

**January 2021  
Executive Board Meeting Minutes  
E-mail Meeting**

**Hall Limited Reopening:**

The Executive Committee discussed the re-opening of FIRA Hall as the Government determined our area to be in the Orange Zone for Covid-19 restrictions. Using the information from the governmental site listing what is allowable in Zone Orange, <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/zones-and-restrictions> and what we had in place last spring, the board is allowing 2 FIRA activities to resume and will send out a notice to all FIRA members of what is allowable. The Daily Event Sheet that members sign while attending a hall activity has been revised to include that they attest to having no Covid symptoms.

**Notice to Membership:**

*Groups using the hall must be given advance permission by the Board and are subject to the following conditions and posted information from Federal, Provincial and Local governmental health authorities.*

*Our current zone for the Halibuton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District is **Orange**. The restrictions can be viewed at <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/zones-and-restrictions>.*

At this point, the FIRA Board is allowing the **Wednesday Ladies Craft Group** and **The Walking Fitness Group** to use the hall. Game tables are not allowed until we are in the Green Zone.

*We would like anyone using the hall to sign the attached daily event sheet to attest they do not have any COVID symptoms, agree to a special COVID liability waiver, provide contact tracing information and confirmation of post-event cleaning being done in accordance with instructions posted in the hall. The Board has set the maximum limit for occupancy of the Hall at 10 until further notice. Exercise activities are limited to 6 people maximum.*

*The event coordinator is responsible for the following.*

- Events are limited to 10 people maximum so proper distancing can be maintained. Exercise activities are limited to 6 people maximum. Event coordinator may need to have attendees notify their attendance in advance to insure that happens.*
- Attendees self screen before entering the building. Please stay home if you are exhibiting any possible Covid-related symptoms.*
- Attendees sanitize hands upon arriving and as needed during events.*
- Coordinator obtains signatures on COVID-19 daily event sheet for waiver, contact tracing and cleaning confirmation. Sheets to be kept in a chronological binder on the table in the entrance.*
- Coordinator identifies the COVID information posters from governmental authorities on the wall for attendee compliance.*

- *Attendees are highly recommended to wear a mask if intermingling or not able to maintain proper distancing of 2 meters.*
- *No group snacks, members must bring their own snacks and beverage cup.*
- *If the weather is warm, rather than use air conditioning, open windows for fresh air and use ceiling fan for circulation. A/C system fan is also on to keep air circulating. The heat has been turned back on for winter use.*
- *Use only one bathroom so two do not need to be cleaned*
- *All touch surfaces and areas used must be cleaned by the group before leaving with the person responsible signing confirmation on the daily event sheet.*
- ***Change out of outdoor shoes when arriving to help keep floors clean and sweep after activities as we do not have a separate cleaning service at this time.***

**Dues:** Joe will include a notice about how to pay 2021 dues in the February email to members. The preferred payment method is an e-transfer to [fiatreasurer@gmail.com](mailto:fiatreasurer@gmail.com).

**Financial Statement:** Dues collected totaled \$6,870 in 2020, a \$70 increase over 2019. Other income was \$350 from Hall rental and GIC interest. Fundraising was curtailed by COVID restrictions and only amount to \$1,628, a \$5,100 decrease from 2019. **Many thanks to Graham Newton for raising \$875 net from the MacGregor Meat sale and Dianne Kelly and her craft ladies for raising \$639 from craft sales!** Expenses were \$7,401 in 2020, a decrease of \$2,724 from 2019. Overall, FIRA was able to increase our fund balances by \$1,447 during a difficult year for an ending balance of \$31,895. The financial statement will be posted on the website.

#### **Speed Limit Sign Update:**

Andy: As a direct result of FIRA efforts, Dysart et al Council late last year approved the installation of a 50 km/hr speed limit sign on Haliburton Lake Road at the northern intersection of Currie Rd. The sign will be installed in the spring once the ground thaws. More work is required related to road safety and signage in the area and HLCA will be taking the lead on this initiative.

#### **FIRA Going Forward:**

Carrie will include in the next member communication that we are looking for volunteer members to sit on our new committee, The Future of FIRA Hall (temporary name).

- \* In attempt to increase the level of active participation of members, especially as we hopefully come further out of COVID restrictions, we would like to form this new program with member input.
- \* Reviewing member participation in events and programs, the propane fixed price program currently has the broadest member participation of all our programs.
- \* Between Covid restrictions and the impacts of the decision to purchase the property, now is a good time to evaluate FIRA's demographics and community role and look for opportunities to bring more activities and social value to our broader membership.
- \* This may include changes to the hall to entice member use and increase functionality for more varied activity.