

Minutes of the Folk Dance Federation of California (North)
Board Meeting
Sunday, May 7, 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)
Marian Snyder (Past President)
Loui Tucker (Editor)

Statewide 2024 committee

Evan Chu
Catherine Mao
Rebecca Tsai

President Ulrike Narins called the meeting to order at 3:03 pm. A quorum was present.

- Minutes of the previous meeting

Minutes of the previous meeting, held on March 19, 2023, were provided in advance. Craig moved to approve the minutes; Marian seconded. The motion passed 12-0.

- Officers Ball

Sabine and Loui have reserved the Pleasanton Hall for October 21. Sabine and Loui proposed a barn dance theme in recognition of harvest time. The term "Harvest Hoedown" was chosen. Marian Snyder and Marija Hillis will provide the food, Kevin the decorations. Sabine and Loui will handle flyers and registration. Loui has engaged Bill Cope to lead the sing-along.

Lon will arrange teachers; he has already talked to Denise Heenan. Lothar Narins is also interested in teaching. Possible theme (square) dances include Grand Square and The Windmill Quadrille.

Loui will put a save-the-date notice in the July-August *Let's Dance!*, the registration form with teachers (not necessarily dances) would go in the September and October *Let's Dance!* Deadline for dinner reservations will be Tuesday, October 17. The dinner price will be \$20, up from \$15 last year.

- Treasurer (Sabine) – written reports for March and April included

The Sacramento International Folk Dance and Arts Council (SIFDAC) has disbanded and has donated their remaining funds, about \$6500, to the Federation. Sabine recommends using the funds for Scholarships.

- Membership (Marcia) – written report included

Clem moved to accept the report; Lon seconded. The motion passed 14-0.

- Editor (Loui)

Let's Dance! is healthy, though losing money. Gigi Jensen has identified the choreographer of Chilili, who will be identified in the next issue.

- Statewide 2024 (Rebecca, Catherine and Evan)

The Statewide theme will be "Smile," in recognition of Fremont's status as the happiest city in America. Yannis Konstantinou (Greek) and Cesar Garfiaz (Salsa Rueda) have agreed to teach.

Evan presented a detailed draft schedule, including Square Dance and Salsa Rueda workshops. (We agreed that the inclusion of more couple-dance styles was reasonable.) Performances overlapped with dinner. (We agreed that dinner and performances should not overlap so that we may devote full attention to each.) Six local groups would emcee 30-minute sets Friday and Saturday evening. The band will also play six 30-minute sets. (Changs and BFD would like to emcee Saturday, as they have Friday classes.) Adony and Evan will coordinate with the local groups to avoid repetition, possibly through Google Sheets. Bill Cope will be part of the band and will likely organize the band. Sunday afternoon includes a Square Dance Hoedown which would also be on the Santa Clara Valley Square Dance Association calendar.

Evan has historical and proposed budget data in a spreadsheet, but does not have a committed price from any venue. The budget anticipates 28 hours of hall rental. Estimated hall prices range from \$2352 to \$7000.

In 2022 a contract ambiguity led to confusion over the Federation's right to sell video. Evan is aware of that and will work out the rights with the teachers.

A convention hotel has been identified with a room rate of \$120/night.

We agreed that a separate meeting dedicated to Statewide planning would be appropriate, especially for pricing and budget decisions.

- Scholarships (Betsy) – written report included

We have granted six applications: five for Stockton Folk Dance Camp and one for a national Ukrainian dance competition in Florida. All grants were \$500. We have \$1000 left. We could ask other festivals, e.g. Kolo Festival, to publicize the availability of scholarships, or post Scholarship information on the BBMDE bulletin board.

- Parliamentarian (Craig)

Craig has emailed a red-letter revision to the by-laws to make officers terms two years (they are currently one year) and to align terms with the calendar year (and with our fiscal year). Craig moved to approve the revisions, seconded by Laura D. The motion passed 11-0-1. (A second vote must be taken to adopt the revisions). We will need to schedule some sort of installation ceremony in December but that need not be part of the by-laws. All current officers have agreed to serve through the end of 2024.

- Website (Kevin)

We received an offer of records, Kevin replied that we are only interested in out-of-print records.

- Insurance (Michael, not present)

Sabine reported that all but three clubs have paid for the current cycle. Michael is also developing a spreadsheet of insured clubs and their average attendance. Clubs were polled as to whether the accident policy should be continued; the majority of clubs prefer to retain the accident policy.

- Nominations (Adony)

Each member was sent an email with a link to an Election of Officers ballot. About 30% of the members voted. There were zero "no" votes.

- Next meeting

The next meeting will be held 3:00 pm Sunday, July 9, 2023 on Zoom at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82142239442?pwd=c3dEbHNDOFRQK1dGUmxYZEdQbmJTUT09> (Meeting ID: 821 4223 9442, Passcode: 147746).

- Adjournment

On a motion by Craig, seconded by Marian, the meeting adjourned at 4:43 pm.