

BYGDELAGENES FELLESRAAD

MINUTES OF THE 94TH ANNUAL MEETING - MAY 1, 2010

The 94th Annual Meeting of Bygdelagenes Fellesraad was held May 1, 2010, at Mindekirken in Minneapolis, Minnesota. President Marilyn Somdahl called the meeting to order at 9:30 A.M., and welcomed delegates and guests.

The Norwegian and American National Anthems were sung with Sandy Hendrickson at the piano.

The current Fellesraad Officers and Board members were introduced.

Greetings: Vice Consul Christina Carleton from the Norwegian Consulate General, Minneapolis, brought greetings from Norway. The Honorary Consul General Gary Gandrud presently has a broken ankle.

Roll Call: The roll call for each bygdelag was read by Sonia Rache, and the delegates answered with their names. The number of delegates is listed following the lag's name:

Gudbrandsdalslag (2); Hadeland Lag (2); Hallinglag (2); Hardanger Lag (1); Landingslag (2); Møre og Romsdal Lag (2); Nordfjordlag (2); N. Hedmark og Hedemarken Lag (2); Nordhordland/Sunnhordland Lag (1); Nordlandslag (2); Numedalslagen Lag (2); Ringerike Drammen Dist. Lag (2); Rogaland Lag (2); Romerikslag (2); Sigdalslag (1); Sognalag (2); Sognefjord Lag (1); Solør Lag (2); Sunnfjord Lag (1); Telelag (1); Toten (2); Tronderlag (1); Valdres Samband (2); and Vosselag (2).

Secretary's Report: A motion was made, seconded and carried to accept the Secretary's Minutes of May 2, 2009, as printed in the newsletter.

Treasurer's Report: The audited Treasurer's report for April 30, 2010, as presented by R. Lee Brown, Treasurer, along with the budget for the year ending 4/30/10. The audit was prepared by Leland A Randall. A motion was made to accept the financial statements as presented. The motion was seconded and carried. (Copy of financial reports is attached.)

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

Reports: The Presidents report was printed in the newsletter. Marilyn needs the delegate's names and addresses in a timely manner in order to send out a newsletter with information on the annual meeting. Otherwise lag presidents must see that delegates get the information. She also said Lags need to keep information up-to-date on dates and places of annual meetings on the web site calendar.

Memorials: Old Muskego Church's Maintenance Fund will receive a gift in memory of lag leaders or their families whose deaths were reported this past year. Besides names listed in the newsletter, the name of Stan Nuland, once Vosselag president, will be added to that list.

VP Marilyn Sorensen reported on the Salt Lake City Genealogy meeting in February. The President of Dis-Norge was in Salt Lake City this year and gave a presentation. Ten people attended the meeting. The next meeting will be held February 20-26, 2011. The name has been changed to Norwegian Lag Week, and will be held every year.

Webmaster Eugene Rodi needs all changes and special requests, so he can keep the web site current.

Eunice Helgeson said we will have table topics at two tables during lunch on Stevne Sites and Genealogy.

Old business: Advertising. After discussion, a motion was made, seconded and carried to have each lag continue to contribute \$15.00 toward print advertising of the dates and sites of lag stevner for 2011. Each lag is to pay the \$15.00 advertising plus \$5.00 annual dues by **January 15, 2011**. We will continue the advertising in the April Viking Magazine.

New Business: Sharing lag successes. Eugene Rodi, Nordfjordlag, showed the new Banner that was made to replace the 90 year old banner currently in use. The new banner will be unveiled at the 100th anniversary on September 19, 2010, at Spicer, MN. The old banner will be donated to Vesterheim Museum, Decorah, Iowa.

Jim Olson of Gudbrandsdal said they celebrated their centennial last year with a trip to Norway. They also published a book for the anniversary. **Barb Schmidt of Hadeland** said they are celebrating their 100th anniversary, and have been invited to Norway with 57 members going on this lag trip in June. **Sandra Hendrickson of Landingslag** said they are also going to Norway this year for their 100th anniversary. They will have a Norwegian wedding while in Norway. They also have a book coming out in English about people who immigrated to the U.S.

Anniversary Gifts: Marilyn Somdahl said there are 7 lags celebrating their 100th anniversaries in 2010, and a member of the Fellesraad Board - most likely the President - will attend the meetings and present a commissioned gift from the Fellesraad. Celebrating lag include Hadeland Lag, Land Lag, Møre og Romsdalslag, Nordfjord Lag, Solør Lag, Toten Lag, and Østerdal Lag (now in NHOH). **Program:** Marilyn Sorensen introduced the speaker, Pastor Kristin Sundt of Mindekirken. She spoke on the cheese production of her home area of Gudbrandsdal, Norway.

Announcements: Tamra Foster said the University of Wisconsin is looking for people who are native speaking Norwegians. They want to make recordings for a project the University is doing on linguistics.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:50 A.M. We enjoyed a delicious lunch.

Respectfully submitted,

