

Minutes of the Folk Dance Federation of California (North)  
Board Meeting  
Sunday, August 11, 2024, via Zoom Teleconference

In attendance:

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

Board members

Craig Blackstone (Parliamentarian)  
Kevin Greek (Archives, Website)  
Lon Radin (Institutes)  
Cricket Raybern (Research)  
Marcia Rosenblatt (Membership)  
Marian Snyder (Past President)  
Loui Tucker (Editor)

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

- Minutes of previous meetings

Minutes of the June 9 meeting were provided in advance. On a motion by Craig, seconded by Laura, the minutes were approved 11-0.

We forgot to call for a vote to approve the March minutes, which had not been distributed in time for approval at the July meeting.

- Officers Ball

The Ball is scheduled for November 17 at the Pleasanton Veterans Memorial Hall. Registration is open on the website. The credit card price includes 2% charge for fees.

Marian reported that Laura Richardson will help with the dinner, replacing Marija in that role. Sondra Reinmann will also help with food preparation.

- Vice President (Laura)

Lisa Michael has volunteered to replace Betsy Moore as Scholarship Chairperson if Betsy is elected Secretary.

- Treasurer (Sabine) – written report submitted for June and July

Statewide lost money due to an expensive venue.

- Editor (Loui)

Indexing back issues has been an education. A Letter to the Editor from the 1950s speculated that the controversy over introducing new “folk” dances started after the second dance was taught.

- Membership (Marcia) – written report included

On a motion by Clem, seconded by Craig, the membership report was accepted 11-0.

- Institutes (Lon)

Five teachers have been arranged for the Officers Ball: Lothar Narins (Rakkas), Aaron Alpert (Mehakot), Judy Krupp, Kamrin MacKnight, and Marija Hillis. We could still use teachers from the North Bay and Sacramento.

- Scholarship (Betsy Moore, absent)

Sabine suggested that we consider a fundraiser for scholarships. Stockton holds an auction. Sacramento used to hold a "Scholarship Ball," with dances "sponsored" by donations. Saratoga has held a night with free admission, directing all donations to their scholarship fund. Craig suggested that clubs could schedule a scholarship fundraiser in months with a fifth dance night.

- Nominations (Adony, not present)

We should give 30 days advance notice before sending out ballots for an election. If voting is in December, we must announce the election in November. September *Let's Dance!* is full, the announcement could go in October. The announcement could include a solicitation of nominations from the "floor" (Adony to determine the cutoff date). If voting is online, it should be coordinated between Adony and Kevin. SurveyMonkey limits votes by email address. For non-electronic votes we could put an announcement reading "If you would like a paper ballot, please contact Adony for a ballot by November 1." Craig will contact Adony to describe what we need for electronic voting.

On a motion by Craig, seconded by Laura R, electronic voting for the upcoming election was approved 11-0.

- Website (Kevin, written report submitted)

The Mosaic Festival not ready for scheduling yet. The festival is scheduled for October 6 at San Jose History Park.

Kevin is helping Loui index the old *Let's Dance!* issues online. They found some things to be fixed in the PDF files: missing pages, stuff cropped off, and removing stains and marks. It was discovered that the August 1956 issue was not published during a format switch from 8½ x 11 to a smaller size. See <https://folkdance.com/indexproj/home.php> to browse the indexing project.

- Insurance (Michael Giusto, not present)

Sabine reported that most clubs have paid; about four or five have not.

- Annual meeting

On a motion by Loui, seconded by Laura R, we will hold a short in-person Annual Meeting Sunday, November 17, 6:30 pm at the Officers Ball.

- Next meeting

The next meeting will be held at 3:00 pm Sunday, October 20, 2024 on Zoom at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82142239442?pwd=c3dEbHNDOFRQK1dGUmxYZEdQbmJTUT09> (Meeting ID: 821 4223 9442, Passcode: 147746).

- Adjournment

On a motion by Marcia, seconded by Clem, the meeting adjourned at 4:11 pm.