

Minutes of the Folk Dance Federation of California (North)
Board Meeting
Sunday, June 6, 2021, via Zoom Teleconference

In attendance:

Marian Snyder (President)
Ulrike Narins (Vice President)
Sabine Zappe (Treasurer)
Clem Dickey (Secretary)

Board members

Craig Blackstone (Nominations)
Joe Croco (Past President)
Laura Douglass (Finance)
Michael Giusto (Insurance)
Kevin Greek (Archives)
Marija Hillis (Promotion)
Lon Radin (Institutes)
Cricket Raybern (Research)
Marcia Rosenblatt (Membership)
Marina Troost (Statewide 2022)
Loui Tucker (Editor)

President Marian Snyder called the meeting to order at 3:45 pm. A quorum was present.

- Minutes of the previous meeting

Minutes of the previous meeting, held on March 28, 2021, were provided in advance. On a motion by Lon, seconded by Ulrike, the minutes were approved 12-0.

- Officers Ball

Joe reported that the Hayward Veterans Hall may not decide on an opening date until August. Our reservation is for October 16. Anyone with a suggestion for teachers may email Lon. Joe and Laura have not taught recently, nor have Ulrike and Lothar Narins. Aaron Alpert is available. Laura noted that the Ukulele group slated to play Happy Together could play more songs, including Što me e milo and Pata Pata. Bill Cope should be offered an early trip through the food line so that he does not end up eating last.

- Rejoining North and South

Loui reported that Marcia received a communication from Ms. Carol Smith of Ojai. Carol suggested that the Northern and Southern Folk Dance Federations combine to form a statewide Federation. Loui noted that North and South are organized differently: North membership is primarily individuals, while clubs compose the South membership. The Board's consensus was to not pursue the issue, lacking a proposal directly from the Southern Federation. Loui will reply to Carol by email.

- President (Marian)

Bill and Louise Lidicker have moved from Berkeley to San Ramon to be near their son and daughter-in-law. Bill may not be able to participate in Board meetings. If that is the case, the Board will need to find a new Parliamentarian, or leave the position vacant. Laura and Craig noted that we could get by for some time with the position vacant.

- Treasurer (Sabine) – written report included

- Past President (Joe)

Joe will monitor the availability of the Hayward Veterans Memorial Hall for the Officers Ball.

- Membership (Marcia) – written report included

The new member promotion, offering a coupon to a Federation event, is due to expire in July. Craig moved to extend the promotion for one year. Clem seconded. The motion passed 15-0.

On a motion by Clem, seconded by Kevin, the membership report was accepted 15-0.

- Editor (Loui)

The final draft of the July *Let's Dance!* magazine has been sent to the proofreaders and to David Hillis for review. Membership is stable and the magazine is fun to put together.

- Statewide 2022 (Marina)

Contracts need to be updated and the web site updated for the 2022 dates.

- Research (Cricket)

Lots of beautiful dances have been introduced this year; there is much to write up.

- Archives (Kevin)

Suzanne Rocca-Butler has donated books and copies of *Viltis* magazine to the archives.

The web site is doing well. The May/June 1992 issue of *Let's Dance!* was frequently referenced; it contains research material on dance rhythms. Loui noted that Kevin should check with groups who have listed virtual dance sessions to ensure that our listings remain current. We now have online payment processing for *Let's Dance!* Ads.

- Insurance (Michael) – written report included

Club insurance forms are now available as PDF forms. Kevin will look into adding PayPal as an insurance payment option; Kevin and Michael will coordinate the fee schedule for that option.

- Nominations (Craig)

Craig reported that 80 ballots were cast in the Election of Officers. For President, Marian received 80 votes; for Vice President, Ulrike received 78 votes; for Secretary, Clem received 78 votes; and for Treasurer, Sabine received 78 votes.

- New items

Marina will send Kevin a list of items received from Bill Lidicker: DVDs, CDs, and VHS tapes. We may offer some to members in the September *Let's Dance!*, and suggest a donation in return.

- Next meeting

The next meeting will be held 3:30 pm Sunday, August 15, 2021. The meeting will be held on Zoom. Interim work via email will be required, as the Officers Ball announcement needs to run in the September *Let's Dance!*

- Adjournment

On a motion by Craig, seconded by Ulrike, the meeting adjourned at 5:11 pm.