



# 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  
 SCIENCE MUSEUM CAMERA CLUB, BUFFALO, NY  
 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  
 ST. CATHARINES PHOTOGRAPHIC CLUB, ST. CATHARINES, ON  
 SOUTHTOWNS CAMERA CLUB, HAMBURG, NY  
 TWIN TIER CAMERA CLUB, OLEAN, NY

## MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Jan 15th, 2017

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

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 1:37 p.m. by President Joan Schumaker.

### In attendance were Executive Board Members:

<b>President</b>	Joan Schumaker	<b>US Treasurer</b>	Michael Hilczmayer
<b>Vice President</b>	absent	<b>Canadian Treasurer</b>	Larry Mathewson
<b>Secretary</b>	Sharon Dentice	<b>Past President</b>	Deanne Cunningham

### Clubs were represented as follows:

<b>AM CENTER</b>	Ron Storfer	<b>LATOW</b>	David Low
<b>BATAVIA</b>	Jim Burns	<b>NIAGARA FALLS</b>	Karen Fulham
<b>CAMERA ROCHESTER</b>	Claudia Manchester	<b>PORT COLBORNE</b>	Linda Joyce
<b>CANYON</b>	Michael Giles	<b>ST. CATHARINES</b>	absent
<b>ERIE</b>	absent	<b>SCIENCE MUSEUM</b>	Mary Lou Frost
<b>FINGER LAKES</b>	absent	<b>SIOUTH TOWNS</b>	Manny Lo Presto
<b>GENESEE VALLEY</b>	Larry Hines	<b>TWIN TIER</b>	Bart Barton
<b>HAMILTON</b>	Leonie Holmes	<b>TWIN CITIES</b>	Keith Burkard
<b>WELLAND</b>	absent		

<b>Appointed Committee Chairs</b>		<b>Other Attendees</b>	
<b>Webmaster</b>	absent	Bob Klick	
<b>Slide Chair</b>	Andrea Burke	Rob Thorne	
<b>CAN AM Expo</b>	Doug Hansgate	Janet LoPresto	

1. **REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF October 2nd, 2016, MINUTES:** Gallery 56 was corrected to Gallery 96. With this correction, there was unanimous approval of the October 2<sup>nd</sup> 2016 Minutes, with a motion by Dee Cunningham and a second by Ron Storfer

### 2. **REVIEW & APPROVAL OF US/CANADIAN CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL REPORTS--**

Mike Hilczmayer & Larry Mathewson

- Canadian balances in US dollars as of 1/13/17: Checking Acct. --- \$6,755.56 /Savings Acct. \$13,755.65

- Consolidated
  - ❖ Total balances in US dollars as of 1/13/17: Cash ----\$ 39,654.53/Total Assets --- \$46,803.49
  - ❖ Upon a motion by Keith Burkard and a second by Michael Giles, 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.
  - ❖ Mary Lou Frost has additional records that need to be given to Joan for storage until we get a Historian
  - ❖ Please check with your club members for a VOLUNTEER. This is not a big responsibility someone needs to collect and store records during the meeting year.
- Nominating committee still needed for 2017-18 NFRCC Officers – Voting to take place at the March 5<sup>th</sup> meeting.
  - ❖ After discussion, it was decided that all board members will poll their clubs to get volunteers to be on the Nominating Committee. Club presidents will send Joan a list of names. The committee must be made up of 2 US and 2 CA members. The person being nominated for the NFRCC Board position does not have to be a current board member but must be a member in good standings of their club. It was also noted that the next President should come from a Canadian club. We have not had a Canadian president in several years. The Expo for 2018,20,22 will be in Canada.

### 4. CORRESPONDENCE:

- ❖ Xsight Technologies request to be included under Resources on NFRCC website  
The Board agreed that we do not want to promote for-profit business on the Website

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

- ❖ Mike was absent but Janet reported that we had 118 paid attendees. Down from past years. It was possibly because Dan had made presentations at a few clubs. However, some people reported attending because they heard of his excellent presentations. His being an unknown to most of the NFRCC members may have resulted in reduced attendees. Even with the smaller attendance, we made about \$3,500 on this event.

