

Tre Lag Stevne Steering Steering Committee
MINUTES
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Abstract

These are the minutes for the meeting of the Tre Lag Stevne Steering Committee held at the Best Western Ramkota Hotel and Conference Center on Saturday 16 October 2010.

Members present: Barry Dahl, Robert Fossum, Dixie Hansen, Dick Lundgren, John Peterson, John Reindl, Joy Shong, Marilyn Sorensen, Trudy DeKeuster (substitute for Nancy Hawkinson). Guests present Jim Olson and Betty Strand.

The meeting recessed at 11:30 for a tour of the hotel and convention facilities. Lunch was served at 12:00.

1 Introductions and review of current membership list

Current chair Joy Shong opened the meeting at 10:30.

The persons present introduced themselves. The membership list was circulated among those present in order to update addresses and other information. Since Nancy Hawkinson was not able to attend, Trudy DeKeuster from Trønderlag of America was introduced as a voting member for this meeting. Jim Olson is a guest and is attending as the Local Coordinator.

Since Secretary Hawkinson was not present, Robert Fossum volunteered to take minutes of the meeting.

2 Review and Adoption of Agenda

It was moved and seconded

Motion 1 To adopt the proposed agenda.

The motion was approved.

3 Election of Officers and Committee Assignments

3.1 Election of Officers

There was a discussion of which officers should be elected and which are appointed. References were made to the Bylaws of the Committee. It was determined that the officers are Chair, Vice chair, and Secretary.

Joy Shong was nominated as Chair. She agreed to serve if elected. Joy noted that Nancy Hawkinson agreed to serve as Secretary if elected. Nancy Hawkinson was nominated as

Secretary. Robert Fossum was nominated as Vice chair. He agreed to serve if elected. A motion was made and seconded presenting a slate of officers.

Motion 2 To elect the slate of officers:

Chair Joy Shong

Vice Chair Robert Fossum

Secretary Nancy Hawkinson

The motion was approved.

Having elected the officers, the committee discussed briefly the two appointed positions: Treasurer and Registrar.

It was moved and seconded

Motion 3 To appoint Ron Helstad as Treasurer.

The motion was approved.

3.2 Committee Assignments

There followed a discussion about the distribution of tasks. Dixie Hanson agreed to continue as Registrar. Other assignments were discussed later.

4 Minutes

Minutes of the 1 May 2010 meeting were discussed. They were accepted with the proviso that corrections may be made later if necessary.

See Attachment 8.

5 Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's Report was presented and is attached as Attachment 8. It reports a profit of **\$146.23** for the 2009 Stevens Point Tre Lag Stevne. The profit will be distributed to the Lags according to the registration numbers.

The bank statement balance as of 31 Aug 2010 is \$1946.23. The Treasurer reported orally to the Chair that the balance in October 2010 is \$3236.49.

The Treasurer's report was accepted. The committee patted itself on the back for a good Stevne that did not lose money.

The audit for Treasurer's Reports from 2009 and 2010 will be on the agenda for the next meeting.

6 Old Business

6.1 Committee Reports

6.1.1 Publicity

No written report has been received. It was stated that Marv Lang made many public relations efforts and that his invitation to Sons of Norway lodges to serve the hospitality room had resulted in positive feedback.

6.1.2 Registration

The report is attached as Attachment 8.

6.1.3 Vendors

No printed report has been received. The report should include a list of vendors contacted and vendors who attended. There was an oral report. Cheryl Goodin told Joy Shong that she paid for coffee and cookies for the vendors during their setup. This was well received.

6.1.4 Evaluations

The Evaluations are attached. See ??.

6.1.5 Site Selection Committee

A written report had been delivered at a previous meeting. It stated that Duluth did not have any suitable venue and that a contract for 2013 from the Ramada Inn in Fargo was too expensive. No other ideas have borne fruit. John Peterson said he would look into possibilities for 2012 in Fargo.

