

## **03-07-21 Eugene Folklore Society Board Meeting Minutes**

**Both headings and action items are in bold.** Board motions and decisions are underlined. [Corrections with meaningful changes are in blue.](#)

Attending on Zoom were Kris Topaz (president), Bob Fraley, Larry Hill (treasurer), Mark Cashion ( secretary), Jacque Klas, Bekki Levien (contracted web developer) and David Erickson

We convened at 6:02pm.

Larry moved, Kris 2nded to approve the February meeting minutes, it passed.

### **Financial Report**

Larry reported the finances, lots of activity in January and February: \$811 quarterly interest income from the endowment, expenses for new and old websites, Mailchimp, Dropbox. Quicken now has free storage, to eliminate the Dropbox cost. Larry has filed taxes with IRS and Oregon. Morris spent \$450 on 10 sets of bells, drawing on the \$5000 gift from the fall. Balances are strong, but we have no membership revenue. Reports are posted on Google Drive.

Kris introduced David Erickson, who will be on the ballot for the upcoming election.

Jacque wrote a history of publicity for EFS, and explained the Facebook page, group, and their differences. It is posted on Google Drive.

Agenda items offered: Cascade Contras timing, election, website.

### **Safe dancer policy.**

Portland adapted theirs by permission from BACDS, **Kris will ask PCDC if we can adapt ours from theirs.**

### **Website**

Bekki joined at 6:15pm. She reviewed changes to the website and its current status. At the top the login is now a small icon next to the Facebook icons, and there is now a search field.

**We need the Ashland Group in the Contra links page.**

**Parking maps need to be added.**

**Put a link to the Safe Dancer Policy on the Contra page.**

**Terms of Use need to be written.**

**Mark will add Board meetings to the calendar.**

A Subscribe to Calendar option has been added.

**We need more photos in the Cascade Contras page, accordion items, etc.**

Bekki left at 6:41pm.

The May board meeting will be May 16th at 4-5pm. The Annual membership meeting will be 6pm-8pm. We will have a special board meeting on May 8th 6-8pm.

The Board election ballots must be in by the May 16th meeting, to count them and report results. We will also want the website to go live by the annual meeting, so the URL will need to be changed on the entire site, starting after the meeting on the 8th of May. It could take a week or so for Dreamhost to change it. Mark studied Opavote and it looks like a workable service for us, costing \$10.

For this year, we will stay with paper ballots, since we have a lot to do with launching the new website.

Kris moved and Jacque 2nded to use paper ballots for this year's election, it passed. 7pm  
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We agreed to invite Lloyd to be one of the website reviewers. **He can also consult with us about dancer retention, publicity, social media, and to not lose money.** Others to ask are William Watson, Roy Ward, Jane Engert, Jerry Pergamit and Mary Miller for an alpha review. Larry will send the membership list to Bob. **Mark will send the email addresses to Bob. Mark agreed to coordinate beta testing later.**

**Bob will select a small number of alpha reviewers and send them instructions on testing and responding.** Responses could be one-on-one voice conversations, emails to Bob, or a collection of comments submitted but not published to the website. A mix of all these will be best.

Other names mentioned are Robert Albano, Jerry Pergamit, Sally Jenkins, Bekah Staten, Ruth Ann Fraley, Christine Cormack, Nikki Frank, who may be included in the beta test.

Kris reported that Steve Downy sent an email to Kris and Larry **and perhaps others on the Board expressing his opinion that he thinks** Director term limits should be two years. He said **that, in his opinion,** younger dancers would be more likely to volunteer if there were term limits. But term limits don't apply since we have had openings on the board, and continue to have them. **We discussed a response and agreed that Kris will respond to him.** We always have nine positions that are open at each annual election.

## **Cascade Contras**

Concerns were expressed about when to decide to have the weekend. Cheryl Hunter of the Cascade Contra Committee, joined the meeting.

The Cascade Contras committee decided to not have CC camp in 2021, based on concerns with pandemic safety and the economics of lower attendance. **One discussion point was the question-** how safe is it even if everyone is vaccinated, with Covid variants. Cheryl attended a CDSS meeting where a virologist expressed concern. The same talent is tentatively scheduled for 2022.

## **Website**

Our charge for dances needs to be raised.

Jacque moved, Bob 2nded to raise the price to \$8-15 for members, \$10-15 for non-members, and \$1 off for students. It passed unanimously.

We discussed scholarship limit. Bob moved that we change the allowance for a scholarship from \$50 to \$100. Larry 2nded. With discussion, we decided to table the motion, and **Larry will study the subject and report**, since there is also an annual limit to consider.

Bob moved, Larry 2nded that we pay a \$300 bonus to Bekki [for developing our new website](#). It passed.

Added roles we need: membership coordinator, webmaster, volunteer coordinator. It's a topic for discussion next time, bring your ideas.

**Kris will ask Rich if he will prepare ballots** when we have candidates. Kris will email members for volunteers and announce the annual membership meeting on May 16th at 6pm.

Our deadline for the website is now not a hard one on June 1st since Cascade Contrasts is postponed to 2022.

Kris adjourned the meeting at 8pm.

Submitted by Mark Cashion on March 8th.