

**Tre Lag Stevne Steering Committee**  
**So. St. Paul Hotel and Convention Center, So. St. Paul, MN**  
**May 3, 2009**

The Tre Lag Stevne Steering Committee met on Sunday, May 3, 2009, at 11 a.m. in the Wakota Room of the So. St. Paul Hotel and Convention Center.

Present: Joy Shong, Dixie Hansen, Nord Hedemark og Hedmarken Lag; Jim Olson, Marilyn Sorensen, Richard Lundgren, Jan Floeter, Betty Strand, Gudbrandsdalslag; Robert Fossum, Barry Dahl, Trønderlag; Les Floeter, observer.

President Joy Shong called the meeting to order at 11 a.m. Jim Olson volunteered to act as secretary pro tem until he had to leave at 3 p.m.

MSC to approve the secretary's minutes of the March 14, 2009, Tre Lag Stevne Coordinating Committee.

The Treasurer's report showing a bank balance of \$2,144.57 as noted in the agenda was accepted as printed.

#### SCHEDULE AND SPEAKERS

The schedule and list of proposed speakers for the 2009 stevne that Joy had prepared were reviewed. Several changes were made and additional speakers were plugged into the schedule. The program was built and reviewed by consensus and the program schedule will be published again after this meeting for final review by the committee.

1. The Gudbrandsdalslag Genealogy Lab on Friday was changed from the Wikota Room to the South Kaposia room so that it does not have to be moved two times.
2. It was suggested that the stevne speaker fees should be reviewed next fall by the committee.
3. Scott Wolter will be contacted as a speaker at the stevne, although not everyone was in favor of having him return again to speak.
4. The Nordic Star Dancers are available for a demonstration at the Saturday luncheon for \$200. The Peggy Larson program on Herding Calls will be used as the program for the banquet.
5. The Viking Club will establish an encampment (patio area by bar) for \$200. This would be the year to utilize such a program.
6. Trønderlag will have a sales table in an area provided by Barry Dahl in the genealogy lab.

7. Tom Hanson has been confirmed as a speaker and will make a Keynote presentation on the changing role of Norway in the World.
8. Dick Lundgren reported that he has had contact with a Minnesota Supreme Court justice who will speak on behalf of the MN Supreme Court Historical Society. Most Minnesota justices have been Norwegian-American!
9. Other speakers: Marilyn Sorensen will introduce a DVD on Borghild Dahl; John Christenson has been confirmed. Rollie Krogstad should be asked to speak on writing community history. Virginia Wegenast will do a seminar on organizing genealogical materials. Byron Nordstrom, a friend of Odd Lovoll, will speak on Norwegian Mount Rushmore and should be scheduled around the time when Lovoll is speaking. Dixie Hansen will investigate whether DNA testing kits can be sold at the stevne.
10. Joy will contact committee members about confirmed speakers by the third week of May.

#### TOURS

Tours were discussed. Options are a picture taking session at Minnehaha Park, Luther Seminary Muskego Church, and Mill City Museum. There are limitations of some venues because of our anticipated size. The committee discussed whether it was desirable to do two tours or one, and concluded we can not do it all in one tour and we decided that this year we should emphasize genealogy lab on Wednesday and have only one tour. The committee decided that we should only have tour on Thursday and have a group photo taken at Minnehaha Park and visit the Mill City Museum with a meal there. We established a 4:15 departure (genealogy lab will close at 4 p.m.)

#### BANQUET AND LUNCHEON MEALS

Food choices for the banquet Friday evening were discussed. It was the consensus that we should have two choices with people indicating their choice at registration. Salmon and pork were our choices. Joy will choose the sides. We should get lefse (to be served on the tables) with the vendor yet to be selected (Jan Floeter passed around Blair lefse samples!) Ice cream with chocolate sauce on the side was chosen for desert.

A sandwich board was discussed for the Saturday luncheon menu. Question if beverage was included in the quote or extra? We discussed utilizing the Tre Lag Musicians before and during the meal.

#### JANTELOVEN

The topic of Janteloven was brought up and it was determined more research is needed on how to present the topic.

#### VENDORS

There only will be three vendors at the stevne in addition to two book vendors. No one knew who the three were. Marilyn Sorensen announced the possibility of a Kransekakke

demonstrator. The hallway outside the restrooms was considered a possible space for addition vendors.

#### GENEALOGY LAB

Sorensen distributed copies of the proposed layout for the genealogy lab. The hotel's round tables are so large that the number of those tables had to be reduced to fit in the lab.

#### HOSPITALITY ROOM

The Hospitality room will be in the convention sale manager office. On Thursday the Hedmarken lag will supply a volunteer to work with Joan Skalbeck and the Trønderlag will also find a person for Friday.

#### PUBLICITY

Nancy Hawkinson had reported to Joy that she is planning to distribute a news release to various media in the area and welcomes additional information and places to send.

Dixie is working on the stevne poster and invited members to submit photos that would illustrate the theme.

#### EVALUATION

Jan Floeter is working on the evaluations and will share drafts when she is able to incorporate the speaker developments from this meeting. One question that was recommended was whether participants felt there was enough time for genealogy.

At this time Jim Olson excused himself to drive to South Dakota to visit with family at his home. Jan Floeter submitted the following minutes:

(from about 3-3:45 pm)

#### BUDGET

President Joy Shong presented the estimated budget for the 2009 Stevne based on past Stevner and known expenses for the 2009 Stevne. To finalize the 2009 budget Joy still needs to 'tweak' the information before committee approval. In lieu of another steering committee meeting, which would be difficult to facilitate, Joy will email the finalized budget to committee members for approval.

#### LODGING

Rooms are still available at the South St. Paul Hotel and Convention Center, but other options will probably be needed. Robert Fossum volunteered to prepare an alternative hotel/motel list for Stevne attendees.

#### 2010 STEVNE LOCATION

Dixie Hanson reported on the committee's site selection for the 2010 Stevne meeting. Robert Fossum moved and Dixie Hanson seconded that the Ramada Stevens Point Hotel

in Stevens Point, WI be selected for the 2010 Stevne meeting. Discussion focused on the concern for the distance between guest rooms and the meeting rooms for those with special needs. The site review committee reported that the sales manager was very accommodating and suggested that rooms near the meeting areas be made available to the less mobile. The committee moved to approve the selection of the Ramada Stevens Point, with one descending vote.

#### GUDBRANDSDAL'S 100'TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Marilyn Sorensen reported on the plans for the Gudbrandsdal 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration. The program has been blocked out which includes a play in the evening, a visit to Mindekirken Church on Sunday with focus on the special windows and carvings of Leif Melgaard. The genealogy lab will have extended hours on Friday afternoon and Saturday morning. Dixie Hanson accepted the role of working with the Gudbrandsdal to register those attending the 100<sup>th</sup> activities on Saturday and Sunday following the Stevne.

The meeting adjourned c3:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted  
By Jan Floeter for Jim Olson who was ad hoc secretary for the day.