

Corvallis Folklore Society
Minutes of Board Meeting on August 26, 2023

BOARD CONVENED at 12:00pm via Jitsi with Jason, CFS President, hosting
PARTICIPATING: Board Members: Jason Schindler, Shell Stowell, Denis White, Van Fister,
Dick Thies, Linda Herlihy. Quorum was met with 6 out of 12 directors present.
CFS Member: Dave Rabinowitz

MINUTES: from last meeting on 6/3/2023 are posted on corvallisfolklore.org

AGENDA: Changes & Additions

Continuing resolution: Work to simplify agenda & streamline minutes-taking
(Jason, Anne, Shell). Find secretary trainee for secretarial duties

MEMBERSHIP

As of 8/1/2023: Current paid-up members = 133 (cf. 130 members in June)

Total lapsed= 217: 1 year= 31; 2 years =20; > 2 years = 166.

- She plans to implement the board approved plan to delete members lapsed >2 yrs.

Member Planet issues continue: Cannot get any tech help on phone.

- MP's transfers to Citizen's bank continue to be delayed, making it difficult to match dollar amounts transferred with member activity on the website.
- Linda requested access to Citizen's Bank online to monitor if/when money transfers occur
- Linda continues to download membership data once a month

Resolved: research other member management systems

- Subcommittee interest: Jason, Anne, Shell, Dave R, Frank when needed. See summary discussion points in this [document](#)

BEST CELLAR

- July 28th: BC moved back to original home in the FUMC cellar and featured
 - 7:30 Ben Woodman and Dave Chiller
 - 8:30 Singchronicity Jennie Wells-Whitney with Laurie and Randy Davison.
- Aug 25th: 2 singer songwriters: 7:30 Mark Lynch; 8:30 Wila Frank
- This month: Sept 29th:
 - 7:30 Mike & Carleen McCornack
 - 8:30 Nicasio Ralph

TREASURER REPORTS

CORVALLIS FOLKLORE: Report for period of July 1, 2023 to August 25, 2023
[Report](#) (8/25/23)

Snapshot summary:

- Total Income = \$10,175 -Total Expense = \$10,915. -Net Income = \$(740)
- Total Current Assets = \$66,173. Money Market Savings = \$2,003. Checking = \$64,170.

CORVALLIS CELTIC FESTIVAL [Treasurer report for CCF](#)

Festival Financial Report:

Festival Income= \$12, 543. Expenses= \$9,543. Post Festival Concert = \$996.

Income was ~\$3000 more than expenses. The commemorative CCF buttons were helpful in soliciting donations. Donations from local businesses, individuals, including ~\$1000 from out-of-town donors, helped assure CCF's financial success.

Motion was made to approve a 2nd annual Celtic festival for next summer.

APPROVED

Motion to allow CCF to keep proceeds from the promotional concert to serve as start-up funds for next year's festival planning

APPROVED pending consideration of duration, scope, unique status per CFS group policy, obligation to pay its share of CFS overhead & use of CFS funds to promote.

CFS-CCF board liaison: Stacy Henle will join the board to work on CCF-Concert promotion.

HOOLYEHS: Denis

- Had very successful summer series May-Aug, 2023
- Proceeds outweighed expenses.
- All dances were mask optional. Masks were available but no one chose to use one.

CONTRA DANCE Covid Policy. (Shell & Jason)

Shell updated info on policy developments in other dance groups

- Eugene: In May Eugene lifted both vaccine & mask requirements. May also have
 - stopped collecting information for contact tracing.
- Portland: PCDC made masks optional for July & Aug dances. Only one dancer
 - tested positive the week after the dance. On Sept 5th vaccines will also be
 - optional. Portland continues to report exposures based on dancers' self-report
- Seattle: Lake City dance still requires masks and vaccine booster.
- Discussion:
 - Masking: Is most effective protection in group settings, but if we discontinue masks,
 - is there need to check vax status
 - Vaccines: protect individuals but may not reduce spread so much anymore.
 - Survey: Important to consider what the community wants, but difficult to capture in a survey.
 - Follow guidelines used by other dance groups: does make sense.
 - Small groups with limited volunteers can't collect data & follow-up as well as large
 - groups with more volunteers.
 - Enforcement is easier if policies are consistent among communities
 - Transparency:
 - Must make it clear to attendees/community that easing mask & vax requirements may change in response to policy changes at the venue, public health policy and other dance communities' policies. CFS Board approval will NOT be required to reinstate precautions
 - Waivers: no longer required by venue, so dancers need only to sign a one-time CFS waiver.
 - CFS will keep a list of those who signed - so can just check-off.
 - Contact tracing: Portland is still doing. Corvallis can use dancer contact list to notify.

Discussion:

- Dave asked about blowback from vax card checking. Shel got a few emails re: excluding people who are unvaccinated due to health conditions
- Dick Thies drew attention to NY Times article about the changing Covid situation (See addendum)
 - New strains reduce efficacy of previous shots.
 - We should be wary of assessing risk using old past data.
 - Re: risk of an upsurge, CFS should be ready to reinstate masking.

AGREED: Contra Committee will set Covid policy consistent with other dance communities.

Dances on 9/16, 10/2 (special Mon. dance), & 10/7 will be **mask optional**

10/21 cancelled due to issues with venue & sound tech.

Also **lift vax requirement** and reassess in mid-October

CONTRA DANCE

Discussion: Increasing pay scale for band, caller and sound

- Current Corvallis contra payment procedure is linked [here](#).
- Comments from EFS treasurer are linked [here](#).
 - Example: EFS talent payment calculations are linked [here](#).
- Corvallis currently pays \$15-30 lower base, and inconsistent travel reimbursement.
- Proposal: Match the talent & travel pay policy of EFS. Increase reserves in the cash box to meet payment required for 4-person band & caller. Include travel pay for Portland for fair compensation & consistent travel stipend.
 - Approx. \$385: \$90 per band/caller, cap of \$360 for the band's base pay
 - Zones for pay and location for travel with higher match guarantee
 - Pay traveling/touring bands based on travel from previous gig.

- Prioritize local bands and limit distance for travel pay to Seattle

MOTION: approve described changes to Contra Dance pay scale for hired personnel

VOTE: APPROVED

NOTE: Contra group expects to use existing CFS funds to cover costs until contra dance is back up to pre-pandemic levels.

PURCHASE REQUEST:

- Contra group requested \$500 to purchase fans & filters for dance
- One of the existing box fans is missing; a search will be made
- Cost for 24" box fan from amazon ~\$130
- Potential donation to the church with our name on them for use

VOTE: APPROVED

LOOKING AHEAD

- Planning for CFS 50th Anniversary
- Review Contra Dance Policy in October

MEETING ADJOURNED at 1:45pm

Sources of meeting notes:

Jason's on-line notes in Google Doc

ZOOM transcription

Attachments:

Written reports submitted by Treasurer, Membership,
Contra Dance Policy proposal by Contra Committee rep
Published Covid reports

Summarized & submitted by

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