

Minutes of the Folk Dance Federation of California (North)
Board Meeting
Monday, April 13, 2020, via Zoom Teleconference

In attendance:

Joe Croco (President)
Marian Snyder (Vice President)
Laura Douglass (Treasurer)
Clem Dickey (Secretary)

Board members

Craig Blackstone (Nominations)
Michael Giusto (Insurance)
Kevin Greek (Past President)
Marija Hillis (Promotions)
Bill Lidicker (Parliamentarian)
Lon Radin (Institutes)
Cricket Raybern (Research)
Marcia Rosenblatt (Membership)
Marina Troost (Statewide 2020)
Loui Tucker (Editor)
Sabine Zappe (Scholarships)

Members

Louise Lidicker

President Joe Croco called the meeting to order at 3:08 pm. A quorum was present.

- Minutes of the previous meeting

Minutes of the previous meeting, held on March 14, 2020, were provided in advance. On a motion by Loui, seconded by Craig, the minutes were approved without dissent.

- 2020 Officers Ball

If Officers Ball is the first event following Shelter In Place, we may consider that when choosing a theme.

- 2020 Statewide – Marina

The consensus opinion was that we could not hold Statewide in May 2020. Marina recommended delaying it until 2021. Craig moved to postpone Statewide in Petaluma for one year; Clem seconded. The FDFC South had already held off commitments for Statewide 2021 against the possibility we would institute such a delay. The motion passed without dissent. Marina will try to secure the same teachers for 2021.

Marina will work with the teachers to recover money already paid for airline tickets. The recovery depends on airlines policies, and whether the flights are canceled.

- Election of Officers – Craig

Laura has withdrawn as candidate for Treasurer; Sabine has agreed to stand for Treasurer.

Laura proposed that the Election of Officers take place via Survey Monkey; Marija seconded. The motion passed without dissent.

Craig will compose a Google Groups post which will explain the need and mechanism of the online election, present the slate, solicit nominations, and specify key dates for the election. The post should be made on or before April 15, the deadline for nominations will be May 1, voting will open May 15 and will close May 22. The bylaws require that the slate of candidate be announced 30 days before the election, and specify that a quorum of members is 15, or 5% of membership, whichever is less.

- Financial help for clubs with canceled events

We have received two requests for help with canceled events, each for about \$900. One is from the Peninsula Folk Dance Council for Heritage Festival, including payments to Roo Lester, Bill Cope, the Belmont Center, and Brown Paper Tickets. The other is from Joyce Clyde for three Balkan workshops with Petur Iliev. However the Petur Iliev workshops were not sponsored by a club, and so appear to be outside the scope of the offer. We have received directed donations totaling \$150.

Joe made a motion, seconded by Laura, to give the Peninsula Council \$450.

As there is not a deadline for requests, we may receive more. And we may revisit the rest of the Peninsula Council request.

- Treasurer (Laura) – written report submitted

- Past President (Kevin)

Kevin has added online membership forms and payment to the website. A member can now enroll for automatic yearly payment, a new feature for our website.

- Finance (Laura, acting)

Laura noted that she needs to distribute the final 2020 budget.

- Institutes (Lon)

The next scheduled event is the Officers Ball. Requests for teachers are usually sent out after Stockton camp.

- Scholarships (Sabine)

We have two applicants for Stockton.

- Parliamentarian (Bill)

Bill has located two folders: one for by-laws and the other for Standard Operating Procedures. Both appear to be in order.

- Promotions (Marija)

National Dance Week and Bay Area Dance Week have been canceled. No funds have been used for BADW.

- Research (Cricket)

Tom Sha has left the Committee.

- Archives

Loui has been offered 1950s photographs of the Hardly Ables, a Marin County club. She will scan them.

- Insurance (Michael)

Questionnaires were sent to our 48 insured clubs in February; they were due back April 1. We have 48 insured clubs with a total of 1413 members. All clubs want to renew. We hope to get a renewal offer from the insurance agent in May so that we can send out certificates by July 1. Laura noted that some clubs may be late in payment due to lack of meetings, creating a budget shortfall. Loui noted that we might want to ask the insurer for a premium reduction due to lack of events.

- Membership (Marcia) – written report included

On a motion by Craig, seconded by Clem, the membership report was approved.

Loui noted that membership is dropping. Craig suggested that Federation ask a contact a person in each insured Folk Dance club for member names (but not contact information) and send those persons a list of club members who are not Federation members. Loui noted that we should ask for support of the endeavor, that you don't belong to MADD or Doctors without Borders for the newsletter.

- Next meeting

The next meeting will be held on Monday, June 1, 2020, via Zoom. Joe will host the meeting.

- Announcements

The San Francisco City College instructor who sponsors the Blossom Festival suggests moving it to September 6 or 13. Marian noted that September 13 would conflict with the Solano Stroll. Laura moved that the Federation sponsor the Blossom Festival whenever it is held. Cricket seconded. The motion passed without dissent.

- Adjournment

On a motion by Lon, seconded by Clem, the meeting adjourned at 5:11 pm.