



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, BURLINGTON, ON
 PORT COLBORNE CAMERA CLUB, PORT COLBORNE, ON
 ST. CATHARINES PHOTOGRAPHIC CLUB, ST. CATHARINES, ON
 TWIN CITIES CAMERA CLUB, TONAWANDA, NY
 WELLAND CAMERA CLUB, WELLAND, ON

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
 SCIENCE MUSEUM CAMERA CLUB, BUFFALO, NY
 SOUTHTOWNS CAMERA CLUB, HAMBURG, NY
 TWIN TIER CAMERA CLUB, OLEAN, NY

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

October 2nd, 2016

1:30 PM @ Adams Mark Hotel, 120 Church St Buffalo, NY 14202

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	US Treasurer	Michael Hilczmayer
Vice President	Mike Dziak	Canadian Treasurer	Larry Mathewson
Secretary	Sharon Dentice	Past President	Deanne Cunningham

Clubs were represented as follows:

AM CENTER	Absent	LATOW	Absent
BATAVIA	Absent	NIAGARA FALLS	Karen Fulham
CAMERA ROCHESTER	Claudia Manchester	PORT COLBORNE	Absent
CANYON	Michael Giles	ST. CATHARINES	Cathy Swain
ERIE	Patty Raydo	SCIENCE MUSEUM	Sharon Dentice
FINGER LAKES	Absent	SIOUTH TOWNS	Manny LoPresto
GENESEE VALLEY	Larry Hines	TWIN TIER	Steven Chenetz
HAMILTON	Absent	TWIN CITIES	Keith Burkard
WELLAND	Tom McIntyre		

Appointed Committee Chairs		Other Attendees	
Webmaster	Absent	Larry Brown	Erie
Slide Chair	Andrea Burke	Cheryl Swain	St. Catherines
CAN AM Expo	Doug Hansgate	Janet LoPresto	STCC

1. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF August 28, 2016, MINUTES: There was unanimous approval of the August 28th 2016 Minutes, with a motion by Keith Burkard and a second by Larry Hines

2. REVIEW & APPROVAL OF US/CANADIAN CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL REPORTS– Mike Hilczmayer & Larry Mathewson

- Canadian cash balance as of 9/30/16 --- \$6,181.82 /GIC Account Balance \$13,723.14
- Consolidated
 - ❖ Total cash balance as of 9/30/16---\$ 23,765.42
 - ❖ Upon a motion by Keith Burkard and a second by Larry Hines , the Treasurers' consolidated reports were unanimously approved.

3. Old Business:

- Committee on By-Law revisions needed to comply with the New York State nonprofit Revitalization – Act of 2013 – Joan Schumaker (on Hold)
- Still need to identify a NFRCC Historian – Records are available, need a VOLUNTEER>
 - ❖ Please check with your club members for a VOLUNTEER.

4. CORRESPONDENCE:

- ❖ None for 10/2/16 meeting

5. Return of prints from the NFRCC Print Exhibition “The Winning Images” at Gallery 96, – Joan Schumaker

- ❖ Joan distributed the Pictures that were displayed at Gallery 56 to Club Presidents that were in attendance at the meeting. Joan reported that 5 prints were sold.
- ❖ Board agreed to do a show again in 2017 at Gallery 56 with winning prints from 2017 Can Am Expo.

6. Fall Seminar with Dan Hughes, October 29, 2016 – Mike Dziak

- ❖ Registration count is down, Clubs need to advertise the seminar. Mike will check with Dan to see if he can get thumb drives from Sigma so the attendees can follow along with Dan. If he gets the drives people can bring laptops. We need to give final count to Michaels 3 days before. The break even count is 100 people. As of 10-2-16 we have 50 registered.

7. 2016 NFRCC-GTCCC Inter Region Competition, Nov. 19 – Doug Hansgate & Committee

- Print Competition Arrangements – Manny & Janet LoPresto
 - ❖ Print Competition: Manny will collect print submissions at the Fall Seminar on Oct 29 at Michaels.
- Projected Image Competition Arrangements - Chris Empey
 - ❖ Projected Image Competition: Submissions will be selected from the last 3 McKellar competitions. No need for Clubs to submit Projected images.

This competition needs a Chairperson ASAP. Please contact Joan if you have a candidate.

