



# NIAGARA FRONTIER REGIONAL CAMERA CLUBS

AM-CENTER CAMERA CLUB, AMHERST, NY  
 CAMERA ROCHESTER, ROCHESTER, NY  
 CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY CC\_(C4), JAMESTOWN, NY  
 FINGER LAKES PHOTOGRAPHY GUILD, BLOOMFIELD, NY  
 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

BATAVIA PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB, BATAVIA, NY  
 CANYON CAMERA CLUB, PERRY, NY  
 ERIE PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB, ERIE, PA  
 GENESEE VALLEY PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY, GENESEE, 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

## MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

July 18<sup>th</sup> 2018

1:30 PM @ Central Park United Methodist Church, 216 Beard Ave. Buffalo, NY

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 1:31 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>	Mike Dziak	<b>Canadian Treasurer</b>	Larry Mathewson
<b>Secretary</b>	Sharon Dentice	<b>Past President</b>	Dee Cunningham

### Clubs were represented as follows:

<b>AM CENTER</b>	Bon Klick	<b>LATOW</b>	Absent
<b>BATAVIA</b>	Absent	<b>NIAGARA FALLS</b>	Karen Fulham
<b>CAMERA ROCHESTER</b>	Dave Braitsch	<b>PORT COLBORNE</b>	Absent
<b>CANYON</b>	Mike Giles	<b>ST. CATHARINES</b>	Cheryl Swain
<b>ERIE</b>	Patty Raydo	<b>SCIENCE MUSEUM</b>	John Griffin
<b>FINGER LAKES</b>	Joy Underhill	<b>SIOUTH TOWNS</b>	Janet Lo Presto
<b>GENESEE VALLEY</b>	Dwight Folts	<b>TWIN TIER</b>	Chuck Walker
<b>HAMILTON</b>	Leonie Holmes	<b>TWIN CITIES</b>	Keith Burkhard
<b>WELLAND</b>	Susan Dayboll	<b>Chautauqua County (C4)</b>	Terrie Johnson

<b>Appointed Committee Chairs</b>		<b>Other Attendees</b>	
<b>Webmaster</b>	Rich Engelbrecht	Victor Enis- St Catharines	Cora Ahern-TT
<b>PI Chair</b>	Andrea Burke	Manny LoPresto-STCC	Larry Brown-Erie
<b>CAN AM Expo</b>	Doug Hansgate	Sandy Queeno-STCC	
<b>Historian</b>	Billy Callaghan	Norm Queeno-STCC	

**Attendance: 15 Club Reps, 4 Committee chairs, 6 Officers, 6 Guests**

**REVIEW AND APPROVAL of March 18th, 2018, MINUTES:** There was unanimous approval of the March 18<sup>th</sup> Minutes, with a motion by Patty Raydo and a second by Dee Cunningham.

➤ **REVIEW & APPROVAL OF US/CANADIAN CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL REPORTS** for June 30th 2018  
 Mike Hilczmayer & Larry Mathewson.

- ❖ Canadian checking account as of 6/30/18 --- - 8,821.85 (USD) /GIC Account Balance
- ❖ United States checking account as of 6/30/18 – 9,9102.26
- ❖ Total cash balance as of 6/30/18--21,659.32 (US Dollars) consolidated – includes PayPal accounts

- ❖ Upon a motion by Mike Dziak and a second by Mike Giles, the Treasurers' consolidated reports were unanimously approved.

➤ **Old Business:**

- ❖ Committee on By-Law revisions needed to comply with the New York State nonprofit Revitalization – Act of 2013 – Joan Schumaker (on Hold)
- ❖ Report by the Committee to determine a set of Guidelines for Judges: Doug Hansgate, Janet and Manny LoPresto. No report at this time.
- ❖ Committee to review procedures for selecting Stork/Bertuca/Sharp service award recipients Janet LoPresto, Sharon Dentice, Dee Cunningham and Doug Hansgate.

**Committee has recommended the following changes to Standing Rules # 3 and #5.**

**Standing Rule #3: The Kodak Award**

The name was changed to the **NFRCC Award for Photographic Excellence**, a form was created with suggested guidelines that presidents can use to help with the selection and nomination process. The actual selection criteria and requirements were not changed. The hope is the form will make it easier to identify nominees during the selection process.

Updated Standing Rule #3 details will follow later.

NFRCC Award of Excellence Nomination Form Guidelines is attached.

**Standing Rule #5: The Stork/ Bertuca/Sharpe Award**

The name has been changed to the **NFRCC Service Award** and the three awards have been combined into one award that be will given per year.

Updated Standing Rule #5 details will follow later.

**Motion** was made by the special committee to accept the new Standing Rules #3 and #5.

**Motion** Seconded by Leonie Holmes. All in favor, 25 yes and 0 No votes, Motion passed

**Trophies:**

The committee also recommended doing away with Trophies and Plaques, instead the winning names and clubs will be posted online. This will give all clubs and members the ability to see who has won each award at any time during the year. We also agreed to award medals where appropriate, the committee has further work to do to determine what awards should be changed to medals and will report back at the next Board meeting.

