



## 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

February 21, 2016

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

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 1:30 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 Neumann  
CAMERA ROCHESTER --- Claudia Manchester  
CANYON --- Joan Schumaker  
ERIE --- Patty Raydo  
FINGER LAKES --- Dave Soderlund  
GENESEE --- Larry Heins  
HAMILTON --- unrepresented  
LATOW --- David Low  
NIAGARA FALLS --- Karen Fulham  
PORT CC --- unrepresented  
PORT COLBORNE --- Bill Mason  
ST. CATHARINES --- unrepresented  
SCIENCE MUSEUM --- Sharon Dentice  
SOUTH TOWNS --- Manny Lo Presto  
TWIN CITIES --- Mike Dziak  
TWIN TIER --- unrepresented  
WELLAND --- unrepresented

#### Appointed Committee Chairs:

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

## **OTHER ATTENDEES:**

Larry Brown --- Erie  
Mary Lou Frost ---SMCC  
Janet LoPresto --- Southtowns

**1. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF January 10, 2016, MINUTES:** There was unanimous approval of the January 10, 2016 Minutes, with a motion by Les Khan and a second by Manny LoPresto

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

- Canadian cash balance as of 2/21/16 --- \$11,126.93 /GIC Account Balance --- \$18,040.97 June 30, 2015
- Consolidated
  - Total cash balance as of 2/21/16--- \$ 40,429.03
  - Upon a motion by Larry Heins and a second by Ron Storfer, 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
  - Info and spread sheet was sent out last month by Sharon Dentice
  - Her conclusion was that the best option would be Uber (discussion followed as to how this would work)
  - Chris Empey compared Uber to Skype. His conclusion was that we probably don't need it right now.
  - Motion by Ron Storfer that we table this until we have a more desperate need. Second by Chris Empey. Motion Passed
- Need to identify a NFRCC Historian – Records are available, need a volunteer.
  - Discussion as to what the job entails
  - Need to keep records in order

## **4. CORRESPONDENCE:**

- Photographic tours in Greece from Theodoros Papageorgiou
- Dave Valvo's announcement of the ASCE Bridges Photo Contest
- Photographers Paul Iacoviello and Steve Gilligan invitation to their annual Low-Light Photography Workshop (Sept 9-11, 2016) in and around the Bruce Peninsula National Park. Also: Italy - Venice, Florence, and Rome: 12 day Photography Excursion September 29 – October 10, 2016
- Portrait Photography Masterclass, Celebrity Portrait Photographer Rory Lewis
- Announcement from George Wallace concerning "Square – A Juried Photography Exhibition" at Gallery 96 in Pittsford. Initial entry date is April 18, 2016.
- Sandra Kushner request for Central-Western NY images to use in program booklet for the New York State Retired Teachers Association's 2016 Annual Convention at Turningstone the last week in October.
- E-mail from Patty Raydo with a suggested speaker for Convention/Fall Seminar

## 5. CAN-AM PHOTO EXPO 2016, April 8,9,10 --- Doug Hansgate & Committee

- Review of presenters and schedule
  - Website is pretty much up to date
  - Keynote change --- Joseph Buissink Friday night ---sponsored by Canon
  - All speakers are up to date on the website
  - “Imagery to Artistry” becoming conference tag line
  - Field trips to Silo City and Buffalo Zoo --- car pool
  - Non-instructional fashion shoot on Saturday night
  - Workshops to the Falls at night (both American and Canadian)
  - Boudoir and Baby photography on 9<sup>th</sup> floor
- Publicity – going to begin weekly emails focusing on individual speakers
- Code for the hotel is on the website
- Canadian members being given significant discount
- Doug handed out the budget with projections for costs and income
- Registrations to date --- 68 full registrations, misc. other
- Trophies, ribbons, etc. ---- last minute needs (bulletin board, easels, banner?)
  - Projectors --- Science Museum, Dee Cunningham will loan projectors
  - Scoring machines --- OK
  - Joan has the easels
  - Bulletin board?

## 6. CAN-AM PHOTO EXPO 2017

- Where and when?
  - Sharon gave an analysis of what would be required by the various Canadian hotels, and the costs. Incredible costs, particularly for hotel rooms and food. Difficulty with vendors if we moved to Canada
  - Adam’s Mark is available, but dates are Ester weekend. Needs to be explored for other dates.
- Who is taking over chairmanship?
  - Doug will be conference chairman

## 7. 2016 FALL SEMINAR PLANS – Mike Dziak

- Difficulty trying to get a Canadian venue, and extreme cost
- Michaels will be the venue
- October 29
- Daniel Hughes will be the speaker
- Mike is going to book Bill Fortney for 2017 Fall Seminar

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

- Review of Draft Regulations for this competition – Manny & Janet LoPresto
  - For prints only :
    - Rules for GTCCC/NFRCC should be the same as the NFRCC CanAm
    - Eliminate categories. Have only Monochrome and color
    - How many images can be entered into monochrome and how many in color?
    - Can more than one image be submitted by one person? If so, what is the limit?
    - How do we procure the images? Procedure is difficult.
- Meet with Harvey at the CanAm, and develop a procedure

**9. WEBSITE REPORT --- Chris Empey**

- CanAm materials up
- Registrations are moving along

**10. INTERCLUB DIGITAL SLIDE COMPETITIONS – Andrea Burke**

- January results have been sent out.
- Additional ribbons from first few competitions were included due to the 25% requirement

**11. NEW BUSINESS:**

- Election of 2016-17 NFRCC Officers –resume for Larry Mathewson, candidate for Cdn Treasurer for NFRCC was sent with Agenda
- Chris moved to approve the slate of officers. Manny seconded the motion. **Approved** as follows:
  - **President --- Joan Schumaker**
  - **Vice President --- Mike Dziak**
  - **Canadian Treasurer --- Larry Mathewson**
  - **US Treasurer --- Mike Hilczmayer**
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**12. CLUB NEWS:**

- March 18 – May 15 --- **Southtowns** has a display at the Botanical Gardens
- **Finger Lakes** --- Tony Sweet is giving a seminar in Canandaigua May 28
- Other club news will be sent separately.

**13. ADJOURNMENT:** Motion by Ron Storfer second by Chris Empey . By unanimous consent, the meeting was adjourned at 3:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Deanne D. Cunningham  
Secretary