



# 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

January 12, 2014

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

President Ravi Sampath called the meeting to order at 1:35 PM.

### 1. ATTENDANCE:

#### CLUB REPRESENTATIVE:

AM-CENTER:

BATAVIA:

CANYON: Joan Schumaker

ERIE: Larry Brown

HAMILTON: Rob Thorne

NIAGARA FALLS: Chris Empey

ST. CATHARINES: Victor Ens

SCIENCE MUSEUM: Robert Carey

SOUTH TOWNS: Manny 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: Deanne Cunningham

#### APPOINTED COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

WEBMASTER: Patty Raydo

SLIDE CHAIR: Chris Empey

CONVENTION CHAIR: Doug Hansgate

HISTORIAN:

#### OTHER ATTENDEES

STCC - Janet LoPresto

SMCC - Mary Lou Frost

SMCC - Sharon Dentice

SMCC - Charles Vallone

### 2. REVIEW AND APPROVAL MINUTES – Joan Schumaker

- **October 20, 2013 Minutes** - There was unanimous approval of these minutes, with a motion by Larry Brown and a second by Patty Raydo.

### 3. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF TREASURERS' REPORTS - Mike Hilczmayer and Leslie Khan

- **US/Canadian Consolidated Financial Statement** - Mike reviewed the format of the Consolidated Financial Statement dated January 10, 2013. The balances in the two checking accounts are: USA - \$14,042.66 and CAD - \$13,410.32. The CAD GIC (Savings) Account total is \$17,925.38. Total assets of \$46,378.36 include a \$1,000 deposit to the Marriott for the Expo. There was discussion concerning the need to acknowledge the difference in the exchange rate between the US and Canadian dollar. It was decided to monitor the exchange rate, make transfers when the Canadian dollar is up, and include that information when transfers take place.
- **Fall 2013 Seminar Financial Report** – This report showed revenue of \$10,240.00 and expenses of \$6,476.24 for a net surplus of \$3,763.76. This event essentially sold out, was well accepted by attendees, and was a financial success.

- The Treasurers' Reports were unanimously approved with a motion by Chris Empey and a second by Doug Hansgate.

#### 4. OLD BUSINESS:

- **Update on IRS Not-for Profit status** – Chuck Vallone provided a handout on this summarizing the process to date. Chuck has been following up with the IRS. If we file corporate tax returns for the past three years we will obtain not-for-profit status from now on. Mike will run the numbers to see what our tax liability will be. Ravi thanked both Chuck and Mike for all their work on this project and noted that Mike would now be following up with the IRS.
- **Individual/Vendor Tax Forms** - Chuck asked about getting the IRS W-9 forms from speakers, etc. prior to any payment for service. It was noted that the required tax forms need to be part of the original contract processed in advance. Dee made the following motion: The appropriate tax forms will be required before payment of over \$600 is made to any vendor. Patty seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

#### 5. CORRESPONDENCE:

- **Invitation from Image City Gallery in Rochester, NY** - Steve Levinson has inquired if the NFRCC Clubs would be interested in holding a Gallery Show in 2014-15. After some discussion it appeared that there was not enough interest among the member clubs in having an NFRCC show. Doug moved, Dee seconded, and it was approved that we place information on the NFRCC website about the availability of the Image City Gallery for individual or club shows.

#### 6. Oct. 26 NFRCC- GTCCC INTER REGION COMPETITION REPORT – Doug Hansgate

- Doug reported that he was disappointed that only five NFRCC members attended this event. He noted that the Canadian categories differ from ours and that this will need to be addressed for future competitions. Digital files were submitted of prints so that images could be projected showing competition results and to help keep track of past prints that have been submitted to avoid future duplications. Because of time limitations, this time Doug made prints of the digital images and mounted them for competition. We cannot expect him to do this in the future. Doug took advantage of this opportunity to advertise our 2014 Can/Am Photo Expo.
- It will be our turn to host this event in 2014 and Doug suggested that we plan to hold the competition in May or June rather than in the fall. He has already been in touch with Harvey Rogers and will follow up after the Expo.

