



## 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

May 1, 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 --- Carol Weber  
ERIE --- Patty Raydo  
FINGER LAKES --- Dave Soderlund  
GENESEE --- Joe Granita  
HAMILTON --- Leonie Holmes  
LATOW --- Unrepresented  
NIAGARA FALLS --- Karen Fulham  
PORT CC --- Shanlee Carey  
PORT COLBORNE --- Linda Joyce  
ST. CATHARINES --- Cathy Swain  
SCIENCE MUSEUM --- Sharon Dentice  
SOUTH TOWNS --- Manny Lo Presto  
TWIN CITIES --- Keith Burkard  
TWIN TIER --- unrepresented  
WELLAND --- Tom McIntire

#### Appointed Committee Chairs:

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

## **OTHER ATTENDEES:**

Larry Brown --- Erie  
Cheryl Swain – St. Catharines  
Janet LoPresto --- Southtowns  
Rob Thorne – Hamilton  
Larry Mathewson --- CDN treasurer elect

**1. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF February 21, 2016, MINUTES:** There was unanimous approval of the February 21, 2016 Minutes, with a motion by Rob Thorne and a second by Les Khan

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

- Canadian cash balance as of 5/1/16 --- \$ 10, 812.64 /GIC Account Balance --- \$18,046.59 June 30, 2015
- Consolidated
  - Total cash balance as of 4/28/16 --- \$ 28,737.14
  - Total operating revenue --- \$62,205 expense was \$64,505.18 (\$2,320.18 deficit)
  - General liability insurance has been added to expenses
  - Upon a motion by Joe Granita and a second by Doug Hansgate, 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
- Need to identify a NFRCC Historian – Records are available, need a volunteer.
- Still need Central-Western NY images by June 1 to use in program booklet for the New York State Retired Teachers Association's 2016 Annual Convention. Images from most counties are still needed. J. Schumaker will send a reminder to clubs.
- CanAm Print Salon Winners Show at Gallery 96 – J. Schumaker (Joan will send out an email to winners soon, explaining the procedure)

**4. CORRESPONDENCE:**

- Tobermorey Low-light Photography workshop --- September 9-11, 2016 (has been sent to member clubs)
- Another Canadian club (Trillium) has expressed an interest in joining the NFRCC

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

- Doug gave an analysis of the success of the convention --- reasons for the loss of revenue
- Attendance was approximately 350 --- 370 at the banquet
- 30% of all attendees were not affiliated with clubs
- Plans for future include separating the convention cost from the food --- offering options for food choices
- Plans/Needs for the 2017 CanAm
  - Plans are to move the convention to the Adams Mark in Buffalo
  - Contract is being worked out
  - Dates will be March 31 – April 2, 2017
  - Rooms are \$109 per night, parking will be reduced to \$5 per day

- PPA is considering joining the CanAm for conventions (this would increase our attendance by 150 to 200)
- Silo city requested that we make a donation to a charity. \$100 donation to the Buffalo Zoo
- Discussion on moving the 2018 CanAm to Canada
  - A decision needs to be made as to whether or not to be moving to Canada for the convention on alternating years
  - Doug handed out a sheet with information, pros and cons
  - Discussion followed
  - A vote of reps and officers eligible to vote was taken --- 14 yes, 7 no
  - Result was that we will be moving the CanAm to the Sheraton Fallsview for April 27-29, 2018

**6. 2016 FALL SEMINAR** – October 29, 2016 at Michaels with Daniel Hughes – Mike Dziak

- Mike wants to increase the price to \$60 for 2017, and \$70 the following year
- Registration arrangements --- Janet LoPresto will be the registrar --- Janet will take non-paypal registrations
- Advertising plans (posters, internet, etc...)

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

- Date and location --- November 19
- Undetermined location
- Regulations for both prints and projected images for this competition

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

- New web site being designed this summer
- Competition results and McKellar images are up
- Salon winners are up

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

- Being new at it, some aspects were stressful
- She needs help, particularly for Golden Horseshoe
- First McKellar is due September 25
- Chris Empey moved that the list of competing members be moved to February 1 instead of January 1. Second by Ron Storfer. Approved.

**10. NEW BUSINESS:**

- Need to increase number of Judges for NFRCC clubs. Training programs? New lists will be made in the Fall
- 2016-17 NFRCC Program Guide --- Deadline is July 24--- templates from last year can be used.
- NFRCC 2016-17 Calendar DRAFT - J. Schumaker ---

2016-17 NFRCC Meetings at 1:30 PM - Buffalo \*

August 28, 2016\*

October 2, 2016\*

Fall Seminar – October 29, 2016 - Presenter: Daniel Hughes –  
Michael's, Hamburg, NY

November 19, 2016 - NFRCC-GTCCC Inter Region Competition -  
NFRCC is Hosting - Location TBA  
January 15, 2017\*  
March 5, 2017\*  
March 31, April 1 & 2, 2017 Can/Am Photo Expo - Buffalo  
May 7, 2017\*

**REGIONAL COMPETITION SUBMISSION DEADLINE DATES:**

**MCKELLAR COMPETITIONs**

Month of Competition    Submission Deadline

October                    September 25, 2016

November                 October 30, 2016

December                 November 27, 2016

January                    January 8, 2017

March 12, 2017 - Golden Horseshoe Competition deadline for submissions

**11. OTHER:**

**12. CLUB NEWS:**

**13. ADJOURNMENT:** Motion by Ron Storfer. By unanimous consent, the meeting was adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Deanne D. Cunningham  
Secretary