



Niagara Frontier Fiddle Club

Newsletter, Feb, 2019

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Board Members:

President: Michaelene LaNave
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Treasurer: Larry Brennen
Gig Chair: Joanne Brennen
Lead Fiddler: Sharon Cianciosi
Equipment Manager: Bob Toth
At Large Members:
Nancy Yerkey
Laura Cummings

Many thanks to Becky for recording the minutes of the Feb meeting!!

MINUTES FEBRUARY, 2019

1. Michaelene called the meeting to order at 2:00.
2. Laura was asked to read the minutes from the last meeting. Moved by Bill to accept, seconded by Carol. All approved.
3. Diane introduced our new member, Richard (Dick) Boehm, and his wife Char. Dick plays the banjo.

4. Treasurer's Report: Old balance—\$5,768.34
New balance—\$2,755.16

Moved by Sharon A., seconded by Dale, to accept the Treasurer's Report. All approved.

5. Sunshine Report: Carol sent sympathy cards to Joe Bicheler's family and to Roy Fisher. Sharon Amoia mentioned that her

brother is dying, as he has been taken off life support. Larry is having excessive nosebleeds, and needs our thoughts and prayers. He has a "rhinorocket" in his nose to keep it from bleeding and may need to have it cauterized.

6. Food: The food was very good.

7. Gig Chair: Joanne has not been able to make a new gig sheet, since Larry operates the computer and has not been well enough to type the gig sheet. We have a new gig on March 5 at Clarmont in Clarence. We also have been invited to the Celtic Fest, the Springville Fiddle Fest, and the Alden Farmers' Market. Joanne also said that when Larry gets better, she is opening her home for practices on Thursday evenings from about 6:30-9:00. She hopes to start this in April. She said that she would have no full-fledged dinner, but that she would have snacks, as was always done at Roger and Claudine's.

8. Music Committee: Laura reported on her music committee. She presented her plan to work on Patronella, Headlands March, and Life over the Ocean Waves. Michaelene (who is on the music committee *ex officio*) presented a song that she and John like called "Boys from the County of Armaugh." Bill P. explained to everyone the difference between jigs, reels, and hornpipes.

9. Sound Committee: Dale explained we bought the Bose system within this past month and recommends that we keep it. Diane Johnson has the system currently and is storing and hauling it. She said that she is willing to haul it for now, but that she is not into the sound and would prefer that someone who actually loves sound take it over. Carol pointed out that Diane shortened her trip she had planned, just to help the club out with the sound system. Diane also offered to keep the trailer on her property. Motion by Bill P., seconded by Shoshana that we keep the Bose system. Passed by a vote of 12 -0. A discussion was had about selling our old system and/or trailer. After much discourse on the subject, it was tabled.

10. Bylaws committee: Michaelene proposed that when we lose a member (or a member's spouse, child, or parent), we send them \$50. Discussion was had about whether we have done that for some time now. Moved by Dennis, seconded by Sharon C. to do this. Motion was not passed, because a discussion was had about whether sending money for loss of parent or child was over-doing it. It was decided to send money only in the event of the death of a member or member's spouse. Rod suggested that we send the spouse the \$50 and address it to the whole family to do with as they please. There was general approval of this plan. Dennis and Sharon amended their motion, and it was so passed.

Old business: There was a discussion on shirts. Bill said that Broadway Knitting Mills will make shirts, but that one can also bring his own shirt and they will put the emblem on it. Bill agreed to send an email to the club with BKM's contact info if anyone wants a shirt.

New business: Diane suggested that we have fewer fiddle tunes and more variety. Michaelene suggested more sing-a-longs. Laura reminded everyone that the motto of the club is "*Fiddling for Fun,*" and that while it is good to have some variety, our main focus is fiddling. There was discussion all around.

Moved by Laura, seconded by Bill to adjourn.

NEXT MEETING: March 24 at Forestview, 3959 Forest Parkway, N. Tonawanda