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

- Doug noted that everything is moving along well. He passed out the full-page ad for the Expo in Photo Life magazine. The new website [www.can/amphotoexpo.com](http://www.can/amphotoexpo.com) is up and can handle registrations through PayPal. An email will be going out to all the NFRCC clubs on registration and urging members to register ASAP. They are trying to register as many as possible using PayPal. The cost is higher than last year but includes all meals on Saturday, breakfast on Sunday, and an after hours party. The cost of \$179 may be reduced for members by using a \$20 coupon discount code. Members have until Feb 1 to register using the discount and to assure attendance at the Expo. After Feb 1, marketing starts to all other potential participants and a \$50 late fee will be charged after Feb. 20. The Expo Committee expects that the Expo will sell out with 580 registrations and they encourage club representatives to stress that members need to register early.
- Contracts for presenters are in place and tax forms will be collected. A part-time Intern is assisting with the use of social media to promote the Expo and provide interaction before, during and after the event. A Twitter account ([canamexpo](https://twitter.com/canamexpo)) with hash tag **#canamphotoexpo14**, has been established for this purpose. Weekly e-mail blasts will be sent to potential attendees as a reminder and will include information on a different speaker each week. The 3000 GTCCC members will be receiving these e-mails. Speaker notes

will be available on line. Ravi asked about those who would be granted free admission for working. Doug noted that the budget and other Expo details are on Google+ and that Ravi and Mike will be able to access information there.

#### 8. REPORT ON 2014 FALL SEMINAR – Rob Thorne

- Rob reported that Michael's Banquet Facility is reserved for November 22, 2014. SPS Audio has been contacted and one screen seems to be sufficient for this event. Potential speakers were recommended and discussion resulted in favoring a speaker who can combine both camera work and post production in order to meet the needs of the greatest number of participants.

#### 9. WEBSITE: Patty Raydo – No report

#### 10. INTERCLUB DIGITAL SLIDE COMPETITIONS REPORT – Chris Empey

- Chris reported that results from 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> McKellar are here. He e-mailed results of the 3<sup>rd</sup> McKellar earlier and distributed results of the 4<sup>th</sup>. Final club standings will be announced at the Expo. Chris noted that he had a problem with late submissions and suggested that we impose a penalty for late McKellar entries of 1pt per day per image, up to three days, for a maximum of 18 points total. Dee moved that we accept Chris's suggestion, Doug seconded this and the motion was approved with one nay. Chris reminded clubs that he has yet to receive the list of competitors in digital competitions from most clubs and that these were due January 1. Golden Horseshow submissions are due February 23.

#### 11. NEW BUSINESS:

- **Collection of Trophies – Trophies yet to be returned should be brought to the Feb. 16 meeting.**
- **Nominating Committee Report** – The committee has not completed the slate of officers for 2014-15 and will report at the February meeting.
- **Vote for the Stork/ Bertuca/Sharpe Awards** – Doug Hansgate, Joan Schumaker and Janet LoPresto were nominated and voting took place with Rob Thorne and Dee Cunningham counting the ballots.

#### 12. CLUB NEWS:

- **Hamilton Camera Club** has Joe LeFevre coming on January 20<sup>th</sup> 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>
- **Erie Photography Club** is hosting Joe LeFevre on Jan. 18<sup>th</sup> with three programs: 25 Tips to Improve Your Landscape Photographs, Making Dynamic Landscape Images: From Conception to Capture to Computer Optimization, and Making Nature Time-Lapse Movies. While it is late for this event, if interested contact Patty Raydo at [epcraydo@yahoo.com](mailto:epcraydo@yahoo.com)
- **Science Museum Camera Club** is celebrating 125 years of affiliation with the Buffalo Museum of Science.
- **St. Catharines Photographic Club** – Dr. Don Mason passed away December 17<sup>th</sup>. A memorial service will be held in mid April in Waterford, ON. Additional information and a photo of Don are attached.

#### 13. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 3:52 PM after a motion to adjourn was made by Larry Brown, seconded by Victor Ens, and approved unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joan Schumaker  
Secretary

#### 2013-14 Meeting Dates – Marriott at Millersport

- **February 16, 2014**
- **CAN/AM Photo Expo March 7-9**
- **April 6, 2014**

