

## **FIRA Executive Meeting Minutes September 6, 2022**

### **In Attendance:**

**President:** Bill Odell

**Vice President:** Cindy Woodrow

**Past President:**

**Treasurer:** Joe DiFrancesco

**Secretary:** Carrie DiFrancesco

**Member-at-Large:** Wayne MacKenzie

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### **Previous Business**

~ FIRA Activity & Improvement Committee

- \* Everything that was authorized has been purchased except dart board equipment and the photo wall are still under review
- \* Outdoor AC gaps -
  - \* Post meeting was informed that Andy Valickis & Dianne Kelly are putting something over the gaps.
- \* Painting/reorganization of storeroom - After Thanksgiving, Cindy & Deb Valickis plan to paint with existing leftover paint. At that time will review and see if reconfiguring the space would make it easier to access shelves. Also, get hooks for closet next to the kitchen to hang brooms, etc.

~ Scavenger Hunt recap:

- \* It went really well again this year and we get great feedback from the participants. There is \$114 for next year left over to go towards prizes. Carrie is opting to not continue working on this committee due to other commitments and will talk to the other committee members to see if they have someone in mind to join.

~ The By-law changes approved at last general meeting have been made.

~ The website needs to be reviewed / updated.

- \* Ken Loney updates the site at our requests. Bill, Cindy & Joe will go through the site on September 21st and see what we do not need and what we'd like to add for platform & content.
- \* Afterwards, designate a Board Member to be responsible to make sure the site is current.
- \* Cindy will have a discussion with Ken to see what he is able to do for site improvement.

~ Update on FIRA email group list.

- \* Ken can't figure out the glitch and Joe can just copy the email list to send out information so we will continue doing that for now.

~ Defibrillator / CPR Course:

- \* Donna Smith figures the course will take place over the winter. It is an 8 hour course and hopefully it can be split it into 2 days. So far, 10 people have signed up. Another note will go out in Carrie's next email update.

- ~ COVID Policy - any changes from no restrictions and masks optional?
  - \* We are not making any changes to our COVID policy of no restrictions at this time.

## Financial update

- ~ Hall improvement updates / Treasurer's report:
  - \* Dues collected \$7240. We had 13 new household joined, 5 didn't rejoin (2 moved).
  - \* 1 hall rental so far: \$50
  - \* Expense increases over 2021: Phone up \$7 to \$81/mo, propane prices up about 15%, \$600 in hall cleaning per year.
  - \* Our insurance renews in November & Joe expects pricing about 45 days before. Joe will also ask how we are covered for occasional building use by non-members.
  - \* \$15,600 expected to be spent on improvements and tree removal in 2022. We will be under the \$16,000 authorized in 2021 and 2022 for improvements.
  - \* Expect checking account to be about \$3,000 at year end, plus about \$19,000 in GIC
- ~ Auditors need to review 2021 financial records before AGM - Joe, Bill & Cindy will audit on Sept. 21.
- ~ Update on Propane program
  - \* Almost 90 households in programs (a few folks have "additional" properties).
  - \* Both companies prices are higher this year.

## Fundraising

- ~ Pancake Breakfast
  - \* The event was a success raising \$1105 plus \$150 in craft sales! A beautiful day helped and folks loved sitting outdoors.
  - \* We solicited feedback from volunteers on how the event was run.
  - \* We had some minor glitches and are writing up clear duties and ideas to help planning/running it in the future.
  - \* We will also look into a plan in case of rain given the popularity of the outdoor seating this year. Possibly having a Sunday rain date.
  - \* **\*\*As a result of the renovation & looking at event supplies - we now have 2 bins in kitchen closet to be used for all events. Please look in there for disposable supplies before new purchases are made. They are to be used for member events and any "event" purchasers can replace what runs out.**
- ~ **Pig Roast:**
  - \* Garth is getting the pig for 40-50 people, a smaller group than 2019.
  - \* This year the AGM will be combined with and precede the pig roast.
  - \* Since the last roast was in 2019, lead coordinator Keith Clarkson has moved. A meeting was scheduled for Sept 7 at 2pm at the DiFrancescos to plan. The board will be advised of the results of planning meeting.
  - \* Since the member BBQ was cancelled being so close to the Pig Roast, FIRA may support the Pig Roast with food contributions in lieu of member's supplying sides.
  - \* Celebrate FIRA 40 year Anniversary of building activities with a cake?
  - \* Include a Bonfire since it is a cooking event.

### **Activities/other committee updates**

- ~ Board Activity Coordinator - Carrie
  - \* There haven't been any big changes to current activities
  - \* There are plans to add Darts and Cornhole this fall (Irene Odell volunteered as activity Lead. Days and time to be finalized)
- ~ Social Event Coordinators - Lynn and Irene
  - \* Happy hours: Next one, Sept 13 (rain date 14) at Odells
  - \* Bonfires, pot lucks and possible Christmas dinner are being considered and / or planned for near future.

### **New Business**

- ~ AGM agenda will include Presidents message, financial and activity updates, 2023 dues rate and Board member nominations and votes.
- ~ Ideas to drive membership for 2023
  - \* Tabled for now.
- ~ Proposed Dues for 2023.
  - \* At the AGM, members will vote on:
  - \* 1: Keeping the reduced dues for another year of \$60 for 1 person & \$110 for 2 (less \$10 if a member of lake association for \$50 or \$100), or
  - \* 2: Increase to \$70 for 1 person & \$110 for 2 (\$60 or \$100 if Lake Assoc member)
- ~ Board for 2023
  - \* Cindy agreed to be President in 2023 and everyone else agrees to their current positions.
  - \* We need to recruit a Vice President. Cindy will ask a few folks before the AGM.
- ~ Snowplowing service for hall this winter.
  - \* Wayne will ask Dan Kay if he is willing to plow again this winter for honorary membership and our \$200 in gift cards