8. CAN-AM PHOTO EXPO 2016 --- Doug Hansgate

- Answer to “Can clubs have Hospitality rooms?”
 - ❖ The answer is yes. BUT it is up to each club to police themselves as far as noise control and alcohol consumption. The NFRCC and/or Can Am Expo will not be responsible for complaints from the hotel security.

- ❖ Doug is working on updating the website and signing up speakers for 2017 in Buffalo and 2018 in Canada. Check out the website for updates on speakers, sponsors and vendors. Doug needs help so please volunteer to be a part of this wonderful event in the US & Canada. Email Sharon Dentice if you are willing to help sdentice@earthlink.net.
- ❖ Doug is working on an App for the Expo and should have the Brochure finished by the weekend.

9. PSA Discount:

- ❖ If your club is a member of PSA and you use Photoclubservices for your website you can get a discount from photoclubservices. Check your subscription status to see how many users you have. Then go to help at the top menu and goto Subscription plans and you will find the discounts at the bottom of the page.

10. WEBSITE REPORT --- Chris Empey

- ❖ Chris has been updating the website. All club information is up to date. He is in the process of updating the constitution but it is a tedious process as it must be done line by line in HTML
- **Motion Made:** Chris Empey – “That we update all references in our Constitution changing Niagara Frontier Regional Camera Clubs to Niagara Frontier Camera Club”. Change the word “Clubs” to “Club” since that is the official name of the organization. Motion was seconded by Cathy Swain, All in favor 18 yes –motion unanimously passed

11. Interclub digital slide competitions – Andrea Burke

- ❖ Andrea sent the McKellar images to a club in New Zealand to be judged. The New Zealand club has asked Twin Cities to judge their end of year competition. The January McKellar is being judged by a club in New England.

12. NEW BUSINESS:

- PSA Training Program for Judges by Jon Fishback, October 23, 2016, Buffalo Science Museum– Submit List of members interested in participating in this training to Sharon Dentice.
 - ❖ It was agreed that existing judges who are willing to mentor the new judges after training can attend the class for free. It will be helpful if the mentors attend the class to hear what the new judges are being taught. Please send Sharon your list of mentors willing to help and also mentors who will attend the training.
 - ❖ **Meetup:** Doug said any club that would like to post meeting information on the Buffalo Niagara Photographers Guild Meetup page let him know and he will grant you access. Doug is the owner of the group and makes the payment every year. doug@hansgate.com
- Each regional club is 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) by sending this to Sharon Dentice by Nov. 30.

You do not have to nominate a member of your club for this award. It can be anyone who deserves the award from any NFRCC Club. Voting to take place in January.

- Kodak Award Nominations are due in November. Send digital files to Joan and Sharon
- Set up committee for Kodak Award Selection (2 US, 2CDN, plus NFRCC Pres. To act as chair) The committee will meet at 12:30 pm before the next Board meeting on January 15th. 2017 and will consist of Dee Cunningham, Mike Dziak, Karen Fulham and Larry Mathewson with Joan Schumaker as chair.
- Select NFRCC Executive Board nominating committee (four persons with equal representation from both countries) to present slate in January.
 - ❖ Joan will try and get some people to volunteer to serve on the nominating committee. Sharon and Larry said they would stay on as Secretary and Canadian Treasurer next year. Michael Hilczmayer would like to step down as US treasurer. Doug Hansgate said that position requires a certified CPA not a bookkeeper. This position should also be paid a stipend. The job has become very involved. With the Can Am being in Canada over the next couple of years it will become even more important to have qualified people in both treasure's position.
- **Motion Made by:** Doug Hansgate "The executive board will determine qualifications for the position of NFRCC US Treasurer, discuss the issue of a stipend and determine a stipend for that position".
- Motion was seconded by Keith Burkard, All in favor –17 yes and 1 no vote. Motion passed.

CLUB NEWS:

- ❖ St Catharines: Craft show has been moved to October of 2017
- ❖ Canyon: photography print show and competition during the Letchworth Craft show on Columbus Day Weekend. Images will be displayed in the lobby of the swimming pool building. For the remainder of October the exhibit will be moved to the Letchworth Administration Building. The club also has their Annual Print Show and sale in November and December at St John's Home in Rochester.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Dee Cunningham, Seconded by Mike Gilchrist
By unanimous consent, the meeting was adjourned at 3:46 p.m.

Next Meeting January 15th, at Adams Mark Hotel 1:30PM

Respectfully submitted,
Sharon Dentice
NFRCC Recording Secretary
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