Other suggestions were Omaha and Rochester. Barry Dahl reported on several Rochester venues, the only one really feasible being the downtown hotel and convention center that would charge about \$150/night for room and parking.

A list of possibilities was then proposed.

State	City
Iowa	Mason City Cedar Rapids Debuque
MN	Bemidji (BREC) St. Cloud
ND	Fargo
WI	Madison

Table 1: Sites

6.1.6 Hospitality

The Hospitality Suite was well received. Due to the lack of a profit, it was decided not to act on a suggestion that the Stevne contribute to the Sons of Norway Lodges that hosted the suite.

7 New Business

7.1 2011 Stevne Planning

7.1.1 Assignments

The following assignments were decided by the committee.

Site Selection Committee Dick Lundgren, John Peterson, Robert Fossum

Memorial Service To be determined.

Program Committee of the whole?

Registration Dixie Hanson

Vendor John Reidl, Robert Fossum, Cheryl Goodin

Publicity Nancy Hawkinson,

Genealogy Lab Coordinator Marilyn Sorensen

AV Coordinator John Peterson

Local Coordinator Jim Olson

7.1.2 Schedule

There was some discussion about the schedule which also included discussions about a potential tour and the hours for the Genealogy Lab.

There was extended discussion about the tour. It was decided to have a Wednesday afternoon tour to US Geological Survey EROS Center followed by a tour of one or several of the Norwegian settlements in the area with a lunch at one of the churches.

The committee converged on the following schedule.

Day	Time	Event
Wednesday	Noon	Tour
	7:00 PM	Opening Ceremony
	7:30 PM	Two presentations
Thursday	9:00AM—9:00PM	Gen Lab
	9:00AM—9:00PM	Vendors
	9:00AM—5:00PM	Presentations
	7:00PM—10:00PM	Movies, Lasar Light Show, Dancing
Friday	9:00AM—4:00PM	Gen Lab
	9:00AM—4:00PM	Vendors
	9:00AM—5:00PM	Presentations
	5:00PM—7:00PM	Photos, Music, Social Hour
	7:00 PM	Banquet
Saturday	9:00—Noon	Presentations

Table 2: TLS Schedule 2011

It was also agreed to invite the mayor of Sioux Falls to the opening ceremony.

7.1.3 Theme

It was moved and seconded that

Motion 4 The theme will be “**Telling Our Story**”.

The motion passed.

7.1.4 Speakers

After considerable positive discussion with a number of possible speakers and topics mentioned, it was decided to ask the following (with contact persons mentioned in the final column):

Speaker	Topic/Title	Contact
Douglas "Dag" Rossman	Norse Myths	Jim Olson
Jan Satrum	Norwegians in Hawaii	Robert Fossum
Gary Olson	History of Norwegian Merchants in Sioux Falls	Jim Olson
Jim Olson	Norwegians in South Dakota	Jim Olson
EROS	Representative from EROS	Jim Olson
Curtis Dallan	Dakota Uprising of 1862	Joy Shong
Curtis Dallan	Live Lefse	Joy Shong
Larry Sizemore	Perserving pictures, letters, etc.	Joy Shong
K. Domier	Digital Archives	Joy Shong
Gary Romsaas	Google and GPS	Joy Shong
Ginny Nelson	Hardanger demo	Joy Shong
Lois Mueller	Rosemaling	Marilyn Sorensen
???	DNA	???
	Norway Project (Salt Lake)	
	Family Search Pages	Jim Olson

Table 3: Potential Speakers

7.1.5 Tour and special events

The tour was discussed above.

7.1.6 Entertainment

This topic was postponed to the next meeting.

7.1.7 Other

Dixie Hanson said she would be sending an e-mail concerning publicity.

8 Adjournment

Before adjourning the committee decided to meet on 12 March 2011, probably in La Crosse, WI.

The meeting adjourned at 4:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted

Robert Fossum

February 14, 2011