



FOLK DANCE FEDERATION OF CALIFORNIA
Minutes of Board Meeting
January 11, 2014
Redwood City, California
Heritage Festival

Attendees: Loui Tucker, Sabine Zappe, Bill Lidicker, Lucy Chang, Craig Blackstone, Adony Beniares, Ken Kaye, Ken McGreevy, Laura Douglass, Hollis Radin, Marija Hillis, Susan Gregory, Denise Heenan

Absent: Gary Anderson, Memo Keswick (Vacation), Alicia La Fetra

Other members and Guests: Kevin Greek, Louise Lidicker, Robert Avery

I. Welcome and call for additions and changes to the agenda

Loui Tucker opened the meeting with a welcome to all and opened the floor to additions or changes to the agenda. Kevin Greek wants to discuss an event. Item to be added to end of agenda items

II. Reading and approval of minutes of last meeting - Ken McGreevy

The reading and approval of the minutes of the October 13th BOD teleconference meeting was deferred since they were not distributed online. Comments and corrections will be accepted by e-mail to Ken McGreevy.

III. Treasurer's Report - Sabine Zappe

Sabine explained that we are maintaining excess funds in checking over our normal operating balance. Sabine will maintain the excess in checking until after Statewide expenses are settled.

IV. Members Forum. An opportunity for all to ask questions, make suggestions and comment on Federation business.

Kevin Greek announced that the 2014 Festival of the Silk Road at the Mexican-American Heritage Center in San Jose is proposed for April 26th, a Saturday.

It was noted that this might conflict with the Blossom Festival which normally would be Sunday the 27th.

Kevin will be heavily involved in the organization of the Festival this year and is asking if someone would volunteer to stage a Flash Mob dance as he did for last year's Silk Road Festival.

Craig Blackstone commented that the venue for Blossom Festival is uncertain at this point due to the turmoil caused by City College of San Francisco's ongoing accreditation battle. As a result it is possible the Blossom Festival might have to shift venue and move to Saturday the 26th.

V. Committee Reports (please review Committee membership list in attachments) The order is arbitrary and will change at each meeting, depending on the importance of the items to be discussed.

Membership..... Marion Rose/Alicia La Fetra

Marion Rose is stepping down as Membership Chair. The Board approved a motion to recognize Marion Rose for her years of service and to welcome with full appreciation the willingness of Alicia LaFetra to take over this post.

Some typographical errors for some members listed as dropping membership are to be corrected. There is an error in which a Chang member is dropping and not the group. Also Marcel & Kathy Vinokur will remain as Family members, but their group is decommissioned. Moved by Loui Tucker, seconded by Laura Douglass. to approve new members. All ayes.

Insurance Ken Kaye

Our 1st claim as described in the (agenda distribution attached) Insurance report was discussed. Ken Kaye reviewed the details and the discussion turned to providing guidance to our groups so they can efficiently handle insurance claims. Ken Kaye will send a suggested policy to group/club leaders for how to handle insurance claims. Ken Kaye will also prepare and send a letter to at least the uncovered clubs to ensure that they are aware they are NOT automatically covered.

Institutes..... Denise Heenan

See Denise's report (attached to agenda distribution)

Promotion. .F.u.n.d. Marija Hillis/Lucy Chang

Clarification: Lucy acted as interim Promotions Chair (members: Bruce Mitchell, Memo Keswick, Gary Anderson.) for Sacramento International Folkdancers (SIFD) Event (see attached report)

Marija Hillis – Received request for Waldorf School San Francisco asking for \$800.00 for musicians for a community event with Eric Hoffman in February.

There was a brief discussion and this seen favorably by the majority.

However this will be evaluated and decided by the Promotions Committee

****Promotion Fund: Fund-Raising Project - Loui Tucker**

History: Funds were borrowed from the Promotion Fund to initiate the production and sale of Federation branded t-shirts and tote bags as a fund raiser. The money advanced has been earned back. Half of the tote bags remain/just 10 t-shirts remain.

****Statewide - Lenore Frigo**

The hotel is really really new and about a 10 minutes drive from our venue
It is **SO** new it's still shown as an empty lot on Google Street view
We can push this as a bargain Memorial Day weekend.
We need to promote this to NW (Oregon etc.) dancers and lobby Sacramento area dancers to attend.

Scholarship Connie Hull

We have to date received no applications – we need to stress that these are not limited to Stockton Camp

Archives Adony Beniares

Gertrude Khuner's collection may be donated to the Federation. The exact content is to be determined.

Laura Douglass has a collection of 78s from a member. She asked for advice on recording and preserving them. Suggestions from Ken McGreevy, Loui Tucker and others. It was suggested that she check the titles against the UOP Lawton Harris Library collection managed by Bruce Mitchell before proceeding.

Adony will schedule an Archives storage space review/clean up party for Fall 2014

Communications Adony Beniares

The Board unanimously approved the appointment of Hollis Radin to Chair of Communications. Hollis accepted. Hollis reported the Federation's Facebook site is underused despite attempts to promote it's use. Meetup.com is also useful as a place to post events; but we need to make it more active since more activity draws more interest.

Publicity. Susan Gregory

No report

Thanks were expressed by the Board to Susan for the timely delivery of tasty breakfast goodies. Much appreciated in our chilly meeting space.

***Let's Dance!* Editor. Gary Anderson**

Bill Lidicker noted that there were several mistakes in the construction / layout of the most recent Let's Dance. The consensus was that these are likely layout errors or possibly software defects or quirks. It was remarked that Gary had just recently switched to a new computer

Action: Loui will ask Gary to send proof copy to her and Bill L. for final review for future issues of *Let's Dance*.

An ad hoc discussion regarding dance notation began based on Erica's use of Israeli dance notation for the Heritage Festival syllabus and the possibility of supplying either videos (DVD) or including URLs to YouTube or other website videos. No action items.

Research Cricket Raybern
No Report

Ad Hoc Committee on Outreach to Education Community.. . . . Hollis Radin
No Report

Nominating Committee.....Craig Blackstone

Craig Blackstone reported that 3 of the 4 serving officers were willing to be nominated for another year; however Sabine stated that she is willing to serve again so we have 4 of 4 for the available offices.

Craig reports that the www.folkdance.com link to the By-Laws is broken.

Loui will investigate.

Loui asked Craig to provide the Nominees information in copy to Gary A. by February 1st for Let's Dance. The announcement should be clear that we are still open for nominations and that members can be nominated at the April BOD and General Membership Meeting.

VI. Other Issues, New and Old: Federation Music and Video library.

Can we share music? How should we do this?

What videos should be available on the Federation website. Can we use what we have? How should we share them?

Discussion:

Do we have the right to distribute music and videos on the Federation website?

For video: The consensus is Yes, but we should start with videos from Teachers who *have* already given their approval. The consensus is to proceed and ask permission from the living presenters if there is any question as to rights.

For music: Why do it at all? Some pointed out a number of websites already provide large selections of music. Uniqueness is one consideration. The convenience of going to the Federation website for music to accompany Federation dance descriptions is another. This discussion will be continued. No resolution was proposed.

VII. Location, Date, Time for next meeting

- a A poll was taken to determine if a Board Meeting at Festival of the Oaks in Berkeley – February 9th would be needed and have a quorum. It appeared a quorum was unlikely, but that a meeting of those in attendance would be convened

- b Next full BOD meeting tentatively 10 AM – Noon Sunday April 27th at Blossom Festival

VIII. Adjournment Time

12:02 PM