



# Niagara Frontier Fiddle Club Newsletter

Feb, 2012

Fiddling for fun on the Niagara Frontier

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Song to learn: Black Velvet Waltz in “Member’s Corner” on web page.

## Board Members:

*President: Roger*

*Vaillancourt*

*Vice President: Larry*

*Brennen*

*Secretary: Neil Yerkey*

*Treasurer: Dick Anderson*

*Gig Chair: Joanne Brennen,*

*Lead Fiddler: Lyle Cote*

## At Large Members:

*Jim Witkowski*

*Roy Fisher*

*Sharon Cianciosi*

## MINUTES

Feb 26, 2012

### BOARD MINUTES:

1. Roger called the Board to order at 1:30.
2. Board Minutes and Treasurer’s Report to be read at general meeting.
3. Roger suggested that we put chairs in a circle during the practice/jam so everyone is playing the same tune.
4. Some members of the Board received a two page letter of suggestions. Decided to table until next meeting to have time to study the suggestions.
5. There was a discussion about high gas prices which may keep some members from participating. There is not much we can do about it, except try to car pool.

6. Steam show: there was some dispute about what they paid last year, and what they are willing to pay this year. Decided we need to get at least \$200 for a 2 hr show. Joanne will negotiate with the arranger.
7. During approval of gigs, we should make sure to count fiddlers first. It does no good to count back-up’s if there are no fiddlers.
8. Meeting adjourned at 1:55

### GENERAL MEETING:

1. Roger called the meeting to order at 2:00.
3. Minutes were read and approved. Moved by Roy F., seconded by several.
4. Treasurer’s Report: We have \$3945 in the account
5. Committees:
  - Gig Chair: Joanne went over gigs for voting—All were approved. (See below)
  - Food: Good food
  - Sunshine: Rich C. had surgery on his eyes and is well pleased with the results.
    - Sent cards to Rich and John Q.
    - Sent thank-you card to Elderwood for their help when one of our members became ill.
    - Diane passed around a card for people to sign and send to a long-time member who is ailing.
6. There was a discussion about how to run the jam/practice session. Roger suggested that we get in a circle so we don’t have people all over the room playing different music. Some suggested we go over the MC list but

others thought it should be a pure jam session. Nancy K. suggested we split the time: ½ practice, ½ jam. Lyle said practice can take place at his home on Wednesday's.

7. A question was raised about how new members can learn the songs. One suggestion: put a "song of the month" on the web page [Secy note: the first one is there now in the "Members Corner"]

8. Roy F. presented a slanted mug to Roger because he is "musically inclined."

9. Moved by Roy Fisher, Seconded by Jim W. to adjourn

NEXT MEETING: March 25, 2:00 at Knights of Columbus, 2735 Union Rd. Cheektowaga, NY

Approved Gigs (also listed on the Web page at <http://niagarafiddlers.org> under "Where We're Playing"):

Mar 2 Friday: 7:00-9:00 Knights of Columbus (a fish fry is available between 4-5)

Mar 3 Saturday: 1:30-2:30 Ladies of the Hibernians, Irish Heritage Day, Fashion Outlet Mall, Military Rd, Niagara Falls

Mar 6 Tuesday: 1:00-2:00 Wilson Seniors, Wilson fire hall, 250 Young St, Wilson  
(we are invited to the Brennen's following)

Mar 12 Monday: 12:30-1:30 St Gregory Seniors, Maple & St Gregory Ct.(next to Milliard Filmore Suburban), Amherst

Mar 17 Saturday: 2:00-3:00 Elderwood at Linwood, 1818 Como Park Blvd, Lancaster

Mar 20 Tuesday: Niagara Alliance Church, 7041 Witmer Rd., Wheatfield 14120  
(we will eat at noon, play after)

Apr 21 Saturday: 1:00-2:00 St Stephen's United Church of Christ, 8520 S. Tonawanda Creek Rd., Amherst

Apr 27 Friday: 2:30-3:30 Seneca Manor, 2987 Seneca St, W. Seneca, 14224

May 11 Friday: 6:30-7:30 Batavia 1<sup>st</sup> Methodist Church Coffee House, 8221 Clinton St, Batavia

Jun 2 Saturday: 11:00am-12:30pm Alden Farmer's Market, Save-a-Lot Plaza on Broadway

Jul 19 Thursday: 7:00-8:30 Pine Tree Park Concert, 662 Lapp Rd., Cowlesville, NY 14004

Jul 28 Saturday: 5:30-6:30 Williamstown Village, William & Division St, Cheektowaga

Sep 9 Sunday: 1:30-3:00, Gas & Steam Engine Show, Gillate Rd., Alexander (approved pending resolution of fee amount)

Oct 4 Thursday: 12:30-1:30, Ransomville Seniors, Ransomville Fire Hall, 2521 Youngstown-Lockport Rd., Ransomville