

FIRA General Meeting

February 9, 2020

Andy Valickis opened the meeting at 4:40pm

Approval of last meeting minutes:

~ A motion to accept the September 2019 Annual General Meeting Minutes was made by Dianne Kelly, seconded by MaryAnn Hodgins and carried.

Financial update (Joe DiFrancesco):

~ Dues collected were \$6,800 and fundraisers netted \$6,725. Fitness, which is not a fundraiser, ended up \$230 over with December receipts deposited in January. Operating expenses were \$6,626 and were covered by dues so fundraising could be put toward major improvements of the deck and a new door costing \$3,500, with the remainder increasing our bank balance to \$11,518 at year end. We also still have two GIC's totaling \$18,658 so financial condition is sound.

Previous business updates

~ **Property Sale:** We have obtained all the information we needed from the Municipality. We are now waiting on confirmation from a Minden lawyer to see if he'll take our case as we need legal opinion on our obligations if we should purchase property. After we obtain all our facts, a pros and cons list will be created, distributed and we will vote on the decision to purchase the property.

~ **Trillium Grant:** Unfortunately, we were again unsuccessful in obtaining this grant. We are looking into new grants that may be available. Bill & Irene Odell have been researching the types of grants that other adult community centres and senior active living centres receive. It doesn't look like Dysart is doing anything to support the seniors in the town of Haliburton at this time with any type of social center. Smaller communities than ours receive funding for senior activities and community centers. Bill & Irene will continue to obtain information.

~ **Door Installation:** We do have the door and it's ready and are working on getting a contractor for spring. Dan Kay is going to look at the door and it's hardware and give us a price.

New Business

~ **Board Members:** We need to vote in our 2 new additions to the board for 2020. Bill Odell was going to be our 2nd Member-at-Large but has agreed to take the Vice President position and Lynn Yake is willing to be the new Member-at-Large. Glen Smith motioned for both Bill & Lynn to assume these positions with a second by Lynda Newton and the motion was approved.

The Executive Board for 2020:

President: Andy Valickis

Vice President: Bill Odell

Past President: Glen Smith

Treasurer: Joe DiFrancesco

Secretary: Carrie DiFrancesco

Member-at-Large: Wayne MacKenzie

Member-at-Large: Lynn Yake

Fundraising committee review

- ~ **Meat sale:** Graham Newton is still willing to do the meat sale and the members present would like this sale to continue. The truck comes in on a Thursday afternoon in May so it is hard to sell to cottagers who are only here on the weekends. We don't have large enough freezers to store the meat.
- ~ **Silent Auction:** This year's Silent Auction will be after the April General Meeting / Potluck. Lynda Newton & Maryann Hodgins are organizing this year's event. Start looking for that special item to auction off!
- ~ **Summerfest:** Dianne Chevrefils was the coordinator of the Summerfest for the last 2 years but would like someone else to take over. She is still willing to help and so are others. July 4th is the date this year if we still choose to have this event. Dianne Kelly will discuss this on Wednesday with the other craft ladies to see if we'd like to take a break this year? They can always do a pop up bazaar. Irene asked the craft ladies to consider combining the Pancake Breakfast with the Summerfest's pies & baked goods? This could be a larger draw for both events.
- ~ **Quilting and craft activities:** Dianne Kelly reported that there will be no quilt this year as it seems like folks no longer want the handmade quilts. The hospital and Eagle Lake are no longer doing quilts either. The Craft Group is now making doll clothes for American Girl dolls and baby quilts this year.
- ~ **Casino Night:** There is interest for another Casino Night during June's Happy Hour as last year's was so much fun. Dianne Kelly says that she, Sue Mason & Cindy Woodrow will organize another this year!
- ~ **Pancake breakfast:** Carrie DiFrancesco agreed to run the Pancake Breakfast again this year and will be sending out the volunteer sheet in early summer.
- ~ **Pig Roast:** Keith Clarkson agreed to run another Pig Roast in September. The date is usually the weekend after Labor Day and Keith will confirm that soon.
- ~ **Club 200:** Graham Newton would like to take a break this year. We are ok without a lot of fundraisers at this time. Let's save it until we want to raise some money for something specific.
- ~ **New member promotion:** Graham Newton suggested that we have an open house every so often (annually?) to encourage membership. Maybe a small speech / displays on what club has to offer. Maybe we can tie it in with one of the summer's Happy Hours? Lynn Yake wondered if the new folks on other side of lake have a group or a contact on who can spread the word. Paul Wilson may be a contact?

Activities/other committee updates

- ~ We still need folks to sign up for **potluck setups**. Thank you to those who have signed up so far.
- ~ **Fitness:** Sue Mason will continue in her role of coordinating Jane Jaycock's fitness class. Jane's class will resume to 3 times per week once curling is over with for the season.
- ~ **Propane:** Laurie Hillaby will again organize our propane deals.
- ~ **Property management:** Wayne MacKenzie has again agreed to be the hall's handyman.
- ~ **Social Coordinator:** Gordon Cochrane will be organizing our Happy Hours soon! Spring is coming!
- ~ **Books:** Sue Pettit will again keep our books organized. Please no large book donations for awhile. Carrie & Lynn will organize the most recent donation while Sue is away.
- ~ **Website:** Ken Loney is still our website's coordinator.

~ **August BBQ:** Thank you to the Kelly's for hosting FIRA's August BBQ the last few years. It's time for a new host. It's like a potluck but FIRA pays for the meat and the rest of the attendees bring sides.

~ **Christmas Potluck Dinner:** Carrie DiFrancesco, Irene Odell & Lynn Yake are organizing another Christmas Potluck. Great reviews for last year's food and fun! Date TBA

~ **New social activity ideas?** If anyone is interested in organizing a new activity, just let us know! Sock Hop? Halloween Party? New Years Party? Street dance?

~ **DiFib training update:** Carrie spoke with Donna Smith, who is working on setting up a full CPR training course and/or a refresher course. Carrie is getting more information from Donna on what to expect from either course and will send a note out asking which folks prefer.

~ **Spring Clean up:** Glenn Scott is hoping someone at FIRA can take the lead on coordinating a spring, pre-bug road garbage clean up day? Maybe around Saturday, May 1?

Other business

~ Parking lot: We are considering getting a sign for the lot for private parking. Will look into this further.

~ There is now a large note on the hall's refrigerator to add needed hall supplies with space for a someone to volunteer to pick up the item/s and receive reimbursement from Joe with a receipt.

Meeting adjourned at 5:45pm with a motion from Keith Clarkson and second by Dianne Kelly