



Niagara Frontier Fiddle Club

Newsletter, Sept, 2014

Fiddling for fun on the Niagara Frontier
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Board Members:

President: Roger Vaillancourt
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Lead Fiddler: Sharon Cianciosi

At Large Members:

Roger Frankland
Roy Fisher
Sharon Cianciosi

We had some very good and fun gigs this summer, thanks to everyone who supported the club through playing, set-up, getting and arranging gigs, providing moral support, etc, etc. A couple of gigs were outdoors and we had beautiful weather for them (those days are over for awhile). It is heartwarming to see folks at our performances enjoying themselves, singing along, toe-tapping, laughing, crying (one woman cried when we played "Scotland the Brave.")

Now, it's a new fall and we look forward to more fiddlin' for fun. Hope to see many of you often this winter.

MINUTES

Sept 28, 2014

GENERAL MEETING:

1. Roger called the meeting to order at 2:10.
2. Minutes: Neil read the May minutes.
3. Treasurer's Report: Report sent by Dick, read by Neil:
 - Income: 24 performances = \$3222
 - Expenses: \$723 (Lunches: \$607; Gift cards: \$25; AAA Membership: \$91)
 - Balance: \$6343Moved by Bill, seconded by Roy to accept. Agreed.
4. Food: Very good. Thanks to Claudine and others!
5. Sunshine: Carol sent cards and gift certificates to several.
6. Music: Because we have only a couple of gigs in October, it was suggested that we have several practices. Jerry suggested his church, but it is not available. We will pursue other possibilities and let everyone know.
7. Sound: Roger reported that the sound board has been fixed and all inputs are now working.
8. Gigs: A gig sheet was distributed (below). Brothers of Mercy on Thursday, Oct 30 was approved.
New business.
 1. We welcomed four new members. A hearty welcome to Alison Schweichler, Karen Ruckinger, Larry Brumagin, and Kathy Brumagin.

2. Roger reported that the van is at the end of its life. He suggested we buy a small trailer to haul equipment behind a car. He asked all the members to be on the lookout for used trailers and call him if you see one (861-8557)
3. Bill moved, Roger seconded that the club donate \$150 each to Walt and Penny's daughter and to Ted Lambert to help with mounting medical expenses. Agreed.
4. There was a discussion about buying liability insurance for the club. One proposal was quoted at \$670/year for \$1 million. Most agreed it was a good idea but Jerry was going to see if he can get a lower quote.
5. Moved by several, seconded by several to adjourn.

NEXT MEETING: Oct 26, 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"):

Oct 3, Fri, 7:00 – 8:00pm, Montgomery Park, 6363 Transit Rd., Amherst

Oct 30, Thurs, 6:00-7:00pm, Brothers of Mercy, Sr Appts., 10500 Bergold Rd. Clarence. Halloween Party

Nov 7, Fri, 2:00 – 3:00pm, Heathwood Asst Living, 815 Hopkins Rd, Williamsville

Nov 19, Wed, 2:30 – 3:30pm, Our Lady of Peace, Lewiston

Nov 25, Tues, 2:30 – 3:30pm, Odd Fellows Home, 104 Old Niagara Rd, Lockport

Dec 11, Thurs, 1:00 – 2:00pm, Newfane Sr's Xmas Party, 2737 Main St (firehall), pot luck lunch at noon.



Dec 13, Sat, Our Niag Fiddle Club party, Sean Patrick's, Amherst

Dec 17, Wed, 2:30 – 3:30pm, Our Lady of Peace, Lewiston

Dec 19, Fri, 7:00 – 8:00pm, Montgomery Park, 6363 Transit Rd.

Dec 31, Wed, 7:00 -8:00pm, Crestwood Indep Living, 100 Crestwood Ct, off Niag Falls Blvd., Wheatfield