014**
- **April 6, 2014**

