

**FFCI Board Meeting Minutes**  
**Saturday November 12, 2022**  
**Zoom Online Meeting 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.**

**Present:** Alta and Jerry Byg (Co-Treasurers), Sedahlia Crase (President), Dennis Dake (Newsletter), Margaret Epplin (Secretary)

1. **Call to order:** President Crase called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

2. **Approval of Agenda**

Epplin **made a motion** to approve the Agenda, A Byg **seconded. Motion carried.**

3. **Approval of minutes** of September 28, 2022, Board meeting

A Byg **made a motion** to approve the minutes, J Byg **seconded. Motion carried.**

4. **Reports:** Rather than recitation of reports, this is a time to ask questions, comment, discuss.

a. **Treasurer** (Bygs, Co-Treasurers)

The Co-Treasurers emailed the following report to the Board on November 9:

There have been no transactions in the Journey account since September 28, 2022. Journey Account checkbook balance is \$250

There have been no transactions in the General account since September 28, 2022. The General checking account balance is \$5,483.75.

Roger Bertelsen has been asked to audit the financial records for FFCI for 2020-2022.

b. **Membership**

Members should be given the opportunity to pay their dues at the December 3 Holiday Party. Membership forms will be available. An email, with a membership form attached, should be sent to all members reminding them to pay dues for 2023.

c. **Communication**

**Historian:** Sedahlia is delivering the historical records to Diane Oppedal.

**Information Technology** (website): Epplin continues to maintain the website and post minutes and newsletters.

**Newsletter:** Dennis Dake published a very informative October/December newsletter. Thank you Dennis!

**Publicity:** Crase and all Board members should continue to take pictures at activities and send the pictures to Dennis Dake for the newsletter.

d. **Activities** (recent and upcoming ones)

i. Thank you to Corry and Roger Bertelsen and Charene Starcevic for the wonderful boat trip down the Iowa River on Monday, October 3. It was well attended with at least 33 members and some guests.

ii. Thank you to Marcia Thompson, Margaret Epplin and Ron Mowers, Ginny and Stu Huntington, Carole Magilton, and Cheryl Binzen who planned (twice) the lawn games and soup supper to have been at Marcia Thompson's home on October 18, but had to be cancelled (twice) for multiple reasons, including the weather, family emergencies, poor response, and possible activity burnout.

iii. The Annual Holiday Potluck Party and white elephant gift exchange will be at Village Co-op, 2525 Bobcat Drive, 11:00 a.m. to 2 p.m. Judy Mongin has made arrangements for the location and is organizing the event. The Board made the decision that it is OK to bring wine as a white elephant gift and will relay this information to Starcevic, who is also helping with the event.

## 5. Old Business

Cruse again reported that member sign-in to the FFI portal continues to be very low, not just here, but all over the Midwest region.

## 6. New Business

### a. 2023 Journeys

Cruse informed FFCI members that Western Montana FF Missoula has decided on September 12-18, 2023 for the FFCI Domestic Outbound journey there. Cruse is making contacts with the Kalispell FF about extending FFCI another week in the Flathead Valley area. Cruse is surveying FFCI for preferences information. FF of Western Montana requires 12 FF members for this Domestic journey.

**b. Audit committee:** Cruse has asked Roger Bertelsen to audit the FFCI financial records.

### c. Nomination Committee for 2023 Officers

Cruse has made calls asking FFCI members to serve as officers and especially needs members to agree to serve as President and Vice President. No one new has agreed to serve.

### d. Future plans, thoughts, possibilities (brainstorming)

This information was carried over from previous Board meetings about what FFCI can do to show its presence in the community. Some ideas are volunteer; purchase set up at Farmer's Market in late spring/summer; assist at Thursday evening events at Bandshell Park; have an FFCI team at the spring cleanup event (sponsored by *Ames Tribune*); serve meals at Food at First; participate in local senior fairs; write a guest opinion from the FFCI Board to *Ames Tribune* and *Des Moines Register* relating FF trips to world issues with brief description of FFI clubs in Ames and Iowa and their goals.

### e. Change date of Annual Meeting

Cruse would like the Board to vote on changing the Annual Meeting date in the ByLaws from October to November or December, effective in 2023. The current ByLaws read as follows:

#### **Article VIII Section 2. Annual Meeting**

The annual meeting of FFCI shall be held no later than October 15 each year at a time and place to be designated by the President. Notice of the time and place of this meeting must be sent to each member at least seven (7) days prior to the meeting date. Whenever elections are to be held, the list of nominations pursuant to Article VI (Nomination and Election of Officers and Directors) of these ByLaws shall be made part of this notice.

Epplin will report at the next Board meeting how the ByLaws can be changed.

## 7. Adjournment

This is the last scheduled 2022 Board meeting. Cruse thanked the Board for their service. If there is no nominee to serve as president in 2023, the FFCI Board and members need to discuss how to continue the club.

A Byg **made a motion** to adjourn, Dake **seconded. Motion carried.**

The Annual Holiday Potluck Party will be held on December 3 at 2525 Bobcat Dr, Ames.