- ❖ Committee to propose procedure for including member images on the NFRCC website: David Braitsch, Andrea Burke, and Rich Engelbrecht.

Report given, suggested wording was read and discussed. All clubs should include some form of this language on their membership forms and club website. See attached for details.

**Motion** was made by Dwight Folts to accept the language on copyright and displaying of member images online and submitting to online competitions.

**Motion** Seconded by Ray Lonsdale. All in favor, 25 yes and 0 No votes, Motion passed.

- ❖ Committee to review IRS regulations that apply to NFRCC clubs: Joan Schumaker, Mike Hilczmayer and Andrea Burke. No report at this time.

➤ **Nominating Committee slate of Officers for 2018-2019**

Committee members are: Mary Lou Frost and Janet Lo Presto-US, Leslie Kahn, Karen Fulham-

The committee reported that they were not able to secure a nominee for Vice president or US Treasurer, Scott Simons from Niagara Falls CC has volunteered to be Canadian Treasurer. As the constitution states we should have a President or Vice President from the US and/or Canada. One member from each country should fill one of those positions at all times.

The NFRCC is incorporated in Canada and the Canadian government requires equal representation on the Board by Canadian club members. As we are now holding the Can Am in Canada it is imperative that we fulfill that obligation. It was decided that all Canadian clubs go back to their membership and see if we can get a qualified Canadian club member to fulfill the Vice President position with the understanding that the person will eventually move up to President.

The current Vice President, Mike Dziak has agreed to remain on the Board until a new Vice President is found. Mike also agreed to help with the transition.

The current US treasurer, Mike Hilczmayer has agreed to remain on the Board until a new US treasurer can be found and will help with an orderly transition,

All Us clubs are to go back to their membership and see if we can get a qualified member to fulfill the US Treasurer position.

Joan Schumacker has agreed to remain President for one more year. Joan has been President for 6 years And would like to step down next year.

**Terms of Office:** No member may be elected to the same position on the Board for more than two consecutive one-year terms, with the exception of the Treasurers and the Recording/Corresponding Secretary.

Sharon Dentice has agreed to remain as Secretary  
Dee Cunningham has agreed to remain as Past President.

Please notify Joan Schumaker with the names of qualified candidates.

**Motion** was made: by the Nominating committee to accept the slate of officers.

**Motion** Seconded : by Bob Klick. All in favor, 25 yes and 0 No votes, Motion passed

➤ **Correspondence:**

- ❖ E-mail from Little Vietnam Tours (Copy sent with this Agenda)
- ❖ E-mails from North American Nature Photography Association (NANPA) – will be forwarded

➤ **2018 CanAm Photo Expo Report- Doug Hansgate & Committee**

- ❖ CanAm Financial Report – Mike Hilczmayer

- ❖ Results of Follow-up Meeting – Can Am 2020 will be held at the Sheraton in Niagara Falls, changes in speakers and other things will be made to make the Expo profitable. Attendee survey responses were positive, we got the usual complaints about elevators, temperature in rooms, could not hear, etc.
- ❖ Can AM 2019 will be held in Buffalo, changes will be made to make the Expo more profitable in Buffalo. Eliminating some of speakers and classes that were not very well attended. Such as Wedding, Baby and Boudoir classes will not be scheduled.
- ❖ 2019 CanAm Photo Expo Arrangements April 26, 27 & 28 - Adams Mark Hotel. Buffalo, NY
- ❖ Suggestion was made that every year 2 NFRCC clubs will be responsible for securing volunteers to help the weekend of the Can Am and schedule and manage the volunteers during the weekend. One of the bigger clubs will work with one of the smaller clubs to contact all the NFRCC clubs to secure people for various jobs. When the Can Am is in Buffalo the US clubs will be responsible, when in Niagara Falls the Canadian clubs will be responsible. The club reps will work with the Can Am committee and attend committee meetings. Sharon will help the clubs with the required activities. This plan will keep the clubs involved and engaged with the Can Am every year. We have gotten away from Club involvement over the past couple years and we need to move back to that arrangement.

For the 2019 Can AM Photo Expo, Erie Photographic Club and Twin Tier CC will be the 2 clubs responsible for this task in Buffalo.

➤ **2018 NFRCC-OCCC Inter Region Competition in Niagara Falls NY, 2018 Date November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

- ❖ The meeting will be held at the Niagara Falls Public Library, LaMarsh Room, 4848 Victoria Ave, Niagara Falls, ON L2E 4C5, Canada. The 2018 NFRCC/GTCC committee: Mary Lou Frost, Andrea Burke and Dave Braitsch. The committee reported gave us a report on the final rules for this competition.

**Recommendation** was made to change file size from 2mbs to NO size restriction.

Andrea brought up that the OCCC clubs do not put strokes on their images, during judging it is very noticeable what region the image is from - This needs to be addressed before the competition. Andrea asked clubs to start sending her images NOW. She will hold all the images so when November gets here she will have a good collection of images for the committee to review and select for the competition.

