



Niagara Frontier Fiddle Club

Newsletter

September, 2012

Fiddling for fun on the Niagara Frontier

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MINUTES

September 30, 2012

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

BOARD MINUTES:

1. Roger called the Board to order at 1:35.
2. Jerry read the Treasurer's report.
3. Committees:
 - Sound: The sound is better for some gigs than others. Jim suggested we cut the high frequencies for the fiddles. We should do sound tests with real playing, instead of using words and mike taps.
 - Equipment: The van is in the shop again. We are hoping to find the cause of the problems.
 - Sunshine: Lynne agreed to take on the duties of chairperson.
 - Music: Carol was invited to explain how she corrected some sheet music to make them closer to the way we play. Roger will copy and make up some new books. Carol has the Board's thanks.
4. A card from Reino's was read, thanking us for our cards and concern.
5. Closed at 2:25

GENERAL MEETING:

1. Roger called the meeting to order at 2:30.
2. Minutes: There were no minutes to read.
3. Treasurer's Report: Total in bank: \$4913.54. Moved by Bill Pocobello, seconded by several to accept.
4. The card from the Reino's was read and appreciated.
5. Committees:
 - Food: Good
 - Sunshine: Lynne Witkowski will be Sunshine Chair. Our thanks to Lynne for taking on this effort.
 - Music: Carol presented the work she did to correct the music to more closely reflect the way we play the tunes. The club thanked her for her effort, and we will distribute the new music to anyone who wants it and to new members.
 - Sound: We will lower the high frequencies for fiddles. It was pointed out that each venue needs adjustments so there can be no one-for-all settings.
 - Gigs: Joanne presented the gig sheet. All approved. (See below). She will accept gigs through the first two weeks in December.
6. Bill P suggested we have a practice session. Jerry asked for dates so he can reserve his church. We will suggest dates at next meeting.

7. Neil described the online signup sheet, initially suggested by Carol. After discussion, it was agreed to use it for a while and see how it works.
8. There was a discussion about problems with the van.
9. HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO LARRY! Larry suggested that after a certain age (his) a person should not be expected to take on extra duties in the club. It was soundly rejected.
10. Moved by Rod, Seconded by Jerry to adjourn

NEXT MEETING: Oct 28, 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”)

MEMBERS. Click here to sign up to play:



SIGN UP NOW!

SignUp Genius

Members are encouraged to use the online signup sheet if they plan to play at gigs. It helps the sound people and MC to have an idea of who will be at each gig.

Sign up by going to “Where We’re Playing” on the web page and clicking “Sign Up Now”. The password is Ashokan.

Oct 17 Wednesday 6:00-7:30: First Presbyterian Church, Main & Church Sts., Youngstown

Oct 22 Mon 2:00-3:00: Our Lady of Peace, 5285 Lewiston Rd., Lewiston

Oct 25 Thu 1:00-2:00: Lord of Life, 1025 Borden Rd., Depew

Nov 4 Sun 1:30-2:30: Brothers of Mercy, 10570 Bergtold Rd., Clarence

Dec 17 Mon 2:00-3:00: Our Lady of Peace, 5285 Lewiston Rd., Lewiston

**The New York State
Old Tyme Fiddlers'
Association**

NYSOTFA has fixed its web site. It has some interesting information on it. You can get to it by clicking “Other Fiddle Sites” on our main page.

A word of caution: The main menu is off the right side of some screens; you may have to scroll right to find it.