



NIAGARA FRONTIER REGIONAL CAMERA CLUBS

AM-CENTER CAMERA CLUB, AMHERST, NY
CAMERA ROCHESTER, ROCHESTER, NY
ERIE PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB, ERIE, PA
GENESEE VALLEY PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY, GENESEO, NY
NIAGARA FALLS CAMERA CLUB, NIAGARA FALLS, ON
SCIENCE MUSEUM CAMERA CLUB, BUFFALO, NY
PORT COLBORNE CAMERA CLUB, PORT COLBORNE, ON
TWIN CITIES CAMERA CLUB, TONAWANDA, NY
WELLAND CAMERA CLUB, WELLAND, ON

BATAVIA PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB, BATAVIA, NY
CANYON CAMERA CLUB, PERRY, NY
FINGER LAKES PHOTOGRAPHY GUILD
HAMILTON CAMERA CLUB, HAMILTON, ON
ST. CATHARINES PHOTOGRAPHIC CLUB, ST. CATHARINES, ON
PORT CAMERA CLUB, LOCKPORT, NY
SOUTHTOWNS CAMERA CLUB, HAMBURG, NY
TWIN TIER CAMERA CLUB, OLEAN, NY

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

April 26, 2015

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

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 1:34 p.m. by President Joan Schumaker.

In attendance were Executive Board Members:

President	Joan Schumaker
Vice President	Rob Thorne (absent) Mike Dziak in attendance
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 --- Patty Raydo
GENESEE --- (unrepresented)
HAMILTON --- (unrepresented)
NIAGARA FALLS --- Les Khan
PORT CC --- (unrepresented)
PORT COLBORNE --- (unrepresented)
ROCHESTER --- (unrepresented)
ST. CATHARINES --- (unrepresented)
SCIENCE MUSEUM --- Sharon Dentice
SOUTH TOWNS --- Manny LoPresto
TWIN CITIES --- David Fox
TWIN TIER--- Matthew Brown
WELLAND --- (unrepresented)

Appointed Committee Chairs:

Webmaster: Scott Neuman (absent) Chris Empey assuming the position

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

OTHER ATTENDEES:

Janet LoPresto (Southtowns)
Larry Brown (Erie)

1. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF March 1 2015, MINUTES: There was unanimous approval of the March 1, 2015 Minutes, with a motion by Mike Giles and a second by Patty Raydo

2. REVIEW & APPROVAL OF US/CANADIAN CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL REPORTS– Mike Hilczmayer & Leslie Khan

- Canadian cash balance as of 4/22/15 --- \$11,266.80/GIC Account Balance --- \$18,019.80
- Consolidated
 - Total cash balance as of 4/26/15---\$ 35,924.29
 - Upon a motion by Chris Empey and a second by Mike Dziak, the Treasurers' consolidated reports were unanimously approved.
- **Financial Report for 2015 CanAm Photo Expo:**
 - Attendance and income both down from 2014
 - Deficit of \$2,299.05

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.
 - Discussion regarding possible changes in Constitution
 - Wording updates (“slides” etc.)
 - Attendance requirements for NFRCC meetings?
 - NYS designation (Type A) non-charitable NFP organization
 - Changes in by-laws --- Standing Rule #5
 - Motion by Joan Schumaker to approve the proposed changes to Standing Rule #5.
Second by Ron Storfer. Motion approved.
- Application Form for camera clubs seeking NFRCC Membership – Joan Schumaker
- A refund Policy for all NFRCC events --- Janet LoPresto and Mike Hiczmayer
 - A finalized draft of suggested policy will be considered at the August 30 meeting. At this point, it is worded as follows:
 - Cancellations received on or before <DATE> (determine date based on date of event) will receive a full refund. Cancellations received after this date will not receive a refund.
 - All cancellation requests must be submitted via email or letter. Phone cancellations must be immediately followed with an email or letter confirmation of cancellation.
 - **If we cancel the event** due to factors beyond our control (i.e. weather, etc.), every effort will be made to reschedule the event for a future date. If you are unable to attend the rescheduled event, a full refund will be issued based on the NFRCC Cancellation Policy. Event cancellation will be communicated to registrants via email and posted to the NFRCC website.
 - A finalized draft of the policy will be submitted to clubs via email prior to the August 30 meeting.
- Committee to investigate obtaining a conference bridge for NFRCC Board meetings to use in bad

weather and for remote clubs. – Sharon Dentice, Doug Hansgate, and Tom Kredo

- Sharon presented several different options for conference calling (Free Conference call, etc.)
- Registration is required for further information
- Chris Empey will register with the services and get more information

