

FIRA Annual General Meeting Minutes

September 16, 2018

Dave Wilson, President welcomed the 36 attendees for the annual general meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Keith Clarkson handed out the treasure's report (included below). He explained that the Club 200's expense of \$39.50 was for the drum that was made to mix and draw tickets.

Also, the bill for the roof is still pending and is estimated at approximately \$3,700. A motion was made by Graham Newton and a 2nd by Glen Smith with all in favor to accept the report as submitted.

Committee reports:

~ Fitness: Carrie DiFrancesco reported that Jane's classes will be two times per week for the curling season on Friday and Sunday mornings.

~ Wednesday's Craft Group: Dianne Kelly explained that this past Spring, 25 tartan pillows and 12 coordinating were made. All of the tartan sold and 2 of the coordinating. At October's Harvest lunch on Oct 10th (date changed from Oct 3), the tickets for the Quilt & Pillow will be picked. There are 3 workshops coming up - tea towels for Christmas on October 19th, ginger bread men craft on November 14th and on December 5th will be the annual Cookie Exchange & pinecone workshop.

~ Quilt: Dianne Kelly stated that they have begun working on next year's quilt.

~ 200 Club: Graham Newton & Louie Skraba will begin the first of the draws at October's monthly potluck. There are 10 tickets left to sell in 3 weeks. There will be 4 draws at each potluck with the last 4 draws at the Dec 6th Christmas dinner.

~ Meat sales: Graham Newton reviewed that the sale made \$796. This has been pretty standard and not growing. Without the few large orders, the sale wouldn't do so well. What does membership want to do? One idea is for some folks to give reviews of the meats on Facebook so possibly others will want to purchase next year. Jacquie Clarkson said the wings were great!

~ Happy Hours: Chris & Gord Cochrane coordinated our happy hours over the summer where they were usually well attended at someone's home but not so much if they were held at the hall. Someone suggested that we have the happy hours on the first Thursdays of the month in the summer or every 2 weeks instead of weekly as our summers are busy? We also discussed having happy hour during the winter occasionally. It would be at the call of a host - if someone wants to do one, just announce thru FIRA groups email? Dianne Kelly & Sue Mason said they would do another Casino happy hour in Oct after Thanksgiving.

~ Summer Fest: Dianne Chevrefils reported that the event went quite well with enthusiastic support! A total of \$1,059.09 was made. It was well attended and the format worked out. We will continue to get the word out about pre-ordering pies. Dianne would like help next year. Is anyone willing to be a co-coordinator?

~ Pancake Breakfast: Carrie DiFrancesco also reported that this event went quite well too and the support was definitely enthusiastic! The attendance was up from last year by almost 50 people and selling Dave Freeman's maple syrup was a hit.

~ Pig Roast: The FIRA men's Pig Roast is all set for Saturday, September 22nd. Keith Clarkson explained that there were generous donations made by some businesses in town and other folks. There were 24 raffle prizes.

~ Christmas Dinner: Mark your calendars for this year's Christmas dinner on Thursday, December 6th at FIRA Hall. Carrie DiFrancesco, Irene Odell, Evelyn Fenwick & Lynn Yake are hosting this year's dinner and there will be more information sent out shortly. Tickets will be under \$50 per person.

~ Pot Luck Suppers: Dave Wilson reminds everyone that we need folks to sign up to host each month's potluck by setting up tables & chairs as well as clean up after the meal. We do not yet have anyone for October or November!!

Other Business:

Grants: Dave Wilson inquired if we should seek another grant? Barb Taylor explained that New Horizons was the grant we received to build FIRA and is a Federal Government grant. She saw in the newspaper that New Horizons is offering opportunity to submit for grant money and the deadline is being extended. It is much more restrictive now with a limit of \$25,000 but an amount we could use. Is Janet Trull willing to submit a new one for us? Dave will call her when she returns from a trip.

Membership fees 2019: Dave inquired if the membership felt we need to raise our fees? Glen Smith pointed out that there doesn't seem to be a financial need at this point. Family rate is just double the single. Barb Taylor commented that she still has an objection to giving a reduction for also joining HLCA - feels it is unfair to the FIRA members that do not live on the lake. It was pointed out that this deal was also offered to Percy Lake Association but they declined. Sue Mason offered that the discount attracted new members. Barb Taylor made a motion to have member cost be same for all members. There was no 2nd to that motion.

Facebook pages: It was suggested that calendar items be posted as well as adding a link to the FIRA website.

Hall Improvements 2018: This year we successfully installed a new Roof, Toilets & grab bars and air conditioning. Thank you Rod for air conditioning and Dennis Pope for roof coordination.

In **2019 plans** include decisions regarding the door and entryway. We have many opinions on what to do with entryway. The Executive committee will hash it out and get prices for next year.

We also need to replace the old air conditioning and putting windows (non opening) in the holes was suggested. The executive board will look into pricing. The Treasurer says we have funds to do the windows. A motion was made for window installations in place of the old air conditioners by Dennis Pope and a 2nd by Mike Bohn and was unanimously passed.

2019 Nominations: **President:** Dave Chevrefils
Past President: Dave Wilson
New Vice President: Andy Valecki
Treasurer: Keith Clarkson
Secretary: Carrie DiFrancesco
Members at Large: Dianne Chevrefils & Wayne McKenzie

Amendments to Bylaws: Inquiry - should we change our AGM to June. We are leaving it September as we had a great turn out tonight.

There was discussion regarding the quorum approval number and it will be further discussed.

Other Mentions:

New Years Eve party: Last New Year's Eve, there was question if members would like to attend a New Year's party at the hall like members used to a number of years ago. There could be an early celebration for folks who don't want to stay out late. It was asked if there was any interest and dismissed but if there is anyone who later thinks they would attend if someone organized it, please email Carrie at crlucy67@gmail.com.

Septics: Don't forget we have a list on the bulletin board to keep track of septic pump outs so folks can get theirs done in groups for possible discounts. If you get yours done and keep forgetting to put it up on the list, you can email the date to Carrie and she will record it for you.

Please remember to vote - ballots are coming out despite postal strike.

Motion to adjourn Jacquie Clarkson and seconded by Bonnie Beaudoin.

**FIRA
Income Statement
2018 through September 12**

Income

	Dues	6,640.00	
	Fundraising	10,762.50	Net Expenses: 4,178.10 *
	Hall Donations	175.00	
	Fitness	3,452.00	542.00
		21,029.50	

Expenses

	Hall Exp. Incl propane	(3,742.62)	
	Fundraising	(6,584.40)	
	Fitness	(2,910.00)	
	Bank S/C	(7.00)	
	Hydro	(493.49)	
	Bell	(444.00)	
	Hall Reno	(2,217.05)	
			(16,398.56)

Current Year Income		4,630.94	
Cash January 1, 2018		5,814.57	

Current Balance		10,445.51	
GIC Invested 11/17		7,500.00	
GIC due April 2019		10,936.39	

Total Funds		28,881.90	
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* 50:50		79.50	
Silent Auction		92.60	
MacGregor Meats		796.50	
Summer Fest		1,059.09	
Quilting & Pillows		1,313.68	
Casino Night		167.25	
Crafts		22.50	
Pancake Breakfast		829.80	
Summer BBQ		(103.36)	
Pig Roast		(49.96)	
Sharpening		10.00	
Club 200		(39.50)	

4,178.10