

**Eugene Folklore Society
Annual Membership Meeting Minutes
05/16/20**

Convened at 6:10pm by Zoom due to Covid-19.

We introduced ourselves to each other.

Treasurer's Report:

Larry Hill provided the membership with a summary of our financial status, interest earnings on bank balances, professional and legal fees, camp expenses, dance expenses, scholarships, etc. There were no questions from members.

We have a lot of memberships, many of which are family memberships and the rest are individual. The new membership system of annual renewal has been well received.

Dance Coordinator's Report:

Bob Fraley reported that dances in general went well last year. He stated that he has a lot of ideas to help the dances flow more easily and is always working to attract more volunteers. We announced that dances are cancelled until further notice due to Covid-19.

President's report:

Kris Topaz reported that past minutes are available for review by members today if so desired.

Cheryl Hunter reported on the Cascade Contra camp:

The date has been moved to Oct. 2021 and this year's camp is cancelled due to Covid-19.

New business:

Election: Total ballots cast were 44.

Current Board members Kris Topaz, Larry Hill, Mary Grace Brogdon and Bob Fraley were re-elected to the Board. Ballots were counted by Cheryl Hunter. New nominees will be contacted by Larry Hill and who will report back to the Board.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:04pm

Submitted by Kris Topaz, current president

Eugene Folklore Society Board Minutes

6/14/2020

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Members Present: Kris Topaz, Bob Fraley, Larry Hill, Mary Grace Brogdon, Bekah Staten, James Gregg, Mark Cashion

We approved the minutes from last month's Board meeting and the annual membership meeting.

Larry Hill reported that he called the write-in nominees for the board, and that Bekah, Mark, and James as above agreed to serve on the Board.

The Board retreat was set for Sept. 13, 2020 at 6:00 via Zoom

We elected Board officers- James Gregg, as President, Mark Cashion as secretary, and Larry Hill as Treasurer.

We discussed the concept of Zoom social for all Contra members and decided to table that subject for now.

REPORT

President/ Kris:

Kris thanked the Board and stated that she has enjoyed serving as president the past few years.

Treasurer/Larry:

Larry reported on our finances verbally. All is in good order.

Dance Coordinator/ Website/ Bob:

We discussed cancelling dances. We discussed the coronavirus situation and decided that since we need at least 80 people to cover our costs, and logically we are presuming that most dancers will not dance until the virus status is safe, we decided to cancel the talent for November and December dances. We are going to wait until Sept. in order to decide about perhaps holding a dance with local talent.

Bob previewed the new website and we set a meeting for July 19 at 7 pm. to work on the site together.

Old Business:

Safe dancer policy needs to be followed up on to develop a full one.

Larry will try to get ahold of Jerry about access to our MailChimp list so that Jerry is not the only one who has access to it. We all discussed how to store and maintain our general operating procedures which are not secure documents and Bob will create a Google doc. Site to store them.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mark talked about dancing in the time of the Coronavirus.

Retreat agenda: Larry....how to manage membership status if we are not having dances. Bob....look at what is the purpose of EFS?

Parking Lot: (Items we may or may not have time/ motivation to deal with but want to remember)

How to retain new dancers.

Write up job descriptions and timelines for future reference.

Get more lighting to help people find the entrance.... anyone have ideas for next season?

We need someone to update and maintain the excel sheet that Mary started of who does what and where things are stored.

Board will investigate potential use of survey for feedback regarding dancer retention.

James moved and Bob seconded the motion to adjourn and all approved. Larry moved and Mark seconded and all approved today's minutes.

Adjourned: 8:55 pm.

Submitted: Kris Topaz, president