



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, 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

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

March 18th 2018

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

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 1:34 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	Absent

Clubs were represented as follows:

AM CENTER	Claire Kaymon	LATOW	Absent
BATAVIA	Absent	NIAGARA FALLS	Absent
CAMERA ROCHESTER	Dave Braitsch	PORT COLBORNE	Absent
CANYON	Joan Schumaker	ST. CATHARINES	Cathy Swain
ERIE	Patty Raydo	SCIENCE MUSEUM	Mary Lou Frost
FINGER LAKES	Absent	SIOUTH TOWNS	Janet Lo Presto
GENESEE VALLEY	Absent	TWIN TIER	Absent
HAMILTON	Rob Thorne	TWIN CITIES	Keith Burkhard
WELLAND	Susan Dayboll	Chautauqua County (C4)	Absent

Appointed Committee Chairs		Other Attendees	
Webmaster	Absent	Cheryl Swain-SCPC	
Slide Chair	Andrea Burke	Larry Brown-Erie	
CAN AM Expo	Doug Hansgate		
Historian	Billy Callaghan		

PREVIEW AND APPROVAL of January 28th, 2018, MINUTES: There was unanimous approval of the January 28th Minutes, with a motion by Michael Hilczmayer and a second by Larry Mathewson.

- **REVIEW & APPROVAL OF US/CANADIAN CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL REPORTS** for March 18th 2018
 Mike Hilczmayer & Larry Mathewson.
 - ❖ Canadian checking account as of 3/18/18 --- - \$50,171.02 (USD) /GIC Account Balance
 - ❖ United States checking account as of 3/18/18 - \$15,654.12
 - ❖ Total cash balance as of 3/18/18---\$47,769.72 (US Dollars) consolidated – includes PayPal accounts
 - ❖ Upon a motion by Keith Burkhard and a second by Mike Dziak, the Treasurers' consolidated reports were unanimously approved.

- ❖ Mike & Larry explained the differences between the Canadian funds and US funds as it pertains to the Can Am Expo. There was discussion on Expo attendance, classes, speakers & parking.

➤ **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. It was decided to add the review of the Kodak Award to this committee. No report at this time, hold until after the Can Am

- Nominating Committee slate for 2018-2019- Nothing to report.
Nominating committee to work on a slate of officers for 2018-19 NFRCC Board ASAP
Committee members are: Mary Lou Frost and Janet Lo Presto-US
Leslie Kahn, Karen Fulham-CA

The new Board will be inducted at the Can Am Banquet

- ❖ Billy Callahan from STCC, was welcomed as the new NFRCC Historian.

➤ **Correspondence:**

- ❖ The C4 club sent information on a March 21 program, sponsored by the Roger Tory Peterson Institute of Natural History that features photographer Chris Linder with “Adelie Penguins of the Antarctic and The Big Thaw”.
- ❖ Dave Valvo sent an email, “The American Society of Civil Engineers has opened the 2018 Bridge photo competition. This is free to enter and has great prizes. Images to be submitted by April 2, 2018.
Here is the link: www.ascebridgephotos.org.
- ❖ Patty Raydo sent: Mike Moats Macro Conference 2018, October 27-28. (Near Cleveland)
Here is the Link: <http://www.tinylandscapes.com/blog/macro-photo-conference-2018>
- ❖ Paul Lorenz writes: I'm a photographer from the Niagara region and just wanted to share my images with like-minded people. <http://www.lorenzimages.com/html/gallery2.htm>
- ❖ Mark Zelinski announces his ninth photographic book "Heart Of Turtle Island: The Niagara Escarpment" and offers programs for NFRCC clubs. E-mail will be forwarded with details

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

Doug reported the Expo registrations are ahead of past years with 5 weeks still to go. The Canadian support has been good, the US club support is down. All the clubs need to encourage their members to support the Expo. This year people can buy singles classes, 3 class pass for Saturday or just buy a workshop.

- ❖ NFRCC Hotel Discount ends March 3/26/18, subject to room availability. After 3/26 the hotel rate goes back to regular prices.
The link for the Hotel Registration: <https://www.starwoodmeeting.com/Book/CANAMphoto185>

