

**FIRA Member Meeting Minutes**  
**June 23, 2022, 2-4 PM**

Bill Odell opened the meeting at 2pm.

**Approval of last meeting minutes** posted on [firahall.ca](http://firahall.ca).

\* A motion was made by Bill, seconded by Joe and unanimously approved.

**Financial update (Joe DiFrancesco):**

- \* Dues reduced this year to \$60/person, \$110/couple or \$50/\$100 if a member of another lake association.
- \* Fundraising - \$851 on meat sale.
- \* Crafts - \$301 so far.
- \* Utilities up a bit with hall use, dues still covering basic operating expenses.
- \* We are on track to be under the \$4,000 approved for new hall items at last AGM.
- \* Overall, we increased the bank account and it should be around \$35,000 by end of the year, subject to further proposed improvement investments being authorized. Even through Covid activity restrictions, FIRA has managed to stay financially healthy.

**Previous business updates**

~ **Executive Board**

- \* We have a Vice President nomination! Cindy Woodrow has agreed to fill this position. There are no opponents present after a request for other interested people.
- \* A motion was made by Bill, almost everyone's hands went up to second and it was unanimously approved.

~ **FIRA Improvement Committee**

- \* Joe reported on the new items that have already been purchased in Phase 1 for up to \$4,000 as previously granted at the AGM last Fall.
- \* Cindy Woodrow explained the committee's request for new chairs and complimented Irene Odell for all of her research. We are still trying sample chairs and folks have been giving feedback on them.
- \* The committee has a proposal for inside paint & decor and Laura Golbeck explained the proposal to update the hall with examples of potential changes.
- \* Members suggested that we get a larger trim and new plugs / switch plates as well, which was well received.
- \* The Executive Board made the motion that this committee can use up to \$12,000 to spend on the described changes for chairs, paint and decor. Jackie Bradbury seconded, and motion was unanimously approved.

~ **COVID policy review**

- \* Bill reviewed the current COVID policy for the hall, including the vaccination requirement and 25 person maximum.
- \* The requirement to be fully vaccinated to attend activities inside the FIRA Hall was discussed. It was noted that vaccination requirements have been removed in most public facilities, domestic airline travel, etc and that requesting and tracking vaccination status with boosters was impractical for all events, activities, fundraisers, etc. The consensus of comments was that a vaccination requirement is not necessary at this time.
- \* The 25 person maximum in the number of participants in the building for FIRA activities & group rentals was also discussed. The consensus of comments was that the limitation was not necessary at this time.

- \* Bill made a motion to remove the vaccination requirement and 25 person capacity limitation. Graham seconded, and a vast majority approved. The limit now will be our seating capacity maximum of 48 people.
- \* It was noted masks are still optional.
- \* The Board emphasized that members should NOT attend any events if they are feeling ill, experiencing any COVID symptoms or have been recently exposed to someone who is.
- \* The Board also expects members to make accommodations when appropriate for those who are immunocompromised and be respectful of each other's opinions on this matter.
- \* The Board emphasized that the COVID environment is very fluid, FIRA will continue to follow Provincial guidelines and restrictions could be reinstated at any time if the situation warrants it.

### **Fundraising committee review**

- ~ Meat sale: Many thanks to Graham Newton for his hard work in running another successful meat sale!
- ~ Craft activities: Dianne Kelly reported that they will be selling crafts at the Pancake Breakfast
- ~ Pancake breakfast: Carrie DiFrancesco reported that Independent will again donate food items but cannot give us orange juice. A volunteer sheet went around to help on Saturday, August 20th. Carrie would like an assistant to help coordinate this year.
- ~ Pig Roast: Wayne MacKenzie reported that Garth will do the pig roast. A possible date is September 25th and we could possibly combine it with the AGM?
- ~ Club 200: Graham suggested we try this next year, in the Spring of 2023 once the meat sale ends. Graham would like an assistant.

- \* Discussion involving the purchase of a 10'x20' tent for the Pancake Breakfast and other events was quickly agreed upon by many. A motion was made by Dianne Kelly and seconded by Jackie Bradbury and unanimously approved.

### **Activities/other committee updates**

- ~ Propane Program: Joe reported that 80% of our members participate and a list of paid memberships will be submitted to the propane suppliers this summer for fall pricing.
- ~ Property management: Wayne reported they identified the septic location and will schedule a pump-out later this year. We need a new flag for the building and there is a poplar tree that needs to be removed (branch fell) that Wayne will get quotes on.
- ~ Books: Sue Pettit and helpers did a great job reorganizing the books.
- ~ Scavenger Hunt: Carrie & Lynn Yake reported that the 3rd annual hunt in conjunction with HLCA will take place on July 16 & 17 in South Bay
- ~ Happy Hours and Potlucks:
  - \* Lynn would like to give A BIG THANK YOU to Gordon Cochrane for his years of Happy Hour coordination!!!!
  - \* The June 16 Happy Hour was well attended and we thank hosts Laurie & Paul Hillaby! **The Yakes are hosting July 7th.** We still need volunteer for August 11th.
  - \* July 24, August 28 and September 25 (AGM) are scheduled for Potlucks. The Event Coordinators will email membership in advance for set-up volunteers
  - \* Annual BBQ: Either on September 7, 8, 14 or 15 at the Odells. Final date to be announced.

### **New business**

- \* Email issues of people not receiving messages using the FIRA Google Group are being worked on. In the meantime, we will copy directly from the membership list.
- \* Our Defibrillator has been updated and certified and a training update will take place in the Fall. So far, 7 are interested. Let Carrie know if you would like to participate.
- \* Propose bylaws changed to require a minimum of 4 member meetings per year rather than 5. Glenn Smith made the motion, Deb Valickis seconded and it was unanimously approved.

The meeting ended with a motion made by Wayne, seconded by Jackie and all approved