

Minutes of the Folk Dance Federation of California (North)
Board Meeting
Sunday, July 9, 2023, via Zoom Teleconference

In attendance:

Ulrike Narins (President)
Laura Richardson (Vice President)
Sabine Zappe (Treasurer)
Clem Dickey (Secretary)

Board members

Adony Beniares (Nominations)
Craig Blackstone (Parliamentarian)
Laura Douglass (Finance)
Kevin Greek (Archives)
Marija Hillis (Promotions)
Betsy Moore (Scholarships)
Lon Radin (Institutes)
Marcia Rosenblatt (Membership)

Statewide 2024 committee

Evan Chu
Rebecca Tsai

President Ulrike Narins called the meeting to order at 3:04 pm. A quorum was present.

- Minutes of the previous meeting

Minutes of the previous meeting, held on May 7, 2023, were provided in advance. Laura R moved to approve the minutes; Cricket seconded. The motion passed 11-0.

- Officers Ball

The Pleasanton Hall Veterans Hall is reserved for October 21, though we still may try to get the hall which Statewide will use. Sabine noted that the hall must be decided in order to finish the registration form. She recommended Pleasanton.

Lon is working with Denise Heenan to find teachers. Sabine will check with Loui tomorrow about the flier and registration; the registration form will be done this week. Kevin has a save-the-date entry on the website and will make an Eventbrite entry when the registration form is done.

Marija Hillis and Marian Snyder will again provide the dinner, and Bill Cope will provide dinnertime entertainment.

Adony will provide the sound equipment but will not be present.

- Mosaic Festival (Kevin)

The Federation participated last year. It will be held at the Mexican Heritage Plaza in San Jose 9/30-10/1.

Last year we got instructors to teach beginners, and folk dancers to help, in one room for two hours. Looking for instructors. Loui said she would do it, but she is recovering from a back injury. Live music and people helping with instruction in stage area would be nice. If that sounds good to Priya Das, we can ask Da Mozhem. Adony would love to help, but will be on the East Coast. Denise Heenan, Laura Douglass and Craig Blackstone also have conflicts. Da Mozhem also has people who can lead beginner dances; Adony noted that Sonne Lemke is a good teacher. If Da Mozhem cannot be scheduled we might ask Lon or Hollis Radin to teach. Teaching both days would be nice, but the Festival is looking for one to two hours. Any time on the stage would be shorter, perhaps 15 minutes? Kevin will talk to Priya about people being aware of indoor

classes. Red Thistle was on stage last year and had good audience participation.

- Treasurer (Sabine) – written reports for May and June included
- Membership (Marcia) – written report included

Craig moved to accept the report; Clem seconded. The motion passed 11-0.

- Finance (Laura D)

Officers and Committee chairs who have changes to their budget should inform Laura. She will start working on budget in October.

- Institutes (Lon, not present) - written report submitted
- Scholarships (Betsy)

We had awarded three more scholarships, for a total of nine. All are for Stockton Folk Dance Camp. The budget had been raised to \$5500 and we have \$1000 left. The Committee intends to improve the scholarship form and procedure. It is considering asking for \$5500 again next year.

- Parliamentarian (Craig)

Revised by-laws were again sent to the Board. There is no change in the revisions. Craig moved for a second approval. Betsy seconded. The Main changes are to increase the elected Officers terms to two years, to allow only one consecutive term for President and Vice President, to move the election to the fall, and to align the Officers terms with calendar year. The revisions were approved 12-0.

We should add the date of revision somewhere, perhaps as a footer. Clem is to do that.

- Research (Cricket)

The Research committee is ready for Stockton; the syllabus will go on the website tonight or tomorrow morning.

Fixes to the Stockton database (years taught are often wrong) are in progress. We hope to have it done within the year.

- Archives (Kevin)

Archives have collected three boxes of 78 rpm records and reel-to-reel tapes. Kevin is trying to construct a list. Some of the records seem to be custom-printed. Kevin will add the list to the website.

- Insurance (Michael Giusto, not present)

Sabine has paid the two invoices from the insurance company; all but two clubs have paid.

- Statewide 2024 (Rebecca and Evan)

The teachers are confirmed: Yannis Konstantinou (Greek) and Cesar Garfiaz (Salsa Rueda). Vic Ceder will call square dances. The committee has chosen the Newark Pavilion as the venue. It was the more expensive choice, but it is very nice. It has a larger hall and a working kitchen. Rebecca, Evan and Loui will meet to sign a check for the Pavilion. The hotel will be the Chase Suites Hotel in Newark.

- Other items

We need to hold a General Assembly meeting. Craig noted that the new bylaws allow an electronic meeting. Cricket: by law, required to have one. All board meetings are open to the public, but the General Assembly permits all members to speak and vote. Ulrike proposed that we hold the General Assembly at the next Board Meeting. We will not hold a Board meeting or General Assembly at Stockton because finding space and testing connectivity is difficult, and because we cannot provide the necessary one month's notice in time for Stockton.

Ulrike will schedule two more meetings this year, perhaps September, November. Sabine noted that there is typically nothing to encourage attendance and that people generally do not attend. Over the last ten years the only item of business has been elections. Ulrike proposed that committees give slightly longer reports.

We can provide one month's notice via email, and a General Assembly in September would also give us time to announce it in *Let's Dance!* In the future, a general Assembly around September could be timed to coincide with Officer nominations.

- Next meeting

The next meeting (and the General Assembly) will be held 3:30 pm Sunday, September 10, 2023 on Zoom at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82142239442?pwd=c3dEbHNDOFRQK1dGUmxYZEdQbmJTUT09> (Meeting ID: 821 4223 9442, Passcode: 147746). The later start (3:30 pm as opposed to 3:00 pm) will allow Rebecca to attend the entire meeting.

- Adjournment

On a motion by Adony, seconded by Marcia, the meeting adjourned at 4:15 pm.