



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

February 16, 2014

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

President Ravi Sampath called the meeting to order at 1:32 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: Robert Carey
SOUTH TOWNS: Manny LoPresto
TWIN CITIES: Mike Dziak
TWIN TIER: Matt Brown
WELLAND: Darren Creighton

OTHER ATTENDEES

STCC - Janet LoPresto
AM-CEN – Bob Klick
WELLAND – Tom Mc Intyre

OFFICERS:

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

APPOINTED COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

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

2. REVIEW AND APPROVAL MINUTES – Joan Schumaker

- **January 12, 2014 Minutes** – The following correction was made in section 10: “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.” There was unanimous approval of the corrected minutes, with a motion by Doug Hansgate and a second by Chris Empey.

3. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF TREASURERS’ REPORT - Mike Hilczmayer

- **US/Canadian Consolidated Financial Statement** - Mike reviewed the format of the Consolidated Financial Statement dated February 16, 2014. Canadian Dollars will show up as the conversion rate for the year for Income and Expenses. Starting in 2014 everything will be stated in US dollars and the most current exchange rate will be used for the balance sheet. Expo registrations to date have added \$43,920 to revenue and Expo expenses are \$4,309. Total assets of \$82,945 include \$15,823 in our CAN GIC (Savings) Account and a \$1,000 Expo deposit to the

Marriott. The Treasurers' Report was unanimously approved with a motion by Chris Empey and a second by Mike Dziak.

4. OLD BUSINESS:

- **Update on IRS Not-for Profit status** – Mike reported that a check of the status on Jan 27th indicated that we may not hear from the IRS for awhile. He is in the process of getting past records in order to work on the returns to be sent to the IRS. Information is needed back to 2007. Mike is asking for tax-exempt status going forward and plans to file returns for the past six years.

5. **CORRESPONDENCE: Patty Raydo** submitted a letter to the NFRCC dated February 16, 2014 resigning as Web Master after the 2013-14 year. She feels that this position requires someone with the ability to deal with the complexities of Word Press.

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

- **Expo Attendance/Registration**- Doug reported that we are at about \$2,700 profit for the Expo at this point. We should not lose money, but the Committee is concerned about low attendance from the NFRCC clubs. Doug passed out copies of PayPal registrants from each club. Weekly emails have been sent to club reps and these are to be sent on to all club members. The emails are also going to colleges, outside camera clubs, etc... Forty-seven registrants are not members of any of our clubs and we should use the Expo as a recruiting tool to grow the clubs. People need to register by Feb 20 in order to avoid the extra \$50 cost. Printed brochures are going to be ready soon and will serve also as programs for the Expo.
- **Hosts for Speakers** - Bob Carey reported that there are five speakers who still need hosts. Clubs who have not signed up to host a speaker should do so. Doug reported that he was working on a Hospitality Room for speakers to make them feel comfortable and to serve as a place where hosts could meet speakers.
- **Expo Salons** – Chris Empey reported that the deadline for submitting images for the Slide Salon is March 2. There will be a special email to those entering prints in the salon with a form to be returned. Submitters should decide whether they prefer monochrome or color for a print and send the image in only one category. Go to the website for additional information on Salons.
- **Expo Raffle** - Doug reported that Canon and Sigma have donated lens and that there are lots of other items for the Raffle. People are needed to sell tickets and Doug collected names of volunteers.
- **Judges** – Mike Dziak reported that qualified people are coming to the Expo just for judging and that the same three judges will be used for the Golden Horseshoe and the Print Salon.
- **Awards** - Rob Thorne reported that plaques for trophies and crystals have been ordered. Chris has enough ribbons but Karl Miller reports that he needs to have ribbons ordered. Rob will order additional ribbons.
- **Hospitality Suites** – Clubs may book rooms to serve as Hospitality Suites, but the Committee planned the after hours party to serve as a substitute for the individual club gatherings. The intent is to integrate attendees and allow them to mix with members of the various clubs and socialize. This format would also avoid the problem of excess noise associated with Hospitality Suites.
- **Miscellaneous** - Doug reported that after working for almost a year to have special software written to track Expo attendees, this effort has failed. The Committee is pursuing plan B. Any Speakers Notes provided by presenters will be available on the website. A list of area hotels will be sent to club reps for distribution to members. The budget for the Expo is \$90,000.

7. REPORT ON 2014 FALL SEMINAR – NOV. 22, 2014 – Michael’s Banquet House, Hamburg

- **Rob Thorne** reported that he still needs to receive recommendations for a speaker for the Fall Seminar. Rick Salmon was suggested, but there may be a problem with having Canon sponsor both an Expo speaker and Rick in the same year. It was suggested that Canon be contacted to clarify their policies. Speaker suggestions should be sent to Rob.

8. WEBSITE: Patty Raydo

- Patty noted her resignation from the web master position after the 2013-14 year. Ravi and the NFRCC Board members thanked Patty for her service. The web site uses Word Press and clubs can enter their own information and images. In discussing a replacement for Patty, it was noted that we need to determine if we should seek professional outside assistance for the web site or if we can continue with a volunteer from the NFRCC membership.

9. INTERCLUB DIGITAL SLIDE COMPETITIONS REPORT – Chris Empey

- Chris reminded clubs that Golden Horseshow submissions are due midnight February 23, that he still needs names of club members participating in competitions from Batavia and Hamilton, and that final club rankings for the McKellar competition will be announced at the Expo.

10. NEW BUSINESS:

- **Plans for 2014 NFRCC-GTCCC Inter Region Competition** - Doug would like to have this event in May or June of 2014 and will be setting a date with Harvey Rogers. It was noted that attendance last year was about 80 people and several possible locations for the 2014 event were mentioned.
- **Nominating Committee Report** – Chris Empey reported that several people are considering the president’s position.

11. CLUB NEWS:

- Canyon Camera Club – The 12th Annual Photographer’s Dream Day will be Saturday, June 28, 2014 at the Mt. Morris Dam Visitor Center.

12. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 3:17 PM after a motion to adjourn was made by Dee Cunningham, seconded by Leoni Holmes, and approved unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Joan Schumaker
Secretary

2013-14 Meeting Dates – Marriott at Millersport

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

