



# 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

October 25, 2015

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

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 1:35 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 (absent)
Canadian Treasurer	Leslie Khan
Past President	Deanne Cunningham

### Clubs were represented as follows:

AM CENTER --- Ron Storfer  
BATAVIA --- unrepresented  
CAMERA ROCHESTER --- Dave Braitsch  
CANYON --- Barb Kubiak  
ERIE --- Patty Raydo  
FINGER LAKES --- unrepresented  
GENESEE --- unrepresented  
HAMILTON --- Rob Thorne  
LATOW --- David Low  
NIAGARA FALLS --- Karen Fulham  
PORT CC --- unrepresented  
PORT COLBORNE --- unrepresented  
ST. CATHARINES --- Cathy Swain  
SCIENCE MUSEUM --- Sharon Dentice  
SOUTH TOWNS --- D Cunningham  
TWIN CITIES --- Keith Burkard  
TWIN TIER--- David Johnson  
WELLAND --- unrepresented

### Appointed Committee Chairs:

Webmaster: Chris Empey  
Slide Chair: Andrea Burke

CANAM Expo Chair: Doug Hansgate

**OTHER ATTENDEES:**

Mike Marino ---Am Center  
Larry Brown --- Erie

**1. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF August 30, 2015, MINUTES:** There was unanimous approval of the August 30, 2015 Minutes, with a motion by Kathy Swain and a second by Ron Storfer

**2. REVIEW & APPROVAL OF US/CANADIAN CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL REPORTS–** Mike Hilczmayer & Leslie Khan --- materials were sent out in advance

- Canadian cash balance as of 10/10/15 --- \$11,162.20/GIC Account Balance --- \$18,040.97
- Consolidated
  - Total cash balance as of 10/22/15--- \$32,167
  - Upon a motion by Patty Raydo and a second by David Johnson, the Treasurers' consolidated reports were unanimously approved.

**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.
  - Pending. Will be considered next meeting.
- Application Form for camera clubs seeking NFRCC Membership – Joan Schumaker
  - A revised fillable form form in PDF
  - Was sent to Latow, but was sent back blank. Adjustments need to be made to make it savable.
- 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
  - Free conference call.com --- needs more research ... do they allow Canadian callers?
- Club membership dues of \$20.00 were to be sent to the respective US and CDN treasurers
  - Two clubs remain unpaid...Port Colborne, and Welland --- Kathy Swain paid Welland's dues for them
- NFRCC Speakers/Judges List – corrections to 8/31/15 list to be sent to Ron Storfer –Aug 31 List was attached to agenda materials.

**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. Details were sent in an attachment to the agenda materials.
  - Motion by Doug Hansgate that we attempt to take part in a show, depending on whether there are fees involved. Second by Ron Storferr. Approved.
- Request to feature “How to Start a Photography Blog” under Resources on the NFRCC website. This information was sent as an attachment to the agenda materials.
  - Chris Empey recommends that we do not use this. Consensus was negative.
- E-mail from Angela Whitney - Thanks for our NFRCC Resources Page and suggestion from her students to add a link to a history of cameras and photography to the Resources Page – see her e-mail attached to agenda materials.
  - Again, Chris sees no need to add this to our website.

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

- Location is Toronto Camera Club --- GTCCC headquarters
- Doug will be using the McKellar images for the digital competition. Any additional images clubs would like to be considered for the competition can be emailed directly to Doug. ***Limitation of two images per maker, of which only one can be chosen. This applies to prints as well.***
- Each club is to bring up to 10 prints (size, mounting and matting are all exactly the same as for the CAN-AM convention. Categories are "wild life" and "everything else" - Manny LoPresto
  - Clubs whose prints have been brought to the meeting will be delivered to Manny.

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

- Do we have a spare projector from a club or an individual to use, if needed, at the Fall Seminar?
- Review of arrangements/contracts in place.
  - Waiting for new contract from Michaels, reflecting minor increase in meal cost.
- Advertising/promotion
- Status of PayPal Registration--- 26
- Registration numbers to date --- total is 38. Need a push from clubs
- Next year's seminar --- Mike is attempting to arrange for next year's fall seminar to be in Canada, with a Canadian speaker. Having difficulty finding both a location and a speaker. Mike Grandmassion was suggested. Suggestions should be emailed to Mike Dziak.

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

- At the Marriott again --- April 8,9,10
- Everything is moving along. Freeman Patterson will be a keynote speaker for Saturday night. Fay Sirkis is another instructor. Contracts are being finalized.
- Price increase involved. More specific information to be coming out in an email at the end of the month.
- Budget is available to Joan and the treasurers on line. In flux.

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

- Site is up for registration, but updates need to be installed in other areas.

#### **9. INTERCLUB DIGITAL SLIDE COMPETITIONS – Andrea Burke**

- Two international sets of judges, and two US.
- Results from first McKellar are ready.
- Images for October due today.

#### **10. NEW BUSINESS:**

- Set up committee for Kodak Award Selection (2 US, 2CDN, plus NFRCC Pres. To act as chair)
 

***Nominations for the Kodak Award to be sent to Dee & Joan in November***
- Committee will meet at 12:30, before next NFRCC board meeting
  - Rob Thorne
  - Les Khan
  - Dee Cunningham
  - Dave Braitsch
- Regional club nominations for Stork/Bertuca/Sharpe awards accompanied by a brief listing of each nominee's contributions to the NFRCC and member club(s). (Info on nominees may be emailed to Dee and Joan by October 30 if not available at this meeting.) Voting to take place in January.

- Canyon has nominated Joan Schumaker
- Southtowns has nominated Janet Lopresto
- Bios need to be submitted to Joan and Dee by Oct. 31.
- Select nominating committee for 2016-17 NFRCC Officers (four persons with equal representation from both countries) to present slate in January.
  - Sharon Dentice
  - Doug Hansgate
  - Chris Empey
  - Karen Fulham
- *Trophies are to be brought to Jan. meeting*
- Other

#### **11. CLUB NEWS:**

- Science Museum has a show hanging at the Botanical Gardens until November 23.
- Check Latow.com site for many major activities, speakers, etc.
- Canyon Camera Club held its Annual Print Show & Competition on Columbus Day weekend at the Letchworth Arts & Crafts Show & Sale. Winning prints are on display at the Letchworth Park Visitor Center through November. The club will also have prints on display and for sale during December and January at St. John's Home in Rochester.

**12. ADJOURNMENT:** Motion by Ron Storfer . By unanimous consent, the meeting was adjourned at 3:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Deanne D. Cunningham  
Secretary