



# Niagara Frontier Fiddle Club

## Newsletter, April 2018

Fiddling for fun on the Niagara Frontier  
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### MINUTES

April 22, 2018

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#### Board Members:

*President: Bill Pocobello*

*Vice President: Dale Cummings*

*Secretary: Neil Yerkey*

*Treasurer: Larry Brennen*

*Gig Chair: Joanne Brennen*

*Lead Fiddler: Sharon Cianciosi*

*Equipment Manager: Bob Toth*

#### At Large Members:

*Nancy Yerkey*

*Laura Cummings*

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#### GENERAL MEETING:

1. Bill called the Meeting to order at 2:00.

2. Neil read the minutes from March.

3. Treasurer's Report: Larry presented the report.

Old Balance: \$6054.67

Income: \$440

Expenses: \$91

New Balance: \$6403.67

4. Membership: Neil reported that 8 members did not pay dues for 2018, but we are pleased that 4 new members joined. We now have 38 members.

5. Sunshine: No cards were sent this month.

6. Food: Good.

7. Sound: Dale is working to get some issues resolved. The sound

crew will route the speaker cords in front of the group, so they don't tangle around our feet. There was also a discussion about mike placement. We agreed that the keyboard should be brought to all gigs and placed where Michaelene can see and hear the rest of the musicians.

8. Music: Bill said it was the responsibility of the MC to choose which songs to include at gigs, how they are introduced, audience participation, sing-alongs, etc. It was agreed that we need to make a final list for the wedding. Becky suggested we have at least 30 songs ready even if we don't use all of them.

#### WEDDING REHEARSALS

Michaelene has reserved the room at Forestview for wedding practice on the following dates/times.

Sat April 28 2:00 - 4:00

Sat May 19 2:00 - 4:30

9. Gigs: Joanne presented the gig sheet. All approved. (See below)

#### Old Business

1. Bill reported on his research on insurance. Bill's agent will get some information to him, so we can decide whether and what kind of insurance to buy. Bill suggested we need both liability insurance and accident insurance. He would like a couple of Board members to join him when he next meets with the agent.

2. Brochure: The Cummings are working on putting the brochure together.

#### Good and Welfare:

1. Becky said the people we play for really enjoy and appreciate us. She encouraged us to keep in mind that we are providing enjoyment and uplift for the audience—that is our goal.

2. Bill encouraged us to do the best we can but not worry if we are not perfect. We have different gifts and talents to be used together, and everyone (lead fiddler, sound team, musicians, sunshine, gig chair, equipment handler, etc) all do their part to have fun and bring enjoyment to the audience.
3. Becky moved, Michealene seconded that we cancel the May meeting, so we can concentrate on practicing for the wedding.

Moved by Larry, seconded by Dale, to adjourn.

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



After Memorial Day, May 28, we wear blue shirts and tan pants

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

\* = new gig:

May 7, Mon, 1:00, Complete Sr Care, 1302 Main St. Niagara Falls  
May 9, Wed, 7:00-8:30, Canterbury Woods, 705 Renaissance Dr, Williamsville  
May 16, Wed, 7:00, Newfane Rehab, 2709 Transit Rd., Newfane  
May 18, Fri, 7:00 Solstice (Montgomery) 6363 Transit Rd, Amherst  
May 27, Sun, Mumford Wedding (TBA)

\*Jun 6, Wed, 2:30 Niagara Rehab, 822 Cedar Ave, Niagara Falls  
Jun 14, Thur, 7:00, Juniper Glen, 8820 Transit Rd, E. Amherst  
Jun 19, Tues., 2:30-3:30 Fox Run, 5689 Big Tree Rd., Orchard Park 14127  
Jun 21, Thurs, 11:30 Ransomville Srs, Ransomville Fire Hall, 2521 Youngstown-Lockport Rd, Ransomville  
Jun 23, Sat, 11:00-12:30. Alden Farmers Market, Broadway, Alden

Jul 4, Wed, 2:00, Heathwood, 815 Hopkins Rd, Getzville 14221  
Jul 20, Fri, 3:00, Grand Island, (Elderwood), 2850 Grand Island Blvd., Grand Island  
Jul 28, Sat, Springville Fiddle Festival, TBA  
Jul 31, Tues, 2:00, Crestwood Independent Living, 100 Crestwood Ct, off Niag Falls Blvd

Sept 4, Tues, 1:00, Niag Sr Care, 1302 Main St, Niag Falls  
Sept 9, Sun, 1:00-3:00, Gas & Steam Show, Gillate Rd, Alexander (gate 3)  
Sep 12, Fri, 2:00, Heathwood, 815 Hopkins Rd, Getzville 14221  
Sep 21, Fri, 7:00, Solstice (Montgomery Park), 6363 Transit Rd, Amherst

\*Oct 10, Wed, 2:30, Niagara Rehab, 822 Cedar Ave, Niagara Falls  
Oct 13, Sat, 2:00, Crestwood Independent Living. 100 Crestwood Court  
Oct 18., Thurs, 11:30, Ransomville Srs, 2521 Youngstown-Lockport Rd., Ransomville

Nov 14, Wed, 1:00, Niagara Sr Care, 1302 Main St, Niagara Falls  
Nov 23, Fri, 2:00, Elderwood @ Lancaster, 1818 Como Park Blvd, Lancaster

Dec 11, Tues, 2:00, Newfane Rehab, 2709 Transit Rd, Newfane