

**FIRA Executive Board Meeting
Minutes
April 30, 2019**

Attendance:

President: Dave Chevrefils
Vice President: Andy Valickis
Treasurer: Keith Clarkson
Secretary: Carrie DiFrancesco
Member at Large: Dianne Chevrefils
Member at Large: Wayne MacKenzie

Dave Chevrefils opened the meeting at Carrie DiFrancesco's house.

Agenda Items:

GM on Sunday:

- ~ At the April 18th General Meeting it was requested that we not have previous minutes read aloud as per Robert's Rules of Order.
- ~ Since minutes are posted to our FIRA website (firahall.ca) and an email goes out when they are posted, we request that members read them before the next general meeting. We'll also have a few copies available at each meeting for anyone to read before we ask for questions/concerns and a motion to approve. ~
- ~ We need a quorum of 12 at the meetings to entertain motions.

Recycle containers:

- ~ The new containers are now located in the hall's storage closet and people are just using the kitchen's garbage cans to dispose of recycles. This makes it difficult for those who bring the garbage to the dump in having deal with messy sorting.
- ~ We are going to post a sign in the garbage bin to only dispose of trash in the ditch and recycle the rest in bins in closet.

Front Entrance:

- ~ Andy reviewed the letters in response to the municipality regarding the transfer of property and the safety issue of the hall's entrance. There has been no response as of today.
- ~ The next step is an email to the Mayor and a follow up with phone call to set up a meeting. Walt McKecknie has been informed of both situations and has been to the hall to see the unsafe condition of the stairs.
- ~ Local places won't even do a CAD design without authorization from Municipality. According to lease, have to approach municipality with health or safety issues.

~ There was some discussion regarding the hall's water well and what we would need to research if the land transfer happens. We are not sure if the well is Non Gudi. GUDI an acronym for Groundwater Under the Direct Influence of surface water. It refers to situations where microbial pathogens can travel from surface water through an aquifer to a water well.

~ Does our well filter what it needs to? Does the municipality consider our well Non Gudi because they believe we do not need the UV system? But didn't we have a contamination issue in 2003? All this information will need to be considered upon a land transfer.

~ In 2003, the Executive Committee opted to not purchase the land.

~ The current lease with the municipality ends at the 31st of Aug 2027 and then can renew on monthly basis until issues are resolved.

~ We have our summer events coming up and we need to make sure people get in and out of the building safely. For now, we are going to use the ramp side entrance and the front exit would still work in an emergency situation.

Procedure for notification of life announcements:

~ A new procedural letter & committee changes will be worked out Carrie DiFrancesco, Dianne Chevrefils & Dianne Kelly.

Membership forms:

~ New forms are almost ready for new members and annual registration form and will be emailed to the membership soon.

Dues & membership:

~ Updated member information will be accepted until June 30th each year (via annual registration form) and then the new member list will be distributed to paid members.

~ It will be requested that members fill out the new registration form in May this year but will be emailed annually in January.

~ **Reminder:** Folks who are not members are permitted to attend 3 events per year.

~ Laurie Hillaby still will provide fuel companies with lists of our paid members.

Succession Planning:

~ Keith Clarkson has decided to end his duties of Treasurer at the close of this year. **Thank you** Keith for all of your work through the past few years!!

~ Discussion continued regarding 2020's Executive Board candidates that will be up for approval at our AGM in September. **President:** Andy Valickis **Past**

President: Dave Chevrefils **Treasurer:** Joe DiFrancesco **At Large:** Dianne Chevrefils **At Large & Maintenance:** Wayne MacKenzie **Secretary:** Carrie

DiFrancesco **Vice President:** Vacant. **Any volunteers for Vice President - please contact us!!!**

Treasurer Report:

~ Keith submitted a current income statement 2019 through April 29 and it is attached at the end of these minutes

New Business:

Hall Dances:

~ Gord Cochrane spoke with Dave Bright, a DJ. Dave has new music and would like to DJ some dances again.

~ **On May18 (long weekend) there will be a dance at the hall.** Gord will send out an announcement.

HLCA:

~ Glenn Scott explained to Andy Valickis that he is receiving calls regarding garbage on roads.

~ We may collaborate with HLCA and do a clean up day event. **We are looking for a volunteer to take the lead.**

~ Ideas include: Gloves and vests (white t-shirts & orange tape) needed. Advertise with radio station. Roads would have to be broken up in sections. Have pick up trucks follow slowly and can throw bags into truck. Can we make this happen before bugs come out?

DATES for your calendar:

- * **Casino Fun Happy Hour: May 9, 4-6pm at the Hall**
- * **Meat Sale Orders to Graham Newton by Sunday May 12**
- * **FIRA Pot Luck May 26, 5:30pm**
- * **HLCA AGM & Order your pies for the Summer Fest: May 18**
- * **FIRA Sock Hop with DJ Dave Bright May 18, 7-10pm**
- * **Happy Hour May 23 Cochrane's home**
- * **FIRA GM & Pot Luck June 23, 4:30pm**
- * **Summer Fest June 29**
- * **FIRA Pot Luck July 21**
- * **Pancake Breakfast is August 17**
- * **FIRA Pot Luck August 18**
- * **Pig Roast September 14**
- * **FIRA AGM & Pot Luck Sept 15**