

BYGDELAGENES FELLESRAAD  
Minutes of the 90<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting  
May 6, 2006

The Annual Meeting of Bygdelagenes Fellesraad was held May 6, 2006, at Mindekirken in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

President Marilyn Somdahl called the meeting to order at 9:40 AM and welcomed everyone to the 90<sup>th</sup> annual meeting of Bygdelagenes Fellesraad. The officers and directors of Bygdelagenes Fellesraad were introduced.

Lee Brown and Marilyn Sorensen, members of Mindekirken and officers of Bygdelagenes Fellesraad, welcomed everyone to the church. They said Mindekirken is in the process of calling a new pastor from Norway. Marilyn Sorensen is in charge of the Tuesday morning open house programs held at Mindekirken every Tuesday morning from September through May, and invited all to attend these programs.

The National Anthems of both the United States and Norway were sung, accompanied by Diane Lerohl.

Consul General Rolf W. Hansen brought greetings. He stated Norway and Ireland had the largest number of immigrants to America. He said it is important to keep links to our roots in Norway.

#### Roll Call

Secretary Sonia Rache called the roll for each bygdelag. The following lags had delegates (number listed following the name): Gudbrandsdal (2), Hadeland (2), Halling (2), Hardanger (2), Landingslag (2), More og Romsdal (1), Nordfjord (2), Nord Hedmark og Hedmarken (1), Nordhordland/Sunnhordland (1), Nordlandslag (1), Numedalslagen (2), Ringerike Dramman (2), Rogalandslag (2), Romerikslag (2), Sigdalslag (2), Sognalag (2), Sognefjord (1), Solor Lag (1), Sunnfjord Lag (2), Telemag (2), Toten Lag (1), Tronderlag (2), Valdres Samband (2), Vestlandslag (1), and Vosselag (1). (List of delegates attached.)

The delegates were asked to introduce themselves and tell of one fact about their lag.

#### Secretary's Report

A motion was made, seconded and carried to accept the Secretary's report of the May 7, 2005, meeting as printed in the Bygdelagenes Fellesraad's Bulletin, and dispense with reading of the minutes.

#### Treasurer's Report

The audited Treasurer's report for April 30, 2006, was presented by R. Lee Brown, Treasurer, along with the budget for the year 5/1/05 to 4/30/06. The Treasurer's report of

April 30, 2006, shows a checking account balance of \$3,199.99 and total assets of \$79,698.60. The audit was prepared by Robert O'Neil, former Bygdelagenes Treasurer. A motion was made to accept the financial reports as presented. The motion was seconded and carried. (Copy of financial reports attached.)

#### Old Business

A review of the annual ad in the Viking Magazine was discussed. The total discounted cost of the 2006 Viking ad was \$864 with \$420 submitted from 28 lags. A motion was made, seconded and carried to continue the \$15 assessment to each lag for 2007.

#### Other Business

A discussion of memorials for previous or existing lag officers was held. A motion was made, seconded and carried to give a gift of \$25 for 2005 to the Muskego Church Restoration Project on the campus of Luther Seminary. This gift will be given in memory of Gary Morgan, Houston, TX, Vosselag Vice President, and Robert Hookom, Willmar, MN, past president and former editor for Solor Lag.

#### Elections

The following slate of officers was read by Sonia Rache, secretary, and placed in nomination for the next year:

President, Marilyn Somdahl  
Vice President, Marilyn Sorensen  
Treasurer, R. Lee Brown  
Secretary, Sonia Rache  
Webmaster/Director, EuGene Rodi  
Director, Maxine Sandvig

Vice President Marilyn Sorensen called for nominations from the floor. There being none, a motion was made to close nominations and accept the slate as presented. The motion was seconded and carried.

Bruce Boyce, a long time board member was not a nominee for 2006-2007 and retired with our thanks. We welcome Maxine Sandvig as the newly elected Director.

#### Reports

Webmaster EuGene Rodi reports he has a free PDF file so all documents can be read. He requested that all information and changes to sites be sent to him so the sites can be kept current. Gene can help any lag that needs help with their website. You can get to all lag sites from the [www.fellesraad.com](http://www.fellesraad.com) site.

Vice President Marilyn Sorensen reported that we used to have a genealogy meeting prior to the annual meeting, but because of technology, it has been discontinued. Since the internet has become so widely used, it is too expensive to rent a computer lab for our genealogy meeting. The Salt Lake City Genealogy Library has a lot of help and resources available. They could be contacted to facilitate and have a Norwegian genealogist on site for help. If anyone is interested, please contact Marilyn Sorensen. If there is enough interest, she can coordinate a group trip.

President Marilyn Somdahl stated the printed brochures are obsolete so please go to the website for correct information. Marilyn reminded everyone to let her or Eugene Rodi know of any changes in lag information so the web pages can kept up to date.

Among the announcements were: A concert/fund raiser for Norway House tonight, May 6, 2006, in St. Paul. Syttende Mai buttons are for sale at \$2 each. A Syttende Mai banquet is being held May 13, 2006. The book *Norway: Portrait of a Nation* is being closed out at Nordic Home for \$79.

#### Lag Anniversaries

Hardanger, Sigdal and Sunnhordland are celebrating their 95<sup>th</sup> anniversaries this year. Ringerike Drammen Lag is celebrating its 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Sigdalslag had a display of artifacts, and the book, *Cultural Pearls of Buskerud*, presented to the Fellesraad last year by Aase Klundeliien, was also on display.

The business meeting was adjourned at 11 AM.

#### Program

Former board members Gary Flatgard, Aleck Gunderson, Sandra Hendrickson, Oscar Lund, Bob O'Neil, Lee Rokke, Christian Skjervold and Bob Skogman were invited to talk about past experiences on the board, highs and lows, and various projects during their terms of office. They presented a good look back at our history over the past 20 years. Editor, Lee Rokke brought a file of *Avisen*, the newsletter of the Norwegian-American Genealogical Association, which Bob O'Neil currently serves as president.

A delicious lunch was served at 12:15 by several Mindekirken women.

A CD of hardanger fiddle music by Judy and Lucy Ghastin was played throughout the morning.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Sonia H. Rache, Secretary