



## 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  
LATOW PHOTOGRAPHERS GUILD  
PORT CAMERA CLUB, LOCKPORT, NY  
ST. CATHARINES PHOTOGRAPHIC CLUB, ST. CATHARINES, ON  
SOUTHTOWNS CAMERA CLUB, HAMBURG, NY  
TWIN TIER CAMERA CLUB, OLEAN, NY

BATAVIA PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB, BATAVIA, NY  
CANYON CAMERA CLUB, PERRY, NY  
FINGER LAKES PHOTOGRAPHY GUILD  
HAMILTON CAMERA CLUB, HAMILTON, ON  
NIAGARA FALLS CAMERA CLUB, NIAGARA FALLS, ON  
PORT COLBORNE CAMERA CLUB, PORT COLBORNE, ON  
SCIENCE MUSEUM CAMERA CLUB, BUFFALO, NY  
TWIN CITIES CAMERA CLUB, TONAWANDA, NY  
WELLAND CAMERA CLUB, WELLAND, ON

### MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

August 30, 2015

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

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 1:31 p.m. by President Joan Schumaker.

#### **In attendance were Executive Board Members:**

President	Joan Schumaker
Vice President	Mike Dziak
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 --- Scott Neuman  
CAMERA ROCHESTER --- unrepresented  
CANYON --- Michael Giles  
ERIE --- Patty Raydo  
FINGER LAKES --- David Soderland  
GENESEE --- Michael Carney  
HAMILTON --- Leonie Holmes  
NIAGARA FALLS --- Karen Fulham  
PORT CC --- Andrea Koons  
PORT COLBORNE --- unrepresented  
ST. CATHARINES --- Cathy Swain  
SCIENCE MUSEUM --- Sharon Dentice  
SOUTH TOWNS --- Manny LoPresto  
TWIN CITIES --- Keith Burkard  
TWIN TIER--- David Johnson  
WELLAND --- unrepresented

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

Webmaster: Chris Empey  
Slide Chair:  
CANAM Expo Chair: Doug Hansgate

## **OTHER ATTENDEES:**

Larry Heins --- Genesee  
Robert Sundell --- Finger Lakes  
Rob Thorne --- Hamilton  
Jason Koons --- Port CC  
Larry Brown --- Erie  
Bob Klick --- Am Center  
Mary Lou Frost --- Science Museum  
Janet LoPresto --- Southtowns (Seminar registrar)

**1. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF April 26, 2015, MINUTES:** There was unanimous approval of the April 26, 2015 Minutes, with a motion by Mike Giles and a second by Ron Storfer

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

- Canadian cash balance as of 8/22/15 --- \$11,002.17/GIC Account Balance --- \$ 18,040.97
- Consolidated
  - Total cash balance as of 8/22/15---\$30,223.89
  - Review of IRS paperwork by Mike Hilczmayer
  - Upon a motion by Rob Thorne and a second by Chris Empey , the Treasurers' consolidated reports were unanimously approved.

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

- Revised NFRCC Constitution/By-Laws
  - Review of changes made and approved during the 2014-15 year
  - Discussion and clarification of the above (new image size, etc.) Motion to accept the revisions to the Constitutions and By-laws by Ron Storfer. Second by Les Khan. Approved.
- Committee on By-Law revisions needed to comply with the New York State Nonprofit Revitalization Act of 2013 – Joan Schumaker.
  - Still in the works. Need to check for changes in requirements.
- Application Form for camera clubs seeking NFRCC Membership – Joan Schumaker
  - A revised form in PDF --- Chris Empey will attempt to make it a fillable form.
- A refund Policy for all NFRCC events --- Janet LoPresto and Mike Hiczmayer
  - Text of policy was sent out in advance
  - Motion by Kathy Swain to accept the policy as written. Second by Mike Giles. Approved
- 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 Chris Empey
  - Tabled to next meeting
- Appointment of new Inter-club Competition Chair --- Joan Schumaker
  - Discussion of possible changes to set-up
  - Andrea Burke volunteered to take over the position, starting with the McKellar.

## **4. CORRESPONDENCE:**

- Invitation from Gallery 96 (located on the Erie Canal in Bushnell's Basin, Rochester, NY) in co- sponsoring an exhibition that would feature NFRCC photographers.
  - Joan will attempt to get more details, and will put it on the agenda for the next meeting

- Request to feature “How to Start a Photography Blog” under Resources on the NFRCC website
  - Joan will send out a link to the service, so that everyone can see what they do
- Latow Photographers Guild has expressed an interest in joining the NFRCC.
  - Details discussed
  - Ron Storfer moved, Mike Carney seconded a motion to approve their membership.
  - Voted on and approved

## **5. Club membership dues of \$20.00 due today**

## **6. Program Guide distribution --- Mary Lou Frost – distributed by Mike Dziak**

- Mary Lou moved that each club designate one person in the club to be responsible for updating electronic files for the program book. That person will work with Mary Lou to prepare the copy. Seconded by Joan Schumaker. Approved
- Any corrections to the program book should be sent to Mary Lou ASAP
- Corrections to the list of speakers and judges sent out by Ron Storfer will be incorporated into a new version of the form.

## **7. Plans for 2015 NFRCC-GTCCC Inter Regional Competition --- Doug Hansgate Toronto Nov. 7, 2015**

- Doug will speak to Harvey and report back
- Manny questioned who would be responsible for digital images.
- Manny requested that each president bring 10 best images from their clubs to the next meeting, so that submissions can be selected.
- There are two categories: Wildlife and Non-wildlife (open)
- 320 squares inches is the maximum (16x20)

## **8. REPORT ON 2015 Fall Seminar (Nov. 21, 2015) --- Mike Dziak**

- Janet will be the registrar --- can register and pay on line
- Janet wants her mailing address to be put on line for people who want to register by check
- Everything is set up
- Mike has a chip card reader for walk-ins
- Flyers will be sent out

## **9. CAN-AM PHOTO EXPO 2016 --- Doug Hansgate**

- At the Marriott again --- April 8,9,10
- Boudoir classes and baby photography workshops --- additional costs involved
- Print Salon will be in the restaurant. Everything moving back into the hotel
- A number of keynote speakers --- Freeman Patterson, Fay Sirkis (she will be giving a week-long workshop at Doug’s studio)
- See other details inside back cover of program book
- Budget in place by next meeting

## **10. WEBSITE REPORT --- Chris Empey**

- Information from Mary Lou in process of update on the website
- Images for Seminar need to be sent
- Club images can still be uploaded to website – send them to Chris

**11. NEW BUSINESS:**

- Kodak Award Nominations are due in November. Send digital files to Joan and Dee.
- Each regional club entitled to submit one name for Stork/Bertuca/Sharpe awards accompanied by a brief listing of the nominee's contributions to the NFRCC and member club(s) at October meeting. Voting to take place in January.
  
- **Other ---**
  - Question as to judges program, for training new judges

**10. CLUB NEWS:**

- Erie is bringing Sam Abel in on September 12
  - Patty will send out information via email, for those who did not get her other notices.

**11. ADJOURNMENT:** Motion by Ron Storfer. Seconded by Leonie Holmes. By unanimous consent, the meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Deanne D. Cunningham  
Secretary