

Juneau International Folk Dancers
September 23, 2011
Minutes

President Bruce Botelho called the meeting to order at 1:10 p.m. following a lovely lunch.

The president presented the agenda which was approved by all present.

No minutes were presented.

The treasurer's report was read and approved. It was commented that the air fare for Lee Otterholt was run through the Juneau World Affairs Council because it was beneficial to them.

The first order of business was the disposition of the extensive costume collection which has been stored and unused for several years. Judy agreed to manage the affair as she is most familiar with the collection. It is hoped that some can be donated or sold to local theater groups; some can be donated or sold to other folk dance groups in the country; some can be taken to the dance camp in Stockton; and what is left may be sold at a costume sale, perhaps a year from now, just in time for seasonal costume parties.

A brief discussion of the Stockton dance camp followed with Bruce encouraging everyone to plan to go for a week next summer. The dates for the camp are July 22 to 28 and July 29 to August 4. The second week was preferred.

Second order of business was the Lee Otterholt Workshop which we are sponsoring November 4 to 6, 2011. Saturday night Lee will again teach at a Sons of Norway event. The schedule and fee structure will be the same as last year. Jeff will search out a location for the classes, hoping to find one with a springy wood floor (likely the Filipino Community Hall). Saturday noon Bruce will host a potluck lunch at his house. Sunday morning Jane will host brunch at her house. Bruce will arrange for Lee to be a "call in" guest on Jeff Brown's show. Jane will come up with a flyer/poster design. We will see about having a table at the White Nights event, October 29.

Next order of business was future workshops. Bruce suggested that we consider having as many as two workshops between December and June as things are slow around town dance wise. Bruce Hamilton is an experienced English Country instructor. While it may not be a huge draw it would be very attractive to those who are interested. It was thought that West Coast Swing would have wider appeal. Liv Froholm and Van Rauch from Anchorage may be available to teach. Jaap Leegwater has also expressed an interest in teaching in Juneau next Summer. We are skeptical of the turnout, but might be willing to do an arrangement that included only his roundtrip transportation between Seattle and Juneau.

To entice new dancers to join us is an eternal quest and the subject of the next order of

business. It was suggested we consider an afternoon workshop/dance following the idea of Loui Tucker to drop use of the word folk and substitute “new dancers” for “beginners”. We can all think on this to come up with a smashing idea.

The final order of business was the woeful state of our membership roll. It seems that we have exactly two paid up members. The goal was set that we have 25 members by the end of the year, (a modest number indeed). Jeff will work on getting together an email list and will ask us for help if need be. He will also arrange for the Google Checkout system including the hand held contraption so that people can pay by credit card on line and at events. It was also decided that the annual membership dues will be \$15.00 for those who pay on or before November 4, 2011. On November 5, and henceforth, the dues will increase to \$20.00.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:15.