



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

January 10, 2016

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

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 1:29 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 --- unrepresented
CAMERA ROCHESTER --- Claudia Manchester
CANYON --- Mike Giles
ERIE --- Patty Raydo
FINGER LAKES --- unrepresented
GENESEE --- unrepresented
HAMILTON --- Rob Thorne
LATOW --- unrepresented
NIAGARA FALLS --- Karen Fulham
PORT CC --- unrepresented
PORT COLBORNE --- unrepresented
ST. CATHARINES --- Cathy Swain
SCIENCE MUSEUM --- Sharon Dentice
SOUTH TOWNS --- Manny Lo Presto
TWIN CITIES --- Keith Burkard
TWIN TIER--- David Johnson
WELLAND --- Tom McIntyre

Appointed Committee Chairs:

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

OTHER ATTENDEES:

Robert Klick ---Am Center
Larry Brown --- Erie
Dave Braitsch --- Rochester
Janet LoPresto --- Southtowns

1. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF October 25, 2015, MINUTES: There was unanimous approval of the October 25, 2015 Minutes, with a motion by Mike Giles **and a second by Kathy Swain**

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

- Canadian cash balance as of 1/10/16 --- \$11,076.91 /GIC Account Balance --- \$18,040.97 June 30, 2015
- Consolidated
 - Total cash balance as of 1/10/16--- \$30,814.50
 - Upon a motion by Rob Thorne and a second by Patty Raydo, 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.
 - On Hold
- 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?
 - Chris Empey recommends Team Viewer Meetings. Kathy Swain indicated that they use Team Viewer at her work, and it is only the video portio that is free. No audio. Must use phones.
 - Sharon has investigated a number of them , all of which are “free” up to a point. She will summarize her information and forward it so that it can be sent out to board members. (SEE ATTACHED)
 - Possibility of using Skype or Facetime...somewhat limiting
- NFRCC Speakers/Judges List – status of corrections to 8/31/15 list --- Ron Storfer –
 - Additions and corrections have been made
- Voting for NFRCC Service Awards (Stork/Bertuca/Sharpe)
 - Only two nominations were made. Therefore, voting took place for the top two awards. The third one will not be given this year.

4. CORRESPONDENCE:

- Errol Daniels email on judging sent to everyone

5. NFRCC-GTCCC Inter Region Competitions - Doug Hansgate & Manny LoPresto

- Report on the 2015 NFRCC – GTCCC Inter Region Competition on Nov. 7 in Toronto
 - In the absence of Doug Hansgate, Manny LoPresto gave a summary. NFRCC won all divisions except one. Winning images are on the GTCCC website.
 - Manny suggested that the GTCCC regulations for competitions be that same as NFRCC rules for the Can-Am. Regulations have been difficult to follow. Make the regulations uniform.

- Manny and Janet will draw up a tentative list of rules for the next meeting.
- Plans for the 2016 NFRCC –GTCCC Inter Region Competition
 - Nothing so far

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

- 117 attendance
- We made a profit of \$1,165.93.

7. 2016 FALL SEMINAR PLANS – Mike Dziak

- Third week in October, tentatively at Michaels
- Still hoping for a Canadian venue. Niagara College (Niagara on the Lake location) was suggested.
- Neither location nor speaker has been finalized

8. CAN-AM PHOTO EXPO 2016, April 8,9,10 --- Doug Hansgate

- As per Mike Dziak, Freeman Patterson will not be a featured speaker.
- Commitments from Nikon and Canon will supply speakers.
- There is a definite need for daily rates, especially considering Canadian rates being so low.
- Assess needs for ribbons, trophies, etc.

9. WEBSITE REPORT --- Chris Empey

- Chris waiting for info from Doug to put up on website

10. INTERCLUB DIGITAL SLIDE COMPETITIONS – Andrea Burke

- One of the New Zealand judges created a major comment sheet with images. Can be accessed over the internet.

11. NEW BUSINESS:

- Slate of 2016-17 NFRCC Officers – Nominating Committee (Sharon Dentice, Doug Hansgate, Chris Empey, Karen Fulham)
- Joan will stay on as President, Sharon Dentice will take over as secretary, Mike Dziak will continue as Vice President, Dee will be past president. Still need a Canadian treasurer. Voting will take place at the next meeting.
- *Trophies were to be brought to this meeting.* Mike has the trophies.
- Need to identify an NFRCC Historian – Records are available, need a volunteer.

11. CLUB NEWS:

- Gallery 96 in Pittsford , NY (604 Pittsford Victor Rd.) is hosting a display of photographs entitled “The Nature of Things,” featuring the work of Chris Cove, Tom Kredon, Gil Maker, and Betsey Phillips... January 13 – February 20, 2016. Further information is available at www.thegallery96.com

12. ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Ron Storfer. By unanimous consent, the meeting was adjourned at 3:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Deanne D. Cunningham
Secretary