4. CORRESPONDENCE:

- March 16, 2015 Letter from Tom Kredo resigning the position of Interclub Competition Chair that was to be effective beginning in September 2015.
 - Suggestions for someone to take over this position are encouraged.
- March 29, 2015 email from the Finger Lakes Photographic Guild for information on NFRCC Membership and my March 31, 2015 response (Application Form and Membership Benefits & Responsibility Sheet sent)
 - Application received, reviewed, and voted upon.
 - Motion by Joan Schumaker, seconded by Ron Storfer, unanimously approved.
 - Finger Lakes will be considered members of the NFRCC as of July 1.

5. CAN-AM PHOTO EXPO --- Mike Dziak substituting for Doug Hansgate

- Report on 2015 Can-Am Photo Expo
- 2016 Can-Am Photo Expo – Date, Location, Changes, Needs.
 - Effort made to schedule the event in Canada, but difficulty involving speakers, sponsors, vendors, and attendance, especially Canadian attendees.
 - Possibly Marriott, investigating Buffalo Convention Center
 - Date dependent on location availability

6. REPORT ON 2015 Fall Seminar (Nov. 21, 2015) --- Mike Dziak

- Presenter --- David Fitzsimmons --- Mike supplied detailed information on the speaker, his program, and finances
- Motion to approve by Mike Hilczmayer, second by Deanne Cunningham, approved

7. WEBSITE REPORT --- Chris Empey (webmaster effective 2015-16 fiscal year)

- Status --- Chris familiarized himself with changes to website. Updates needed in software enabling clubs to upload their own materials, etc.
- Sponsor list should appear on both sites, once the NFRCC site is updated

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

- McKellar final results and Golden Horseshoe results distributed at Can-Am Photo Expo
- Digital Slide Salon Results.

9. NEW BUSINESS:

- Plans for 2015 NFRCC-GTCCC Inter Region Competition --- Doug Hansgate and Manny LoPresto
 - In Toronto Nov. 7, 2015
 - Print competition ---Logistics of gathering prints makes it difficult.
 - Manny and Karl Miller will co-chair print competition

- Chris Empey will join the committee
- Need for some changes in rules and requirements ---suggest that representatives get together with Harvey and other reps from Toronto to simplify the rules
- Appointment of a new Interclub Competition Chair for 2015-16 ---NEEDED
- Possible change in image sizes for Interclub competitions next year.
 - Discussion as to advantages and disadvantages of going to 1920x1080
 - Motion by Deanne Cunningham that we adopt the new dimensions for the upcoming season. Second by Manny LoPresto. Approved. **The sizes for projected digital images will now be 1920x1080**
- Who will be responsible for producing the 2015-16 NFRCC Program Guide?
 - Mary Lou Frost. Has suggested the use of the CDs she distributed in September to prepare club pages. Send information in early July or ASAP
- **Schedule for NFRCC board meetings and activities in 2015-16 ---Location TBA**
 - **August 30, 2015**
 - **October 25, 2015**
 - **November 7, 2015 --- NFRCC/GTCCC Inter-Regional Competition ---Toronto Camera Club Building**
 - **November 21, 2015 --- Fall Seminar --- Michaels Banquet Facility, Hamburg, NY**
 - **January 10, 2016**
 - **February 21, 2016**
 - **2016 CanAm Photo Expo --- Dates and location TBA**
 - **April 24, 2016**
- Other business;
 - We are attempting once again to assist clubs by putting together a list of available judges and program presenters. Please send the names and contact information for any members of your club who may be contacted for judging and/or presenting programs. It would be helpful, in the case of presenters, to have the names and a brief description of available programs, as well. E-mail Ron Storfer with the above information. rons105506@aol.com
 - A spread sheet will be sent out to assist clubs in planning programs for 2015-16

10. CLUB NEWS:

- Photographers are needed for Ride for Roswell See the informational sheet attached to these minutes.
- Information on Dream Day will be sent out separately. Joan will send flyers.

11. ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Ron Storfer. Seconded by Sharon Dentice. By unanimous consent, the meeting was adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Deanne D. Cunningham
Secretary