



## 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.  
PORT CAMERA CLUB, LOCKPORT, NY  
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  
PORT COLBORNE CAMERA CLUB, PORT COLBORNE, ONT.  
TWIN CITIES CAMERA CLUB, TONAWANDA, NY  
WELLAND CAMERA CLUB, WELLAND, ONT.

### MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS March 1, 2015 (Postponed from February 15, 2015) 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 (Absent)
Secretary	Deanne Cunningham
US Treasurer	Michael Hilczmayer
Canadian Treasurer	Leslie Khan
Past President	Deanne Cunningham

#### **Clubs were represented as follows:**

AM CENTER --- Ron Storfer  
BATAVIA --- Unrepresented  
CANYON --- Michael Giles  
ERIE --- Unrepresented  
GENESEE --- Unrepresented  
HAMILTON --- Unrepresented  
NIAGARA FALLS --- Les Khan  
ROCHESTER --- Tom Kredo  
PORT CC --- Joe Mahley  
PORT COLBORNE --- Unrepresented  
ST. CATHARINES --- Cathy Swain  
SCIENCE MUSEUM --- Sharon Dentice  
SOUTH TOWNS --- Manny LoPresto  
TWIN CITIES --- Marty Malicki  
TWIN TIER--- Matthew Brown  
WELLAND --- Unrepresented

#### **Appointed Committee Chairs:**

Webmaster: Scott Neuman (absent)  
Slide Chair: Chris Empey (absent)  
CANAM Expo Chair: Doug Hansgate

**OTHER ATTENDEES:**

Janet LoPresto --- STCC  
Robert L. Klick --- Am Center  
David Fox --- Twin Cities  
Andrea Burke --- Science Museum

- 1. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF January 11, 2015, MINUTES:** There was unanimous approval of the January 11, 2015 Minutes, with a motion by Ron Storfer and a second by Manny LoPresto
- 2. REVIEW & APPROVAL OF US/CANADIAN CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL REPORTS–** Mike Hilczmayer & Leslie Khan
  - Canadian cash balance as of 2/15/15 --- \$11,303.42/GIC Account Balance --- \$17,984.60
  - Consolidated
    - Total cash balance as of 2/27/15---\$65,476.33
    - Upon a motion by Michael Giles and a second by Ron Storfer, the Treasurers' consolidated reports were unanimously approved.

(Discussion regarding possible ways of reducing fees by PayPal)
- 3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES (Old Business):**
  - Committee on By-Law revisions needed to comply with the New York State Nonprofit Revitalization Act of 2013 – Joan Schumaker. To be discussed at April meeting
- 4. CORRESPONDENCE:** Letter from Chris Empey resigning the position of Interclub Competition Chair effective the end of 2014-15
- 5. REPORT ON FEB. 14 MARK BOWIE SEMINAR –** Postponed Fall Seminar – Rob Thorne
  - Report on Registration – Janet LoPresto
    - We had 140 attendees --- 40 did not attend due to weather
  - Discussion of potential compensation for those who registered and paid for the seminar, but could not attend due to the weather. Consensus was that since 140 people did manage to make it, no refunds should be given
  - Need for a Refund Policy for all NFRCC events. Discussion of various time periods of notification in advance. Possibly 72 hour notice for reasons of health or emergency.
    - Janet LoPresto and Mike Hiczmayer will confer with Doug Hansgate and bring a proposal to the next meeting.
- 6. 2015 CAN-AM PHOTO EXPO (March 20-22) REPORT --- Doug Hansgate**
  - Expo & Marriott Registrations
    - Doug gave figures as to the numbers of those registered, both in total and by club
    - 107 more needed for break-even point
  - Presenters & Schedule (available on website)

- Club hosts for presenters --- email has been sent out to club presidents to sign up one host from each club
- Volunteers needed to man the raffle desk
- Advertising/promotion --- Press releases have been sent out. Hoping that representatives from Bees and local papers will be able to interview speakers, etc.
- Assess needs for Expo: trophies, ribbons, etc... Everything seems to be in order. Bigger room assigned for print competition. Hotel shuttles will be used to transfer people between the hotel and the UB campus.
- Looking ahead to next year, a decision needs to be made soon. If attendance figures improve to the point where the Marriott is too small, the convention (Expo) will be held at either the Niagara Falls Canada convention center or the Buffalo convention center.

**7. WEBSITE REPORT --- Joan Schumaker**

- Status of updating 2014 information on website: Scott Neumann has been unable to keep website updated.

**8. INTERCLUB DIGITAL SLIDE COMPETITION REPORT --- Chris Empey**

- In Chris's absence, Leslie Khan distributed McKellar January results to various clubs.

**9. NEW BUSINESS:**

- Appointment of Tom Kredo, Camera Rochester competition Chair and NFRCC Representative, to assume position of Interclub Competition Chair effective for 2015-16. Motion by Joan Schumaker to appoint Tom. Seconded by Doug Hansgate. Unanimously approved.
- Appointment of Chris Empey to assume the position of webmaster effective the 2015-16 fiscal year --- Executive committee has approved the appointment. Motion by Joan Schumaker that Chris be appointed as webmaster for one year, with a stipend of \$500. Second by Deanne Cunningham. Discussion followed. Motion passed unanimously.
- Discussion on obtaining a conference bridge capability for our NFRCC meetings for use in bad weather and for remote clubs. Various possibilities with Skype, Facetime, Webex, etc.
  - Tom Kredo will work with Sharon Dentice and Doug Hansgate on a committee to investigate possibilities. Even simple teleconferencing might be a possibility.
- Plans for 2015 NFRCC-GTCCC Inter Region Competition – Committee needed --- (2015 date?) April 18, 2015 --- 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Both print and digital competitions will be held. Same regulations as the November competition.
  - Doug will revise the rules for submission and send them out.
  - Manny LoPresto will head up a committee for the print competition.
- Nominating Committee Report for 2015-16 Slate of Officers, and election. Mike Dziak agreed to run. Doug Hansgate nominated Mike for Vice President. Seconded by Bob Klick. Slate voted upon and approved.

**Officers for 2015-16**

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| • President          | Joan Schumaker     |
| • Vice President     | Mike Dziak         |
| • Secretary          | Deanne Cunningham  |
| • US Treasurer       | Michael Hilczmayer |
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➤ Other

- St. Catharines needs judges for digital competition over the internet.
- **Modifications noted for image sizes for Expo print salon (1920x1080)**
- Possible change in image sizes for Interclub competitions next year. This should be on the agenda for the April meeting.

**9. CLUB NEWS:**

- Twin Tier is having an exhibit at Cattaraugus County Arts Council in March/April. Opening March 13
- Photographers Dream Day June 13
- Port CC --- Joe Mahley gave a rundown of the activities of the club. Info available on the NFRCC website

**10. NEXT MEETING:** April 26, 2015

**11. ADJOURNMENT:** Motion by Ron Storfer Seconded by Cathy Swain. By unanimous consent, the meeting was adjourned at 3:57 p.m.

**2014-2015 Important Dates**

**(Board Meetings: 1:30 PM @ Marriott at 1340 Millersport Highway, Amherst, NY 14222)**

**March 20-22, 2015** CanAm Photo Expo: (Marriott at 1340 Millersport Highway, Amherst, NY)

**April 26, 2015** --- Board Meeting

Respectfully submitted,  
Deanne D. Cunningham