

**FIRA Executive Board Meeting  
Minutes**

**January 16, 2018**

**Attendance:**

President: Dave Wilson  
Past President: Glen Smith  
Treasurer: Keith Clarkson  
Secretary: Carrie DiFrancesco  
Member at Large: Wayne McKenzie  
Absent: Vice President: Dave Chevrefils & Member at Large: Dianne Chevrefils

**Treasurer Report** - report attached & reviewed by Keith. Joe DiFrancesco will review 2017 FIRA financial statements.

**FIRA dues** are due by March 31 and they remain the same for 2018 at \$70 per person (\$140 per family) with a \$10 family discount if they also belong to HLCA. Not everyone on the list paid last year so Keith will send a reminder/intent request and the list will be updated after he receives responses. There are currently 70 memberships (households) with 27 of them being Family Memberships. Do we change to one price with no difference in single vs family? Lower price since we are getting a grant? To be discussed for next year.

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Laurie Hillaby has agreed to coordinate **propane discounts** again this year. There was discussion on the belief that if you are a FIRA member, you need to be within 10KM of Ft. Irwin to receive the discount. Hopefully Laurie can verify that in case someone is joining FIRA for the discounts.

We are looking for someone to coordinate the **hall usage**.

We are also looking to coordinate the **Summer Fest**. Last year pies were pre-ordered and not everyone was aware so some folks were upset. But, 60 pies sold as well as many other baked goods.

Dianne Kelly has volunteered to coordinate the **quilt ticket sales** for 2018. Dianne will also continue to send out information regarding Wednesday's craft group.

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The **200 Club** worked great and we would like to continue for 2018. Dave will find out if Graham Newton is passing on ticket sales to Lou Scraba. The tickets will be drawn by having 4 tickets once per month for October, November and December. The sale of tickets will begin around June 15th.

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We would like to continue the **meat sale** - as long as Graham Newton wants to continue to coordinate. The meat comes in on the long weekend in May.

The **Pancake Breakfast** will be on August 18th. There was discussion about possibly not mailing 100 flyers to people and instead emailing them to FIRA & HLCA members plus advertising on HLCA, Fort Irwin and the new FIRA Facebook pages as well as having Glenn Scott continue to mention it in his weekly HLCA letter. It seems attendance is down and are wondering if there are any attendance records from prior years? We will also advertise the vendor tables at \$10 per table and see if any artists or crafters would like to set up.

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Keith Clarkson will coordinate the **Pig Roast** again this year on September 22nd.

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**Grant Application Update:** We have not heard and are hoping to by March.

The **FIRA building rental rate** is \$50. It is \$120 for non-members. Building is rented approx 6 times / year. The rates will remain the same for 2018.

**Website:** Ken Loney still maintains it for us. Dave - let Ken know to update.

Carrie DiFrancesco will create and post on a **FIRA Facebook** page.

**2018 FIRA Pot Luck & General Meeting dates:**

January 21: Pot Luck  
February 25: General meeting & pot luck  
March 18: Pot luck  
April 15: General meeting & pot luck  
May 27: Pot luck  
June 17: General meeting & pot luck  
July 15: Pot luck  
August 26: Pot luck or BBQ  
September 16: Annual meeting & pot luck  
October 21: Pot luck  
November 18: General meeting & pot luck  
December 6: Christmas dinner (No pot luck)

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**Happy Hours** continue on Thursdays.

The **Christmas Dinner** will be at the hall again this year and coordinated by Irene Odell, Carrie DiFrancesco & Lynn Yake.

Dennis Pope informed us that 2018 will be his last year for the hall's **maintenance duties**. Duties - may include changes made after we get grant money and do upgrades.

**Nominating committee** - to be decided at next executive meeting.

Gerda Gembella will no longer be sending cards out for illness or sympathy - we have decided to discontinue this practice.

Wayne MacKenzie moved to adjourn, Keith Clarkson seconded.