

FIRA General meeting

April 22, 2018

1. **Welcome:** FIRA President Dave Wilson opened the meeting of over 40 members.
2. **Treasurer's Report:** Keith Clarkson

* **Current Balance** \$ 7,510.48
GIC \$ 7,500.00
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* **Paid Members 2018:** 24 single memberships and 13 family
Paid Members 2017: 44 single memberships and 28 family

* **Please get your dues** in to Keith by end of June to qualify for **propane / septic discounts** either by dropping a check off to the hall or mailing to the hall at 5821 Haliburton Lake Rd. \$70 per person or \$140 per couple. If you are also a member of HLCA, you may take \$10 off your payment.

3. **Committee Reports:**

~ **Wednesday Craft Group:**

* **Craft of the month:** Dianne Kelly reported that there will be a new craft project on the 4th Wednesday of each month. Macrame plant holders for April, tamarin balls in August, Jackie Bradbury will lead a painting session on a piece of wood, a wine cork project in October (**please save your corks!!**) are just a few of the projects.

* **Quilt:** * The quilt is almost completed!

- * The second prize to be raffled off is a pillow made from Haliburton tartan! In the 1970's, the Haliburton Highlands commissioned a tartan to be made and there is 4.5 yards left of the material. Several limited edition pillows will be created where 1 will be raffled on the quilt tickets, 1 at the pancake breakfast Loonie Draw and some will be for sale.
- * Books of tickets for the quilt draw will be sent to members in early June. You can buy, sell or bring them back to FIRA.

~ **200 Club:** Lou Skrabra reported that there has been a slight change on this year's draws. Last year was once a week but this year there will be 4 draws once per month at the pot lucks for September, October, November and December. The sale of tickets will begin around June 15th.

~ **Meat sale** is available again this year. Everyone should have received an email so get your orders in! Contact Graham Newton for more information,

~ **Happy Hours** - We have had 3 gatherings so far. Off to a slow start but attendance should improve with the nicer weather and start to official summer: We still need other hosts, please let Gord Cochrane know if you are interested.

~ **Summer Fest:**

- * Coordinator Dianne Chevrefils reported that the June 30th event will be from 9am - 12pm and they plan to sell 70 pies this year with 60 being pre-ordered.
- * The pre-orders will be for sale at the HLCA Annual General Meeting and Chris Cochrane is available to take any orders. The pie choices include: Strawberry Rhubarb, Rhubarb or Apple for \$15.
- * Coffee, tea & cookies will be available for a donation. Dave Freeman will be asked to sell his maple syrup, Quilt tickets will be available, the book sale, cookies and small crafts will be sold.
- * It will be greatly appreciated if folks could make pie pastries in advance and/or cookies to donate for the sale.

4. Grant:

- * Chris Cochrane confirmed that we did not get the grant that she and Janet Trull applied for with the Trillium Foundation for 5 project renovations at the hall. There was a slim chance as many applied. We can apply again. Janet knows of another grant but this may not be a good time for her to write another.
- * There are bids for all the projects that are current so Chris suggested to the executive committee that we see if we want to do any of them without the grant. If we do a project or 2, they will become in-kind matches for the next grant opportunity. If we are going to do it, we should do it now to not miss this year's construction season.

5. Glenn Scott, HLCA President:

* **HLCA update:** Most shoreline assessments have been sent out but there are some mistaken properties and it is getting sorted out with Wildlife Canada. The CHA website will have a tool to help select naturalized plants depending on what your property needs and should be up in a few weeks. Still looking to have overall total lake results completed by Victoria Day.

* **Fort Irwin Bridge repair** will begin in July and will be completed in October. One lane will remain open as they work. The bridge will remain the same size. We are hoping there will be some road work in front of Ft. Irwin after the bridge work. When development was done on East side of lake, there was some money put aside to counter effect of development - road work, landfill property, 180,000 left - hoping to cost share to do that work.

* **Internet:** There is a cell tower that went up at Kennisis and Glenn spoke with those folks. He then approached Bell Canada and they did a quick scan of our lake and there is no place to put a structure. Bell would like a survey to gather our lake's internet

use and wireless. It has added it to the list of things to do. We can make some noise with CRTC for our poor service.

* **HLCA AGM** - The new sewage inspection program will be highlighted with a speaker. Our lake doesn't start the program till 2020. If you get a sewage inspection sooner make sure you keep the records.

* **Council Meetings:** Glenn has been sitting in on council meetings. The environmental inspection program is going on and there will be more information to come. Dysart is going to put new signage up on boat ramps with rules explained.

* **FYI:** HLCA looked into understanding the obligation of a private road. An article discusses laws that are in place regarding road access (which can't be blocked) and the occupiers liability act. If you are on a private road, you have obligation to maintain it. Talk to your insurance company to understand your circumstance. Liability on your cottage may need to extend to private road.

* **Dysart Councillor:** Glenn is running for Councillor in Dysart's Ward 5! Ballets are mailed to our homes.

6. Other Business:

~ **Satellite dish** here at hall? There is some interest in having a satellite dish at the hall for folks to gather for sporting or other TV events. Need a committee to explore the pros and cons for Bell vs Shaw. Hoping for a survey to all members. Gerry MacLellan wondering about having things for FIRA guys to participate in like Super Bowl and other sporting parties. Gerry will head a committee to obtain details.

FIRA's phone is an old party line at \$60/month. Last time we looked at changing the phone for touch tone - we would have to give up party line - and we aren't a residence so need to do a business phone which is more expensive.

~ **Pot Lucks:** Still need folks to sign up for set ups!!!

~ FIRA Facebook pages:

* **Public page** - invite your family, guests and renters to like our public page at: <https://www.facebook.com/Fort-Irwin-Residents-Association-FIRA-1717009435024176/>

* **Private Page** - Become a member and share FIRA information strictly for other members to view: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/151630048586844/> .

~ **Men's possible activities:** Things for Men to do: horseshoes, darts, poker, fishing, hockey, golf, skiing... **Anyone is welcome to start up an activity.**
Wayne MacKenzie books events for the hall

~ **Winter shoveling:** A big **THANKS** to all of this year's shovelers.

~ **Spring Luncheon:** Dianne and Chris are working on a spring luncheon for the ladies. Spring salad lunch on May 16th at noon - bring one component of a salad bar. Ice cream and berries for dessert. Bring a toonie for extras and wear something floral.

~ **May's Pot Luck:** May 27th is the date of the next pot luck. It is a week later to not clash with Mother's Day.

Gordon Cochrane moved to adjourn the meeting and Jack Russell seconded.