

FOLK DANCE FEDERATION OF CALIFORNIA  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
SONOMA FESTIVAL  
SONOMA, CALIFORNIA  
September 9, 2007

The meeting was called to order at 11:30 am by President Bill Lidicker.

Directors present were: Gary Anderson, Elsa Bacher, Irene Croft, Eileen Kopec, Bill Lidicker, Louise Lidicker, Laila Messer, Sydney Messer, Loui Tucker, Vick Vickland, Bill Wenzel, and Teddy Wolterbeek. Guests present were: Marilyn Piazza, David Thomson, and Al Wolterbeek.

Elsa Bacher, Chair of the local committee, welcomed everyone to the Sonoma Festival.

Minutes of the April 29, 2007, Board and Assembly meeting were read. Elsa Bacher moved to approve the minutes. Seconded by Vick Vickland, passed.

REPORTS OF ELECTED OFFICERS:

PRESIDENT, Bill Lidicker – The Committee structure is coming together well. We still need a chairman for Archives Committee and a Parliamentarian. The Federation meeting for October is cancelled due to date conflict with N/S Seminar. Manuals listing standard operating procedures are needed for all officers and committee chairs.

VICE-PRESIDENT, Loui Tucker – No report.

SECRETARY, Teddy Wolterbeek – No report.

TREASURER, Irene Croft – Report on file.

REPORTS OF APPOINTED OFFICERS:

EDITOR, Gary Anderson – Gary expressed his appreciation for the contributions of all those who write for Let's Dance.

MEMBERSHIP, Sidney Messer – There are applications for 7 new Associate members. We now have 301 members, 95 group members, and 6 complimentary members.

Louise Lidicker moved to accept the 7 new members. Seconded by Laila Messer, passed.

## STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

**FINANCE**, Louise Lidicker – report given by Bill Lidicker. The draft budget did not happen in March, April, or May; therefore, Louise put it together, submitted it to both the old and new Boards, and the budget has been passed.

**INSTITUTE**, Judy Kropp – Not present. It was stated that the Federation will support the Fresno Institute. The Dance Poll at Stockton Folk Dance Camp has been compiled. Vick suggested that Judy write an article for Let's Dance giving the results and describing how they were achieved. Howard Scott is in charge of the N/S Teachers Seminar Committee. Bill L. will write to him (with copies to all committee members) requesting that for all future years an adjustment be made to alleviate the date conflict with the Fresno Harvest Festival.

**INSURANCE**, Elsa Bacher – Elsa announced new Insurance Committee additions: Margaret Harrison and Teeann Duncan. There are 1862 dancers now insured. Monies received for premiums to date total over \$9000. The Insurance Committee is self-supporting because of the administrative fee of \$5.00 per group per year added to the premium. One accident report was filed in May. The injury occurred in January but was not reported at that time because claimant hoped it would get better. There is a chance that the claim will not be approved because it was not reported when it first happened. Vick suggested that Elsa write a short article for Let's Dance noting the importance of prompt reporting of an accident.

**PROMOTION**, Ann Brown – Not present.

**NORTH-SOUTH**, Laila Messer – Work continues on the Past-President's pin for Vick. Price in 1996 was \$235, price in 2007 is \$290.

Elsa moved that Laila go ahead with purchase of the President's pin for Vick, with the Board to explore the cost and design of future pins. Seconded by Teddy, passed.

Laila and Irene O. will compile a manual defining the purpose and duties of the North/South Committee.

**PUBLICATIONS**, Joel Bruxvoort – Not present. There is now a committee of three for Publications: Joel is in charge of sales and the Federation website. Vick is in charge of hard-copy distribution, and Dick Rawson is in charge of dance write-ups.

**PUBLICITY**, Eileen Kopec – Reported that she will be contacting and working with Donna Frankel and several others.

**RESEARCH**, Bill Wenzel – There are now 15 members on Research Committee. More dance write-ups are needed.

SCHOLARSHIP, Mel Mann – Not present. Bill L suggested enlarging to a committee of 4, Esther and 2 others.

STATEWIDE, Vick Vickland – Will be held May 30, 31, June 1, 2008, in Placerville. Opening party Friday night will be a Miners' Ball. Steve and Susie Kotansky are available as teachers but not yet confirmed. Sunday will feature installation of both North and South Officers and other special events. Wine tasting cannot be held on location due to insurance concerns. Next Statewide Committee meeting will be held September 29, 3:15 pm, at Gypsy Camp North, Camp Sacramento.

REPORTS OF AD HOC COMMITTEES:

5013C, Dick Rawson – Not present.

SPARKPLUG COMMITTEE – Has been disbanded because its goals have subsumed by other committees.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

- a) Louise Lidicker moved that the Insurance Committee Chair be authorized to sign checks on the Insurance Account. Seconded, passed.
- b) Gary Anderson moved that the cost of out-of-country memberships to Let's Dance be increased to \$32.50 when the current membership envelopes expire. Seconded by Eileen, passed.
- c) Gary Anderson moved that Federation sponsored events be limited to 2 free pages per event per issue of Let's Dance magazine. Seconded by Vick, passed.
- d) Discussion was held regarding the Teachers Committee. Bruce Wyckoff has sent a history of the committee. It was agreed that the committee should not be disbanded; that it should be restructured. Further discussion was tabled.
- e) The issue of whether or not to produce a hard-copy roster was tabled due to time constraints.
- f) Questions on grant applications to the Promotion Committee were referred to the full page statement of applicant procedures in the September 2007 issue of Let's Dance. The original announcement of the fund was in the December 2005 issue, page 12. A promotional flyer was in the February 2006 issue, page 18.

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD ON JANUARY 12, 2008, AT THE HERITAGE FESTIVAL IN SAN CARLOS.

Respectfully submitted,

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