- ❖ NFRCC Can Am Expo discount ends on March 25th.
 - ❖ Doug passed out Brochures and Posters, he asked that Clubs place the posters in schools, libraries grocery stores – any place you find a bulletin board.
 - ❖ Doug agreed to send Michael Hilczmayer, Larry Mathewson and Joan Schumacher the link and password to the Can Am online budget.
 - ❖ Doug has ordered the Pay Pal credit card reader to use with the iPad at the Can AM. He had it mailed to Larry.
 - ❖ Doug will add a PDF version of the Can Am Schedule to the Website.
 - ❖ Doug mentioned he is having 3 Judges from GTCCC come to the Expo and Judge the Golden Horseshoe and Print Competition. The Digital salon will be judged remotely by the same 3 judges. Janet LoPresto expressed she did not like using the same judges for all 3 competitions because some attendees will submit the same images for all 3 competitions.
 - ❖ Mike Dziak needs a list of Speaker names and contact information to arrange for hosts and Airport pickup. Doug noted that some presenters are driving and he has only one confirmed plane reservation at this time. He will provide Mike with a list of those flying into Buffalo as soon as he receives this information. A number of clubs noted that it would be difficult for them to provide transport for presenters between the hotel and the airport. If necessary, Doug will arrange for a transport service to pickup and deliver some of the presenters.
 - ❖ Andrea Burke stated she has plenty of ribbons for the competitions but has no way to print the labels as she is staying at the hotel. Scott and Chris have a printer that they used last year but Andrea has not been able to see if they are bringing it this year. Doug noted that printers were available at the hotel business center.
- **2018 NFRCC-GTCCC Inter Region Competition in Niagara Falls NY, 2018 Date November 10th, 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 they have made some progress on the rules and procedures for the competition.
- **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 Roman will have a Macro Workshop on Sunday, details to be worked out Later closer to the event.
- **Website Report**
- ❖ Rich Engelbrecht. Was unable to make the meeting but sent a message he will be changing the NFRCC website to a new platform after the Can AM. If you have any requests for the new website contact Rich: rengel134@gmail.com
- **Interclub Projected Image competitions** – Andrea Burke
- ❖ Andrea sent email to clubs reminding them the deadline for Golden Horseshoe entries is April 8th 2018.

➤ **New Business**

- ❖ A question has been raised concerning the use of textures for competition images. Should textures only be allowed in competition images if they are created by the photographer? Should a committee review “Rules and Procedures for NFRCC Competitions,” pg. 41 of the 2017-18 Program Guide?

There was discussion around editing software containing textures, either computer generated or jpeg images, and the use of software brushes ~~being used~~ to simulate a textured image. Software actions and presets that can be found in editing software or online are also used in editing images.

The final conclusion was if a texture was blended into an image and did not appear as the background or a major part of the image, a texture of any kind is permissible. Editing software available today has so many features there is no way Clubs can police what a member used in editing their images.

Motion by Doug Hansgate “The “recognizable” portion of the image must be created by the maker”. This verbiage will be added to the NFRCC Constitution, Standing Rule Number 2, Rules and Procedures for NFRCC Competitions, Secion 4:

Motion Seconded by Cathy Swain. All in favor, 14 yes and 0 No votes, Motion passed

- **Motion by Dave Braitsch** to create a committee to investigate procedures necessary to have results of NFRCC competitions, including images, available for review by club members.

- ❖ We may need to have members sign an image release form when they join a club. The committee will provide the verbiage clubs will need to add to membership forms that would give permission to have member images provided to the NFRCC clubs online or by another method. The approved verbiage will be added to NFRCC Constitution and competition rules. Committee will be: Dave Braitsch, Andrea Burke and Rich Engelbrecht

Motion Seconded by Keith Burkhard. All in favor, 14 yes and 0 No votes, Motion passed

- Committee was formed to review IRS regulations and how they apply to NFRCC Clubs. The Committee will give this information to all clubs. Committee is Joan Schumaker, Mike Hilczmayer and Andrea Burke.

- **Motion by Mike Dziak:** Mike would like to head a committee to devise a program for rating Judges after they have judged at a competition. The motion was tabled until after the Expo and we meet with the team from GTCCC concerning the training of judges.

➤ **Club News**

- ❖ Erie Photo Club: Van Tuil is closing 5/28/18
- ❖ 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 Cathy Swain, Seconded Keith Burkhard

By unanimous consent, the meeting was adjourned at 3:31p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Sharon Dentice
NFRCC Recording Secretary
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NFRCC 2017-18 Calendar

April 8, 2018 - Golden Horseshoe Competition deadline for submissions

Note: Any member identified as competing on the January list may submit images for the Golden Horseshoe. See details in the 2017-18 Program Guide

**April 27, 28 & 29, 2018 Can Am Photo Expo – Sheraton on the Falls,
5875 Falls Ave, Niagara Falls CA L2G3K7**

May 20, 2018 – Board Meeting at Central Park United Methodist Church, 216 Beard Ave. Buffalo, NY

2017 - 2018 NFRCC Meetings: Agenda Items

3-18-18

- ❖ **Election of 2018-19 officers. (to take place by email prior to Canam)**

5-20-18

- ❖ CanAm Photo Expo wrap-up
- ❖ Needs for next year.
- ❖ Who will do the program guide?
- ❖ Report on Fall Seminar arrangements
- ❖ Select nominating committee for 2019-20 NFRCC Officers. (four persons with equal representation from both countries) to present slate in Jan.
- ❖ Set up dates for meetings for 2018-19