



# NIAGARA FRONTIER REGIONAL CAMERA CLUBS

AM-CENTER CAMERA CLUB, AMHERST, NY  
CAMERA ROCHESTER, ROCHESTER, NY  
ERIE PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB, ERIE, PA  
HAMILTON CAMERA CLUB, HAMILTON, ONT.  
ST. CATHARINES PHOTOGRAPHIC CLUB, ST. CATHARINES, ONT.  
SOUTHTOWNS CAMERA CLUB, HAMBURG, NY  
TWIN TIER CAMERA CLUB, OLEAN, NY

BATAVIA PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB, BATAVIA, NY  
CANYON CAMERA CLUB, PERRY, NY  
GENESEE VALLEY PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY, GENESEO, NY  
NIAGARA FALLS CAMERA CLUB, NIAGARA FALLS, 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 14, 2014

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

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 1:32 p.m. by President Joan Schumaker.

### In attendance were Executive Board Members:

President	Joan Schumaker
Vice President	Rob Thorne
Secretary	Deanne Cunningham
US Treasurer	Michael Hilczmayer (not present)
Canadian Treasurer	Leslie Khan (not present)
Past President	Deanne Cunningham

### Clubs were represented as follows:

AM CENTER --- Ron Storfer  
BATAVIA --- Scott Neumann  
CANYON --- Barbara Kubiak  
ERIE --- Patty Raydo  
HAMILTON --- Leonie Holmes  
GENESEE --- Michael Carney  
NIAGARA FALLS --- Eric Baloga  
ROCHESTER --- Tom Kreda  
ST. CATHARINES --- Cathy Swain  
SCIENCE MUSEUM --- Sharon Dentice  
SOUTH TOWNS --- Karl Miller  
TWIN CITIES --- Marty Malicki  
TWIN TIER--- unrepresented  
WELLAND --- unrepresented

### **OTHER ATTENDEES:**

Andrea Burke (Science Museum)  
Larry Brown (Erie)  
Mary Lou Frost (Science Museum)

1. Representatives were asked to introduce themselves.

**2. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF April 6, 2014 MINUTES:** There was unanimous approval of the April 6, 2014 Minutes, with a motion by Larry Brown and a second by Michael Carney .

**3. Review and approval of US/Canadian Consolidated Financial Report --- Mike Hilczmayer and Leslie Khan** (financial reports sent electronically in advance of the meeting)

- Report from Mike not received by President or Secretary, to be forwarded by president Joan Schumaker (see attachments).
- Vote to accept is postponed.

**4. Financial Report for 2014 CanAm Photo Expo --- Mike Hilczmayer**

- Report to be forwarded (see attachments).

**5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES (Old Business):**

- Update on IRS correspondence Joan Schumaker for Mike Hilczmayer
- Confirmation of the electronic vote taken in May 2014, approving admission of the following two clubs to the NFRCC: Camera Rochester and The Genesee Valley Photographic Society. Vote was taken and both clubs were approved unanimously.

**6. CORRESPONDENCE: None**

**7. DUES: *All dues must be paid no later than today.***

**8. PROGRAM GUIDE DISTRIBUTION --- Mary Lou Frost ---**

Guides were distributed, along with a DVD for the purpose of preparing next year's guide.

**9. 2014 NFRCC-GTCCC Inter Regional competition --- Doug Hansgate**

- Information will be sent out via email, for both prints and digital images. Any prints submitted for club competition last year are possible, if it did not win an award last year at this competition. Digital files need to be submitted to Doug Hansgate by October 25. Clubs need to indicate the digital files that represent their choices for prints. Clubs will be notified of those that are selected, and prints will need to be submitted. Details for submission will sent via email. (see attachments)
- Competition will be held at the library in Niagara Falls on November 8, 2014.

**10. FALL SEMINAR REPORT --- Rob Thorne**

- **Mark Bowie** will be the presenter. We will be reserving a room for him at the Red Roof Inn. Price will be \$50. \$55 after Nov. 10. The seminar will be held on Nov. 22 at Michael's Banquet Facility on Nov. 22. Information is up on the NFRCC website. Doug Hansgate will be making up a flyer for a mass emailing.

**11. 2015 CAN-AM PHOTO EXPO REPORT --- Doug Hansgate**

- Cutting back on speaker costs this year...the only returning speaker will be Roman Kurywczak, due to overwhelming feedback from last year. Other speakers include: Rick Sammon (multiple tracks), Neil

Urban (wedding track), Don Komarechka (multiple tracks), David Cross (post production track), Sean Bagshaw (post production/landscape).

- External sites nearby have been reserved for workshops, etc., in order to free up space at the Marriott.
- Looking ahead to 2016 --- Possible move to Canada --- difficulty being expense involved vs. sufficient attendance. Discussion involving how to encourage increased attendance from Canadian clubs.
- Point made by Patty Raydo that club presidents should be responsible for printing out and distributing information they receive through email. Help to promote NFRCC events

## **12. WEBSITE REPORT --- Scott Neumann**

- All information for the website should be sent to Scott ([scottnorwo\\_9@yahoo.com](mailto:scottnorwo_9@yahoo.com))
- Clubs are encouraged to put images up for the gallery.

## **13. INTERCLUB DIGITAL SLIDE COMPETITION REPORT --- Chris Empey**

- Chris distributed packets of information to clubs.
- Follow the schedule and get your images submitted ahead of the cutoff or on time. Late entries will be penalized or simply not entered.
- Discussion concerning increase of resolution size and need for new projectors

## **14. NEW BUSINESS:**

- Adding a PDF version of the 2014-15 NFRCC Program Book to the NFRCC website
- Nov. 9 meeting date changed to October 26 due to the holiday weekend. (US holiday--- Veterans' Day) Motion by Dee Cunningham second by Scott Neumann. Motion passed.
- Review of policies for submission of entries to the Expo Slide Salon – Motion by Patty Raydo to reduce the number of prints that may be submitted to two color and two monochrome and restrict the submission of an image to either monochrome or color. Seconded by Cathy Swain Motion passed.
- Review policy of awarding 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place awards in the digital slide Wildlife Competition associated with the Diane Payton-Majumdar Trophy Awarded to 1<sup>st</sup> place. Motion by Dee Cunningham to continue awarding 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place. Seconded by Rob Thorne. Motion passed.
- Committee formed to work on By-Law revisions needed to comply with the New York State Nonprofit Revitalization Act of 2013. Committee will be Joan Schumaker, Deanne Cunningham, and Mary Lou Frost.
- Kodak Award nominations are due in November (send to: JSchumaker38@gmail.com & DeeCunning@aol.com. Guidelines and information can be found on pages 16 & 17 of the Constitution and By-Laws).
- Each regional club is entitled to submit one name for Stork/Bertuca/Sharpe awards at October meeting

## **13. CLUB NEWS:**

- Mary Lou Frost is offering a course for beginners 4 evenings at 6:30. Contact Mary Lou for details (mlfrost@verizon.net)
- October 18<sup>th</sup> “Capture the Splendor” --- Canyon Camera Club

**14. NEXT MEETING:** October 26, 2014

- Remaining meeting dates for 2014-2015:
  - January 11, 2014
  - Feb. 15, 2014
  - April 26, 2014

**15. ADJOURNMENT:** Motion by Cathy Swain. By unanimous consent, the meeting was adjourned at 3:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Deanne D. Cunningham