**Motion was made:** by Dave Bratisch to accept the recommended rules with the corrections.

**Motion Seconded** : by Mike Dziak. All in favor, 25 yes and 0 No votes, Motion passed

- **2018 Fall Seminar** – Saturday, Oct. 13, 2018 at Michaels Banquet Facility, Hamburg, NY with Roman M. Kurywczak - sponsored by Sigma. - Mike Dziak Report

<http://roaminwithroman.com>

- ❖ Mike said the Macro Workshop on Sunday is limited to 20 and there are only 5 spots left.

➤ **Website Report**

Rich Engelbrecht- reported he has left the website on the current platform because the hosting fee automatically renewed for 2018-19. Rich has re-vamped the website and needs images for the Banner. He has added a link to every club please make sure your link goes to your website. The website is limited to 2MB file size so we need to be careful about what we upload and display on the website.

Rich needs images from people to use on the Banner. Send any image you would like to scroll across the top of the page. Rich has a statement about copyright on the website and he has disabled “right Click” to download. He cannot restrict someone from taking a screen capture but the image size would be so small it would be useless. Rich added a link to the NFRCC Facebook page and noted that the Facebook page needs a moderator to update and manage **ASAP**. The page as it is now has not been updated in 3 years.

➤ **New Business:**

- ❖ 2018-19 NFRCC Program Guide –Mary Lou needs Booklet information no later than July 15<sup>th</sup>. Send Mary Lou information in the word template that was given to each club president. mlfrost@verizon.net
- ❖ Facebook site Manager needed, contact Joan if you are interested
- ❖ Select nominating committee (four persons with equal representation from both countries) to present slate of 2019-20 NFRCC Officers in January 2019. On hold until September meeting.
- ❖ Approve NFRCC 2018-19 Calendar  
**Motion was made:** by Ray Lonsdale to accept 2018-19 Calendar.  
**Motion Seconded** : by Karen Fulham. All in favor, 25 yes and 0 No votes, Motion passed

➤ **Club News**

- ❖ St Catharine CC is having their Craft Show again this year on 10/27/18. The craft show will be held at the Grantham Mennonite Brethren Church, 469 Grantham Avenue, St. Catharine's, ON.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Motion by Mike Hilczmayer, Seconded Cora Ahern  
By unanimous consent, the meeting was adjourned at 4:30PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sharon Dentice  
NFRCC Recording Secretary  
sdentice@earthlink.net

**Free Conference Call is available for use by special committees.** This cannot be used for NFRCC Board meetings since our meeting rooms are not equipped with the necessary telephone/microphone equipment.

**It was suggested that special committee's use the NFRCC Free Conference bridge when meeting. The special committee that worked on the awards used it and reported that it made reaching a decision much easier and faster than trying to do it through just email or physical meetings.**

**The call is easy to set up:** Someone must act as the host and open the bridge. Attendees call the number and enter the access code. The bridge number, host code and attendee access code are always the same.

**Host:**

Call Bridge # 641-715-0653  
Put in the Access code: 688991#  
If you are the Host press \* Please enter your pin (8575) followed by #

**Attendees:**

Call Bridge # 641-715-0653  
Put in the Access code: 688991#

**Note: Only one group can use this Free Conference Call at any time. Please notify Sharon at 716-912-5202 of the date and time of your planned call. She will let you know if the bridge will not be available at the time you have selected.**

**2018-19 NFRCC Meetings at 1:30 PM - Adams Mark Hotel,  
Meetings will be here unless otherwise noted\***

**September 9, 2018\* Board Meeting**

**October 13, 2018 - Fall Seminar - Presenter: Roman Kurywczak – Michael’s, Hamburg, NY**

**October 28, 2018\* Board Meeting**

**November 10, 2018 - NFRCC-OCCC Inter Region Competition -  
NFRCC is Hosting – Library, Niagara Falls, CA**

**January 27, 2019\* Note: This is a corrected date.**

**February 1, 2019 – Deadline for club submission of list of all members (include \* for those members competing in McKellar and club projected or print 2018-19 competitions) to Sharon Dentice and Andrea Burke. This list will serve for CanAm discounts and eligibility for member participation in Golden Horseshoe. Names may be added to this list for members joining after the February 1 date.**

**March 17, 2019\* Board Meeting**

**April 26, 27 & 28, 2019 Can/Am Photo Expo – Adams Mark Hotel  
120 Church St, Buffalo, NY 14202, Phone: (716) 845-5100**

**May 19, 2019\*, Board Meeting**

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**REGIONAL COMPETITION SUBMISSION DEADLINE DATES:**

**MCKELLAR COMPETITIONs**

<b>Month of Competition</b>	<b>Submission Deadline</b>
<b>November</b>	<b>Sunday, Nov. 4, 2018</b>
<b>December</b>	<b>Sunday, Dec. 2, 2018</b>
<b>January</b>	<b>Sunday, Jan. 6, 2019</b>
<b>February</b>	<b>Sunday, Feb. 3, 2019</b>

**April 7, 2019 - Golden Horseshoe Competition deadline for submissions**

Note: Any member identified as competing on the February 1 list may submit images for the Golden Horseshoe. See details in the 2018-19 Program Guide

J Schumaker

Approved 7/8/18