

**FICRA BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**Dec 10, 2015**

**Board Attendees:** Uwe Krohn, Jim Braden, Tony Moore, Hal Goodell, Gina Olson, Howard Stapleton and Bob Bowser

Uwe opened the meeting at 8:28 pm with a greeting.

Minutes from the Nov 12, 2015 meeting approved. Motioned by Braden, seconded by Hal, and unanimously approved.

**President's Report:** Uwe Krohn

He offers his thanks to all who volunteered at the Christmas Tree Lighting/Wickline Concert. Please sign in the hours you volunteered into the log. Special thanks to his wife Gisela for her assistance, and new volunteers like Kristy & Diane. The Boy Scouts were asked to "light" the tree this year, which was very successful and meant to reward them for all the time/hours that they spend on projects around the NCC. Thanks to the Olsons for Nobel Fir Tree donation and the Gig Harbor HS Coral group who did the opening act. The bonfire was wonderful! The concert was a success, and despite the power outage, the crowd was enthusiastic and sang along. Santa was here and many families came to sit, photograph and give their wishes. The Wicklines who have performed for the last 30+ years indicated they want to perform again next year.

Sweatshirt sales at the event were few. (4 sold of 21 in stock). Tony has been delivering the pre-orders that were not picked up at event. There is a suggestion to place the inventory back on the website to continue to sell on website. Howard asked, Gina to inventory, and pick-ups to be at monthly meeting or Tony will distribute them as ordered if needed.

**Consent Calendar:** Discussion on Scholarship Award: Uwe would like to transfer this item or supported annual event from the FICRA Trust to FICRA. It appears that this can be done without IRS conflict per finance committee members. Therefore a motion has been made by Bob to move this item as stated now at this meeting. Seconded by Jim, and unanimously approved. Ray will mentor the project, but notes it is now part of FICRA.

**Treasure's Report:** Hal Goodell

**BANK BALANCES:**

FICRA 11-01 Checkbook: Bal: **\$32,027.34** 11-30 Balance: **\$31,607.36**

Money Market 11-01 Balance: **\$18,608.84** 11-30 Balance: **\$18,610.37**

PayPal Balance: 11-01 **\$539.21** 11-30 Balance: **\$0**

Two families (new to the island) joined membership with interested in FICRA. \$21 in donations collected at Tree Lighting.

Current Membership: 344, and past due members 138 on list that are still residents/owners have not yet renewed .

**Committee Reports**

**Social Committee report:** Uwe (also see President report)

Casper Baby Pants concert last year was successful, and Uwe would like to see it go on again this year. A person is needed to chair this. Lisa Stapleton has put a notice of this need on web. Last year, Lisa Gray, from Little Foxes group got it started, with tickets @ \$6.

**Membership Committee:** Bob Bowser.

Hal continues to supply him with updated list of previous members not current, and he sends out emails. A discussion over need to THANK and remind persons of their membership status is suggested. Lisa will send a personal "Thank you" to paid members if she is given the contact information. Howard also states it is possible to have a link to website where members can check on their membership status, and update any of their personal information. When registered, new and renewed members can be sent a thank-you packet with information including their user name and password. Because Lisa has already 800+ email contacts via web and FB, Jean suggests she send in July a reminder email to this list to renew dues in Aug. Lisa is willing to do this if information is provided to her.

**Publicity:** Jim Braden reports Lisa Stapleton (with Howard) is "doing all the work" ... a tremendous job. Lisa suggests she has a few website redesign ideas. She has been publishing personal "comments" from users and it seems to be generating more positive comments. The "wish list" has been published for things that need to be done. Some of the stuff is not easy to find, but if listed in the front page, it may be more successful. Lisa wants to "thank a volunteer" once each month. Gisela to get a list of names to Lisa from recent activities to add to this.

**Unfinished Business:**

Jim states the need to have a planning/budget meeting with board members set soon. Thursday Dec 17th at 6 pm at Zogs was decided on for that.

**New Business:**

John Reese would like to see FICRA make a committee to help a "needy family" this time of year, as some companies like Boeing, etc do every year. Jim says that this can happen, and at any time of the year, and John agrees, but feels Christmas time is best or special. Lisa suggested "Adopt a Family." John to lead this effort.

Joan Broughton has birthday today, therefore "Happy Birthday" sang to her.

Men's Coffee has collected enough money to purchase equipment for the building to watch movies. Uwe to contact building committee to coordinate this possible installation, location and other details.

Motion approved to Adjourn at 9:20 PM.

**Next Meeting is January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2016.**

Respectfully submitted by Gina Olson, Director