

Corvallis Folklore Society

Minutes of Board Meeting on April 10, 2022

BOARD CONVENED at 3pm via Zoom, Jason hosting

PARTICIPANTS: Jason Schindler, Van Fister, Anne Smith, Chere Pereira, Dick Thies, Linda Herlihy, Kurt Smith, Bill Hayden, Shell Stowell. Absent: Bill Pfender

MINUTES: Preliminary notes from meeting on 2-27-2022 were reviewed & accepted.

Final draft of minutes will be completed & submitted for final approval and archiving.

REPORTS:

- TREASURER: Van
 - CDSS insurance paid;
 - ASCAP: working on it; payment seems high for no activity in 2021
 - Reconciliation of MemberPlanet account with Bank Statements. Van found that membership dues paid through MP have NOT been being deposited to Citizen's bank (since Feb 2022). CFS had 140 members as of June 22, 2021. A continual stream of renewals was happening, but not many recently.
ACTION: Van with contact Bill to figure it out
 - Balance of funds in bank: ~60 K
- MEMBERSHIP: Linda
 - 155 members paid up as of Apr 1st;
 - Most renew online; since Jan, 2022, 41 members renewed online; 5 by check
 - Note 79 lapses since Jan of 2020. Reflect impact of pandemic, normal attrition and the fact that in-person payments have been impossible (for people used to paying/renewing that way).
 - Updates and reminders from MP are helpful;
 - Q: when to lapse membership? allow re-up after COVID?
- NEWSLETTER: Dick & Linda
 - Some community organizations receive complimentary Newsletter subscriptions, sent out via the MemberPlanet database. These are not actual "memberships" but appear in the data base as a means of sending these orgs a link to the Newsletter.
 - Newspapers (GT & DH), Corvallis Arts center, Larry Edgar, Corvallis Parks & Rec., Troubadour & more. Who else should receive the newsletter link?
 - Suggestions: Music Dept., Imagine Coffee, Bullfrog Music, Fingerboard Extension.
 - Note: sending a link does not ensure the newsletter will be printed out and posted publicly.
 - Public Library work-around: sec'y hand delivered new issues for free distribution and personally posted one on the Community Bulletin Board. Back issues were archived with community pubs.
 - Contra group needs to update information in Newsletter re: resuming dance events
- CONCERTS: Chere
 - John McCutcheon report
 - Whiteside concert series? Cedar house concerts? Dick needs to be sent information.
- CONTRA DANCE:
 - Shell's presented dance report; Contact tracking; No known infections. (See Covid policy below)
 - Dances Scheduled: \$12 - \$20 sliding scale
 - April 30th: Penk, Pinney & Lindsay; Eric Curl calling.
 - May 21st: "The Overtones" (new band), Shari Ame (fiddle), Bo Leyden (mandolin & Irish flute) Evelyn Idzerda (keyboard); Shell calling.
 - June 18th: pending
- BEST CELLAR: Mark
 - June 3 - Beatle Fest. Proceeds to Ukraine, Sister City fund. Venue is FUMC sanctuary
- SONG CIRCLE/ LOCAL FOLK: Kurt
 - Song Circle: working well through Zoom. 2nd & 4th Sundays at 6pm.
Text/Email Kurt to sign up
 - Local Folk: Kurt needs to communicate with Arts Center folks

OLD BUSINESS

- Member Planet - can autopay be set up? Van
- Music at Corvallis Saturday Farmers Market (CAFM) Kurt still working on this?

NEW BUSINESS

- BOARD positions, changes, upcoming election at annual meeting
 - Van has assumed treasurer duties, with Bill in supporting role
 - VP position open?
 - Linda has assumed Membership coordination, with Van in supporting role
 - Anne wants to step down as Secretary, but continue in supporting role
 - Shell could do, but prefers to recruit new board member(s) into board positions
 - Could advertise in Newsletter; By-laws describe officer duties
- WORKSHOPS
 - Corvallis needs more opportunities for teaching/learning to play
 - Model: 5-workshops/ multiple teachers
 - Goal: to get beginners to a level of minimal proficiency
 - Discussion: Suggestions for how to do, get instructors
 - Get backing from CFS
 - Brainstorm possible plans
 - Each series could focus on one instrument: mandolin, fiddle, guitar, banjo, vocals, etc.
 - Resources: Robin Silver, Evelyn Idzerda, Tim Crosby, Shari Ame, Bo Leyden
Music shops, Troubadour, music jam circles
 - Interested folks should work on a proposal to bring to the board

COVID-19 POLICY development. Discussion continued from 2/27/2022.

- The “trial” contra dance on 3/19/2022, following its Covid policy-in-process was successful. The written policy for contra dances was completed by the Contra Committee & sent in advance of this board meeting. The board approved it by general consensus. (See addendum for complete policy statement).
- Hooleyeh Covid policy will be developed following precautions required by UUFC, as well as specific requirements for masking, proof of vaccination, distancing, line formation, etc.
- With board input, Jason drafted a general Covid policy to govern all CFS sponsored events and activities:

“For in-person CFS sponsored/run events, each activity group should provide an event policy for their current ongoing events (and when changed), which must be approved by the CFS board (votes via email or special/regular meetings).

Policies must follow current (as of event dates) federal, state, and local mandates and venue requirements.

Policies should include examples of other event groups and successful practices and policies for extra mitigation efforts to inform the board’s decision.

- Proposals go to the board, after subcommittee discussion, hashing out of policy and final revisions referred to the board for final approval.

Contra policy is included in the minutes, for safe keeping.

NEXT MEETING: Sunday June 12th, 2022 at 3 pm on Zoom

Submitted by

Anne J Smith, CFS Secretary

[Notes taken by Jason Schindler, CFS President &
Anne J Smith, CFS Secretary]

Addendum:

CFS Complimentary Memberships as of April 2022

1. Albany Democrat Herald
2. Corvallis Gazette Times
3. Corvallis Arts Center
4. Corvallis Parks and Recreation
5. Corvallis Tourism
6. Benton Co. Historical Museum
7. UO Center for Student Involvement
8. Ashland Folk Music club Grass Roots Bookstore
9. Cliff and Chere Pereira
10. Greg Beilstein
11. Larry Edgar

Propose to Add?

1. Music Dept.,
2. Imagine Coffee
3. Bullfrog Music
4. Fingerboard Extension.
5. Eugene Folklore Society
6. Corvallis Art Museum