

# MINUTES OF THE ASSEMBLY MEETING OF THE CA FOLKDANCE FEDERATION

February 4, 2006

Festival of the Oaks, Berkeley, CA

In attendance: Vick Vickland, President, Marion Earl, Vice-president, Ann Brown, Secretary, Louise Lidicker, Treasurer, Laila Messer, past president, Gary Anderson, Bill Lidicker, Mel Mann, Carol Braves, Edith Cuthbert, Irene Meginness, Bob Meginness, Al Wolterbeek, Teddy Wolterbeek, and Janet Bertram.

Meeting called to order at 12:25 pm. For most of the meeting, there was not a quorum. Towards the end of the meeting, people drifted in from the adjoining room as lunch ended, but a quorum was not officially declared.

Minutes of the previous Executive Board meeting at the International Folkdance Festival on January 14, 2006, were reviewed and revisions noted. **Bill Lidicker** moved to approve the minutes, and the motion was passed unanimously.

## Officer Reports

President Vick Vickland reported that the Sparkplug Committee has made some valuable suggestions for upcoming festivals and is continuing to communicate through e-mail. Joyce Clyde has created an ad for potential car poolers and roommates (to connect up for festivals and camps) that was posted in "Let's Dance!", and hopefully, will soon appear on the [www.folkdance.com](http://www.folkdance.com) website. Vick also assured us that his e-mail address will be printed in future issues of "Let's Dance!"

Vice president Marion Earl reported that the Statewide Festival planning is proceeding smoothly and that a registration form will soon be ready. Watch for an article on Salsa Rueda (one of the workshop choices) in the March "Let's Dance!" She is trying to work out a parking arrangement with the college, so that cars around our building will not be ticketed. They have also agreed to create a large color poster for the event.

Secretary Ann Brown drafted a letter to Max Horn regarding our decision to pay for the moving and storage of the Folkdance Federation archives from his barn to a storage facility.

Treasurer Louise Lidicker clarified that on the Treasurer's Report, under the column "Savings Accounts" that the amounts published are the value of the CDs when they last reached maturity – not their future value at the next maturity date. **Bill Lidicker moved to accept the Report** and all approved.

Editor Gary Anderson announced that the next "Let's Dance!" would be the biggest yet – 28 pages – mainly due to more ads and flyers.

Membership was reported by Laila Messer, on Sidney Messer's behalf. She reported 3 new members for a total of 405 members and 62 clubs. Although membership is up from last year, it is not enough to cover increasing

expenses of publishing “Let’s Dance!” Gary estimates that we would need 500 members, or an increase in membership fees by \$2.50 a year, to get the publication to the break even point.

The publication committee is seeking leadership. The current project is publishing dance descriptions online. Vick brings publications that may be purchased to all of the festivals.

Toba Goddard has agreed to chair the Finance committee, which is now functioning and consists of Bill Fleenor and Page Masson.

The By-laws Committee has been formed, consisting of Bill Lidicker, Craig Blackstone, and Laila Messer. They will start reviewing the by-laws this spring.

Laila Messer agreed to head up a nominating committee for recruiting new officer candidates. We are especially in need of a secretary. Vick will serve one more year as president, and will need a successor.

The Folk Dance Promotion Fund committee has created flyers announcing the fund and application form and procedures. These flyers are available at all Federation events, can be mailed to clubs and members, and are available through e-mail by contacting any committee member. They are: Gary Anderson, Marion Earl, Bill Lidicker, Bruce Mitchell, and Loui Tucker. There have been no applications yet.

**New Business:** Gary Anderson suggested a new booklet for clubs and individuals that want to see more dancing in their communities. There have been many fine articles in “Let’s Dance” about how to get new people into dancing, how to start a class, and other ideas. With the permission of the authors, these articles could be compiled into a booklet. Ann Brown added that the Country Dance and Song Society has printed up a booklet, “Family and Community Dances” that could be used as a reference or example. The Federation Assembly would need to approve the project. Vick offered to talk to Loui Tucker and Donna Frankel about their articles’ inclusion in a booklet, and to write up an announcement about the project. Laila Messer offered to compile articles on children’s and family dances. Gary Anderson expressed willingness to be involved.

#### **Announcements:**

March 3,4,5 features the Camellia Festival in Sacramento, with a fabulous line-up including Richard Powers, Yves Moreau, and the folk dance band, Chubritza. The Federation meeting will be held Sunday morning, March 5, at 11:30 in the University Union Building where the other events are taking place.

April 1 – the famous Balkan Plus Party at the Marin Masonic Lodge in San Rafael. 8:00 – 11:00 pm

April 23 – The Blossom International Folk Dance Festival at City College of San Francisco, 1:00 – 5:00.  
The Federation meeting will take place at 10:30 am.

May 19, 20, 21 – Dance your Way to San Jose Statewide Festival at West Valley College, Saratoga. Our stellar teachers include Cristian Florescu and Sonia Dion (Romanian), Samy Makar (salsa rueda), with the great dance band, Chubritza, playing for the evening parties.  
Federation meeting likely to be Sunday, May 21 at 10:30 am.

Ann Brown suggested that we all publicize these upcoming dances to our friends by using e-mail distribution lists and forwarding flyers, announcements, etc. The phone also works!

Bravo to the organizers and hosts of the Festival of the Oaks – the Berkeley Folk Dancers. Meeting adjourned at 1:00 pm.