

## **Big Horn Basque Club Board Meeting Minutes**

**02-20-2019 The Fix, Buffalo, WY**

President Trinity Rodriguez called the meeting to order. Roll call showed Trinity, Dolly, Jean, Katie Miller, Katie Fennema, and Richard present.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read. Richard moved to approve the minutes. Katie Miller 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and the motion carried.

Mick Camino attended the winter NABO meeting in Salt Lake City, so he gave a report on the meeting. Mick first told us that Udeleku will be held in San Francisco June 16<sup>th</sup> -28<sup>th</sup>, and the deadline to sign up is March 1<sup>st</sup> until 6:00 pm Pacific time. This camp is for 10-15 year olds. The organization is shooting to have March 1<sup>st</sup> until 6:00 pm Pacific time the forever date for Udeleku registration. Boise would like Buffalo to host the camp. Mick talked to Kirby, one of Salt Lake's dance instructors, who told Mick he would be glad to come to Buffalo and teach anyone new dances. Secondly, Mick mentioned that the International Mus tournament is very expensive to host, so NABO is proposing to raise the entry fee from \$10 to \$20 per person. The US tournament will be held in Paradise Valley, NV June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019. The winning team goes on to compete in Bayone, France in the International tournament. Finally, Mick asked to be reimbursed for his trip as our delegate. Jean moved to reimburse him \$400 for NABO expenses. Dolly 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and the motion carried.

Mick, as our dance instructor, also announced he is willing to expand practices to Sundays. It was discussed to announce dance practice at the schools and to possible expand to Clearmont.

Katie Miller then gave the treasure's report. Checking account has a balance of \$6,004.63 and the savings balance is \$66,237.66. Katie noted a deposit of \$1,460 from the annual meeting and Mus tournament was included in the checking account balance. Katie thinks our club should look into a better interest rate for our savings account. Katie paid the BHBC's P.O. Box rent as a donation to the club. Thank you Katie Miller! Katie listed several bills that she paid recently: \$216 for Mus tournament, \$400 for NABO to Mick's trip, Trophy case \$84.80 for 2018 Mus tournament, \$70.70 to Liz Ramsey for the annual meeting post card postage, \$100 for rent and \$200 deposit to the Legion for the annual meeting, \$50 for bartender for annual meeting and Mus tournament. Katie would like to do a profit and loss statement on the Mus tournament, and evaluate if we need to raise the entry fee as it relates to expenses and the increase in NABO's entry fee also.

Trinity would like all the board members to be listed as signers on the checking account to make it easier for Katie to get checks signed and out to vendors. Richard moved to have all board members as signers on the signature card. Jean 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and the motion carried. She is going to First Northern to find out what needs to be done for that to happen.

Trinity called for old business. The first item mentioned was what needs caught up on from previous meetings. Mainly, we need to look into the non-profit designation and EIN of the club with the IRS and see what needs to be updated and paid. Trinity thinks that Teresa Fieldgrove may have the necessary IRS paperwork. The second item was the Mus tournament. Johnny and Bautista Juanicotena were first and Antonio and Michael Rodriguez were second at our local tournament. As mentioned before, we would like more clarity of the financials. Trinity mentioned that she knows of people who are willing to teach Mus to all interested, so we need to get out and advertise. Richard said he would go to the college, in Buffalo to see what they might have to offer for advertising the need for Mus and dance participants. Mus especially has an incentive because of the National and International tournaments.

Next on the agenda was new business. We discussed how to increase participation in our dance troop. We need to target parents and kids. Trinity will go the High School and visit with the Spanish teacher. We then discussed the NABO dues and affiliation. Katie Fennema has the list of members and will get with Katie Miller so we can pay our NABO dues according to our membership, which is a flat of \$100 then \$1 per active membership of BHBC. Mus dues are \$10 per person and we had 12 people participate so we owe \$120 to NABO. Jean moved to pay NABO dues and our Mus dues also. Katie Miller 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and the motion carried. Thirdly, the board members talked about how to increase our membership. Jean would like to discern and fix past problems. We believe it would help to include the Kaycee Basques more. Trinity then asked us board members to think on several topics for our next meeting. These included: A grant for a permanent club "house", which Richard said he would look into; Fundraising opportunities (how to get into the public eye more, and how to include the community more); and August 15<sup>th</sup> ideas, have it in Kaycee (Trinity will look into). Trinity would like for us to look for past club documents and inventory club property (storage unit). She would also like to see more thank you notes be sent and possibly posted on Facebook to those who help the club thrive. Katie Miller mentioned looking into places to hold club events beside the legion. That can be done per event.

Dolly moved to reimburse Katie Fennema \$40 for whiskey for John Camino and flowers for Liz Ramsey she purchased as a thank you for their years of service to the BHBC. Jean 2<sup>nd</sup> and the motion carried.

Katie Miller moved to adjourn, Jean 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and the motion carried. The next meeting will be held April 25<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm at The Fix.