

FIRA GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Sunday, November 21st, 2018

Dave Wilson called the meeting to order.

Treasurer Report: Keith Clarkson was away. Dave Wilson provided a treasurer report. There are still some amounts to be paid out. Dave advised that fund is 29,294.00

Committee Reports

Ladies Wednesday Crafts: Dianne Kelly indicated that there is a planned pop up bazaar scheduled for December 5, 2018 (on same day as cookie exchange). There will be a variety of crafts for sale including wine bottle toppers, decorative dish towels, candy bark, peanut brittle and coasters.

Fitness: Sue Mason was away.

Summerfest: Dianne Chevretils indicated that plans and work will commence early spring.

Cleaning Person: A cleaning person has been hired. Her name is Kristy Vanderstarre. Kristy will clean the Hall once per month and will try to clean prior to Pot Lucks. Membership was reminded that it would be quite helpful if people could sweep and do a general tidy and clean in between the monthly clean. In this way the Hall will remain clean.

Spending Cap for executive: Dave Wilson requested that the spending cap for executive discretionary expenditures be raised from 250.00 to 500.00. Wayne MacKenzie made motion to approve and Dianne Kelly seconded. Motion carried.

Use of Chinet Plates for Pot Lucks: Suggestion was made to make clean up easier. Suggestion discussed however environmental/landfill concerns were brought forward. It was declined by Membership.

Hall Improvements: Discussion re priorities. It was felt that the front entrance remains the priority. There was also discussion about the removal of that air conditioner units and replacement windows. It was agreed that a committee would be formed to look at next steps. Committee volunteers include Ted Fletcher, Jackie Bradbury, Rod Bradbury, Lou Skraba, Dave Chevretils and Wayne MacKenzie. A date will be established for this group to get together and commence discussion on next steps for this project.

Funding grants: Discussion around available funding grants and if FIRA should make application for them. It was agreed that the executive would further look into this and report back to the Membership.

Calendar on line: It was noted that the calendar has been improved and updated. Wayne MacKenzie looks after the calendar and changes/suggestions should go through him.

Hall Rentals: Rental of the Hall should go through Wayne MacKenzie. Wayne will advise Kristy when cleaning will be required prior to a rental. Renters will continue to be responsible for cleanup of Hall after their event.

Happy Hour: To take place at the Clarkson's on December 13, 2018.

Membership Fee reduction of 10.00 for one Family Member when they belong to any other another Lake Association: This was brought forward by Graham Newton. Discussion within Membership took place. Motion was made and seconded. Motion was approved. It was noted that although HLCA reciprocates with a reduction on Membership that this remains at the discretion of each Lake Association and that FIRA would not be involved in this decision.

FIRA Open House: It was suggested by Mary Anne Hodgins that FIRA have an Open House. Information re FIRA and the variety of activities available would be highlighted. This may result in increased Membership. A group will be formed in order to look into doing this.

Installation of wiring for plug in generator: Discussion was held re the installation of wiring that would allow for easy access to plug in a portable generator (which would be borrowed). Further discussion and getting quotes will be looked into. This item will be added to the wish list for future consideration.

Art work displayed in the Hall: A big thank you to Sue and Jack Russel for that lovely art work that we had on display in that Hall. It was very much enjoyed. Look forward to a Christmas themed display in the near future.

Motion to adjourn meeting: Seconded and carried.