

**Corvallis Folklore Society**  
**Minutes of Board Meeting on March 4, 2023**

**BOARD CONVENED** at 2pm via Jitsi with CFS President hosting

**PARTICIPANTS:** Board Members: Jason Schindler, Van Fister, Anne Smith, Chere Pereira, Dick Thies, Bill Hayden, Shell Stowell, Bill Pfender, Denis White.  
Best Cellar representative: Mark Weiss

**MINUTES:** See information on Jason's Google doc agenda. Note: Final drafts of approved minutes are on CFS web site: [corvallisfolklore.org](http://corvallisfolklore.org).  
Click on "Board Meetings" bullet at the bottom of the web page.

**AGENDA:** on Goggle Docs. Jason directed each board member to save a copy of the agenda to their own device for taking notes. Jason's own notes will be available on Google Docs.

**BOARD ISSUES:**

Vacancies

Co-President or President Trainee (Vice President) still needed

Volunteer Data Base creation: Anne announced CDSS webinar next Tues

Webmaster: trainee needed. In the interim Jason can manage CFS website in Wordpress

**ACTIONS:** Van- contact Frank for his list of webmaster duties

Dave Rabinowitz has skills & may offer advice (he will NOT be webmaster, though)

Bill H follow-up with Jason about WordPress

Regular Meetings of the Board:

Monthly meeting schedule discussed: In person or online? Regular day of the month?

Bill H proposed having a set meeting date/time every month.

Shell proposed 3rd Saturdays.

Van suggested a "WhenIsGood" poll.

Bill H set-up poll with Jason after final exams are over

Jason suggested tabling this issue.

**NEXT MEETING**

Jason will send poll about next board meetings as well as annual member meeting in May.

**REPORTS**

**TREASURER:** Van

Snapshot summary from July 1, 2022 to March 4, 2023

Total Income = \$26,344      Total Expense = \$25,141. Net Income = \$1,2320

Total Current Assets = \$64,746    Money Market Savings = \$2,001    Checking = \$60,185

Corvallis Celtic Festival will appear on future balance sheets as "CeltFest".

Outdated placeholders will be removed.

**MEMBERSHIP:** Linda reported that membership numbers are stable.

134 current members, plus 12 complementary members (peer organizations or community groups). Several more are pending processing. Numbers joining or renewing since Dec 2022= 39. Lapsed members need follow-up reminders.

Discussion:

Linda noted that MP errors on CFS deposits continue

Jason: need to increase membership.

Concept of member management connected to Web management

Need a mail list that can be accessed for multiple purposes

Suggest upgrade away from MemberPlanet to a platform handling mail list functions

Portland Folklore Society uses "Access"

CFS could contract for setting up new web services

**ACTIONS:** Linda offered to do a spreadsheet.

Jason, Anne & Shell interested in exploring alternatives

CONCERTS: Chere

May 17: Tony McManus at Dizzy Hen. Guitar Workshop- contact Van  
Whiteside will offer discount to CFS members. Code will be published in CFS Newsletter.  
Offer CFS discount to folks signing up on the spot at concerts.  
(Jason previously offered to create a QR code for this purpose)  
Need more concert producers. Solicit via Newsletter, Best Cellar & all concert events  
Chere discussed possibility of "block booking" with PFS? Jen Waters is WS contact  
July 21-23: Corvallis Celtic Festival: variety of bands, concerts, music jams.

BEST CELLAR: Mark

Next Best Cellar: March 31st. 50th anniversary in June! Reg attendance= 40-70 pp  
Considering doing concerts through summer, i.e. adding July and August shows.  
Would like to return to the Martha Room - better sound and more intimate setting  
Suggests reviewing Covid policy, esp. the need for Vax checks.  
Mixed response from board members: Dick, Anne keep mask & vax requirements  
Chere - keep Vax checks; drop mask mandated at concerts  
Shell - following Portland's lead; good for dance communities to match policies  
keep mask requirement at dances  
ACTION: Mark will submit a revised Covid policy for Best Cellar for board approval.

SONG CIRCLE: Dick

On-line only participation. Kurt reports success, with range of 6 to 15 peeps.  
International appeal continues!

CORVALLIS CELTIC FESTIVAL: Van update

Donations coming in, some expenses for promotional materials  
ASCAP - Van contacted them; no concerns for this event  
City decided Central Park can be used only on Saturday  
Park to be main focus of festival, with activities at auxiliary sites  
Portland band secured: Biddy on the Bench  
Planning to hold fundraisers on Friday night

ACTION: Van to forward festival timeline and updated budget to the board

HOOLYEH: Denis

Folk dancing continues remotely  
Negotiating with UCC to begin in-person dancing in April  
Annual Hoolyeh celebration is happening, but no details yet

CONTRA DANCE: Shell

Corvallis Contra Weekend report:  
Good attendance (~20 from cap of 21 pp).  
Covid: 3 post CCW report of positive tests  
One issue of unwanted physical contact.  
"Consent" policy is being developed to address issues: communication, instant  
bans, refunds, mediation, insurance.  
Regular Contra Dance: One positive Covid case; no report of spread.  
Shell requested CFS pay bands more.  
ACTION: Shell consult with contra committee & submit a proposal to board

OLD BUSINESS, Tabled & Recurring Themes

COVID-19: Changes to policies:

Language of CFS general Covid policy permits revisions per Activity Group

Continue to monitor what other folklore, dance groups are doing (e.g. PCDC)

#### Volunteer Coordination:

Suggestion to export tag list from MemberPlanet and send some emails out

#### Community Engagement

CFS & sustainability issues:

CFS is now partnered with SC (thanks Bill H.); CFS should have a table at the next Sustainability Fair

Can attend Sustainability Coalition meetings on Zoom:

<https://sustainablecorvallis.org>

Add our ideas to SC publications. Coalition members can include a report of accomplishments on Sustainability web page e.g.

discounts at CFS events for doing green actions, e.g. ride bike to events

Support Community Radio

Jason will write and record a public service announcement about CFS for broadcast on KORC

Support live music at the Corvallis-Albany Farmers Markets (Start up in April)

Petition language drafted on Feb 2, 2022. Bill will keep pursuing - put pressure on CAFM managers Holly S. & Rebecca Landis to make a decision

Music / Bluegrass Workshop (Bill H; Mark?)

Talk with Mark and Bill H.

#### Promoting CFS

CFS table at Corvallis Saturday Farmers Market (Bill H., Van)

Instagram posts ( [IG reactivated](#)), Twitter account, ( [twitter account](#)),

[Facebook](#) (CFS) and [Dance](#) (Contra Dance)

Other ideas: Swag? Design competition?

Options for [RedBubble](#) - a print-on-demand service for creating graphic art

Learn about CANVA - flashy flyer creation (CFS has account)

New Membership Flyer – Van

QR code and GD posting - Jason

Sharing with other groups: talk to PCDC – Jason

#### Membership Management System & migration

See Addendum)

Adjourned: 5:03 pm

Notes taken by Jason, Bill H. Anne

Summarized & submitted by

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