

# FIRA Executive Meeting June 20, 2024

## Minutes

### Previous Business

#### ~ Hall Improvements:

- \* Remaining for Phase 1: Wall decor: We are waiting for the Marina to get us another print that depicts Haliburton Lake to add to the group on the wall to the right of the TV. They will all then be labeled. Old photos from the past will be put in collages at some point.
- \* Phase 2: Improvement Committee: It was suggested that since there is nothing pressing for the clubhouse at this point, we'll take a break from improvements but Joe did suggest purchasing 10x10" tent that is easy to set up to use for our outdoor various events. The board agreed and Joe will buy one.

#### ~ Outdoor sign upgrade update:

- \* Jeff wasn't able to attend this meeting but he asked that thanks be expressed to his two sign install experts Dave and Cindy Woodrow for all their help and effort. By installing the new sign parts ourselves, we saved on an installation cost. We have had a lot of positive comments on the new look.

#### ~ Grants: Cindy:

- \* Two grants were applied for:
- \* 1. Resilience Community funds - this grant was based on hall improvements. We asked for funds to purchase new windows, dishwasher, generator as well as insulating the floor. There were many applicants and we did not receive this grant.
- \* 2. Seniors Community grant Program - This grant is for activities that can keep seniors active and it is still pending.

### Financial Update

#### ~ Dues collections:

- \* We have collected \$8,410 in dues. We expect about \$9,300 total in 2024

#### ~ Operating expenses.

- \* Operating expenses were \$2,997. We expect about \$9,600 total in 2024 depending on insurance renewal costs.
- \* Starlink internet is the biggest increase. In November, we will start paying \$20/month for the website after our 2 year free introduction fee.
- \* Dues, GIC interest and hall rentals should cover our operating expenses.

\* Fundraising was \$472 YTD. We expect to raise about \$4,000 in 2024 to go toward hall improvements and reserves for major expenses/donations.

### ~ Major Improvements/Expenses:

\* We donated \$1,000 to the hospital foundation and the cost of the new sign was \$1,000.

## Fundraising

~ **Macgregor Meat Sale** - This year's meat sale brought in less than last year but we still made just almost \$500! Thanks Graham!

~ **Pancake Breakfast** - Lynn Yake (& a note from Jeff)

\* Jeff & Jenn Vanderkuur met with Lynn and they inventoried supplies and they will be shopping for what is needed.

\* Possible vendors have been contacted. Laurie Hillaby will be setting up a nail booth, **Lakers Nail It!** **Dugout Designs** will be bringing their wood cutouts and products. **Delancey Sport** cannot make that date but was going to send a donation for the draw. **Rowan and Candle** didn't want to make the journey up to Fort Irwin as we are out of their area. **Hidden Gem** cannot make it. If anyone can think of anyone else feel free to reach out to them.

\* A volunteer letter will be sent out for sign up duties the week of July 9th,

\* The Health permit has been filled out and will be dropped off at the appropriate time.

### ~ Pig Roast

\* Our Annual General Meeting (AGM) will accompany the Pig Roast on Sunday, October 6th with the AGM 4-5pm, Social **Hour** from 5-6pm and dinner at 6pm

\* Many thanks to Garth Krieger for his years of pig roasting. This year, Mark Smith has volunteered to take Garth's place and Wayne MacKenzie will continue on as the other roaster volunteer. Thanks Wayne & Mark!

~ **Club 200**: Graham Newton prints the tickets and Carrie will ask him to have the tickets indicate the month of when draws will take place without a specific date. And, she will also ask when the tickets will be ready.

### ~ Others?

## Activities/other committee updates

~ **Board Activity Coordinator** - Carrie

\* Fitness groups (Outdoor walking / Line Dancing, Zumba (still on hold), Walking DVD, Indoor walking, Low impact Cardio, Yoga: **All fitness canceled unless someone wants to take the lead on a class.**

- \* Games - Euchre, Cribbage and Mahjong: Cindy stated that new folks have been attending Euchre and there is a steady number of folks still attending
- \* Darts - Attendance has been up & down. Still plan on playing for the summer but understand you may show up with only a few attendees due to visitors and summer activities.
- \* Crafts: A jar was in hall for Hospital Fundraiser for CT scan for the last week and it was great to see more donations.

### ~ Social Events

- \* Summer Happy hours: Lynn Yake reported that she is still looking for 1 more August host.
- \* Bonfires / Corn Hole Tourney: Hoping to schedule one this Fall.
- \* Sand Bay FIRA HH with props will be in August (on a weekday) weather dependent.

### ~ Special Events

- \* Monthly Winter Happy Hours are planned. Anyone with an idea to make it themed, please volunteer!
- \* The Harvest Lunch is annual.
- \* Defibrillator / CPR course was well attended. We should plan another as we ran out of time for “practice” with equipment.
- \* Another Sir Sam’s spa / lunch day will most likely be planned for October or November.

### ~ New Business

- \* Remember that Lynn Yake sends out greeting cards to FIRA members for illness, condolences, moving - feel to reach out when you know of someone.
- \* At the AGM in October, we need a Vice President, the Director positions are open and for 2026: Secretary & Finance positions will be open.
- \* Patti Lou Robinson, the Director of Community Relations at Gardens of Haliburton request wrote and requested that we allow her to bring some brochures to our clubhouse. She also relayed information to be presented to our members:
  - There is an increase in cottagers moving permanently to their cottages who may have senior parents move to Haliburton to be closer. The current population in the Gardens of Haliburton Retirement Residence is 25% out of town residents and 75% local residents.

- Some cottage owners who may not feel able to continue to take care of and maintain their cottages but wish to stay in the area. The GOH may be the perfect fit.
- Respite care for seniors is also offered for those who are leaving the hospital but cannot return to their homes until fully recovered. GOH's respite suites can also be for seniors whose care givers may require a break from their responsibilities for a day, two days, a week...up to a month. The respite suite could also be used by cottagers who want their aged parents to come up for a visit but feel they need to stay overnight in a place where assisted living services are available throughout the day and night. The Gardens of Haliburton offers all these services.