

**FIRA Executive Board Meeting
Minutes
July 15, 2019**

Attendance:

President: Dave Chevrefils
Vice President: Andy Valickis
Past President: Glenn Smith
Treasurer: Keith Clarkson
Secretary: Carrie DiFrancesco
Member at Large: Dianne Chevrefils
Member at Large: Wayne MacKenzie

Dave Chevrefils opened the meeting at Carrie DiFrancesco's house.

Agenda Items:

Last Executive Meeting Review:

~ Dave clarified that at the last executive meeting, we agreed that the minutes of previous meetings will not be reviewed at membership meetings.
~ A couple copies will be provided at general meetings in case someone didn't read the minutes on the website. Carrie will make the copies.

Protocol Binder:

~ It is remembered that there once was a FIRA binder with meeting and other protocols described but we are not sure what happened to it. Members will be asked if they know of it's location.

Recruiting volunteers issue:

~ It seems that FIRA is currently having some trouble recruiting volunteers for jobs and activities. From snow shoveling, hall needs & pot luck set-ups to helping at fundraising events.
~ Do we add a notice board or some type of system in place to notify members what types of things need to be done at the hall on a regular basis? Currently, the Chevrefils purchase items for the hall when needed and take garbage to the dump. We'll need others to help with that when they go on vacations.
~ If anyone notices that something needs fixing or attention in the building, please contact Wayne MacKenzie.

Front Entrance Project:

~ The permit for the deck has been obtained and it is posted.
~ The CAD design is almost all set and necessary materials listed.

~ Project committee is now looking the prices and quantities of materials. Three suppliers, Bracebridge Home Depot, Emmerson & Timber Mart bid on materials and Timber Mart was the cheapest but with a rebate / credit, Emmerson will be less money. Andy will confirm we'll be receiving that credit and that delivery is free. Materials will be ordered this week and building will begin soon.

~ Materials came in under price so Andy would like to go ahead and purchase railing balusters.

~ The new door will go in when the deck is on.

Life event notification protocol:

~ The following is an agreed upon request to FIRA members to contact the Executive Board before using the FIRA Google Groups email list to pass along any significant life event concerning a FIRA member:

~ As members may recall, the 2018 Executive Board had asked folks with access to the FIRA Google Distribution Email List to only use it for FIRA related business. In support of FIRA's constitutional goal of mutual Support and Friendship, we also use this list to notify our members of personal news such as illness, death or other significant personal life events families may want to share with the FIRA community.

~ Therefore, in the event of a member becoming aware of a significant life event, to please contact a member of the Executive Board and not pass it on through the FIRA Distribution list. The Board will coordinate with the family for direction as to what, if anything, they would like passed on to FIRA members and when.

Treasurer Report: Hand out reviewed & attached

Dance - Sockhop: Went well - everyone seemed to have fun. Dave Bright was pleased with the turnout. Ended at 10:30pm. A lot of member's families and young people - all went well.

Cleaning up the Roads: Next year plan earlier with HLCA and work together to organize a spring clean up before the bugs come out. Need the volunteers for this too.

Summerfest: Went well, 19 non-preordered pies sold (thanks to HLCA's advertising) and all baked goods went. Crafts did ok - more will be sold at other events.

Pancake Breakfast: It's coming along. More information and the flyer will be going out soon. It was agreed upon that flyers will be sent out via emails and through HLCA's weekly update as well as on Facebook. Flyers will also be

posted at the Marina and Garden Center. We will no longer be paying the post office to put them in mailboxes.

Pot Lucks: Need volunteers for set up.

August 18 BBQ - In lieu of the August pot luck, there will be a BBQ at the Kelly's. Bring side and beverages. Burgers & sausages - meat from Graham, paid for by FIRA.

HLCA's weekly note - will start to include on-going FIRA info: Calendar of events, Fitness info, Quilt sale....

Also Remind Sept AGM is the 22nd at 4pm.
Send emails to Wayne if any repairs are needed / noticed at hall.

Vice President position is still open.

Need to figure out best way to keep paperwork and such. New file cabinet?

Land Purchase: Our intent to buy the land is that we need more information! What are the conditions of the sale?? We have responded that we are awaiting a legal opinion from them first then decide if we need to get our own. Andy will write another letter indicating the exec board met and without information, we weren't able to make any type of decisions.

In future apply for grant to get more exercise group instructors.

Meeting adjourned