### 6. 2016 NFRCC-GTCCC Inter Region Competition, Nov. 19 Augustana Evangelical Lutheran Church

- Joan Schumaker/Manny LoPresto/Keith Burkard
  - ❖ Print Competition: Again, this year gathering and returning prints was a problem
  - ❖ Suggestion was made by Mary Lou Frost that future competitions should just be PI as this eliminates the need to gather prints and taking them across the border.
  - ❖ Projected Image Competition Arrangements – Andrea Burke- we did not have a definitive list of categories before the day of the competition. GTCC person running the PI comp kept changing the setting on the projector – that should not be allowed at future comps.
  - ❖ Doug will arrange a meeting with Harvey at the CanAm to discuss changes for next year and interested NFRCC members will be invited. They will firm up categories, include written descriptions for each category, and form a NFRCC committee to manage the 2017 competition.

## 7. PSA Training Program for Judges by – Sharon Dentice

- ❖ We had 66 members and 10 mentors attend the training. Some members were disappointed that they did not learn more about judging criteria. Too much time was spent on “How to say” not “How to do” . Mary Lou Frost suggested that we do a follow up class being taught by current NFRCC judges. This class should be held over the summer before the Fall meetings start.
- ❖ Sharon will resend the list of judges to Presidents. As a reminder PLEASE start using the new judges in your clubs. They need the practice and we need new judges. It is the new judge’s responsibility to get a mentor to help them if they feel they need the help.

## 8. CAN-AM PHOTO EXPO 2017 --- Doug Hansgate

- ❖ Speakers are locked in. Doug is working on posting the schedule. Registrations are ahead of last year. Doug will begin sending out mass emails with Expo information. Hotel has been getting a lot of reservations.
- ❖ Food is included with full pass same as in past years.
- ❖ Print Salon deadline is 8:00 AM on Sat April 1s – **NO EXCEPTIONS**
- ❖ We need volunteers to help at the Expo. We can use greeters and people to help relieve at the registration desk. Have your members email Sharon Dentice if they are willing to help for a little while during the EXPO. [sdentice@earthlink.net](mailto:sdentice@earthlink.net).

## 9. WEBSITE REPORT --- Chris Empey

- ❖ Chris has been updating the website for CanAm. The NFRCC website is up to date.

## 10. Interclub Projected Image competitions – Andrea Burke

- ❖ Andrea gave club presidents December McKellar scores. The scores were also emailed to club Presidents.
- ❖ Golden Horseshoe deadline for club submission of list of members participating in 2016-17 competitions to Andrea Burke is Feb 1<sup>st</sup>. Remember this year you can include names of club members who competed in either print or projected image completions.- See attached for instructions.
- ❖ The deadline for submitting the Golden Horseshoe images is March 12.

## 11. NEW BUSINESS:

- **Motion by Michael Hilzmayer:** The NFRCC pay up to \$500 to have a Canadian attorney knowledgeable in not-for-profit law review our current structure and advise us of matters of compliance for Canadian Not-for-Profit Laws.  
Motion was seconded by Ron Storfer, All in favor –22 yes and 0 no vote. **Motion passed.**
- Nominations for Stork/Bertuca/Sharpe awards were received and voted on. Votes were counted by Dee Cunningham and Karen Fulham. The results will be announced at the CanAm Award Banquet.
- Kodak Award Nominations were received and voted on by special committee. Winner will be announced at the CanAm Award Banquet.

- Can AM Print Salon committee needs a list of all club members, NOT just competing members. Any club member can enter the CanAm Print Salon or Projected Image Salon as long as they are a paid attendee at the Expo. Send your list to [sdentice@earthlink.net](mailto:sdentice@earthlink.net).
  - **Motion Made by Doug Hansgate:** NFRCC should authorize a payment of \$1000.00 per year to a qualified person/company to be responsible for filing and maintaining all US Gov tax and non-profit forms.
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- ❖ Motion was seconded by Keith Burkard, All in favor –22 yes and 0 no vote. **Motion passed.**

## 12. CLUB NEWS

- ❖ Larry Mathewson phone number correction: 905-894-7277
- ❖ Latow's Photographers Club has their 39<sup>th</sup> Annual Photographers Weekend, April 8 & 9  
The seminar on Saturday is: "*A CREATIVE ADVENTURE*" — *BLENDING NATURE AND ART*, with DENISE IPPOLITO. Also note the "Sunday Shorts." See attached information and details at <http://latowseminar.com/>

**ADJOURNMENT:** Motion by Ron Storfer, Seconded by Mike Giles  
By unanimous consent, the meeting was adjourned at 3:57 p.m.

Next Meeting March 5<sup>th</sup> at Adams Mark Hotel 1:30PM. Please try and make this meeting as it is the last meeting before the CanAm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sharon Dentice  
NFRCC Recording Secretary  
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