

BYGDELAGENES FELLESRÅD ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES
May 2, 2015

The 99th annual meeting of Bygdelagenes Fellesråd was held May 2, 2015 at Mindekirken in Minneapolis, MN. President Marilyn Somdahl called the meeting to order at 9:30 AM and welcomed delegates & eight guests. Pastor Kristin Sundt welcomed everyone to Mindekirken.

The Norwegian, Canadian, and American national anthems were sung with Sandra Hendrickson accompanying on piano. Honorary Norwegian Consul General Gary Gandrud brought greetings from Norway. He reminded everyone how important Bygdelag is to Norwegians. He said either he or his Vice Consuls are available to come to stevner not only to bring greetings, but to speak on a topic.

Marilyn introduced the members of the Executive Board.

ROLL CALL: The roll call was read by Secretary Mary Gross. Forty-two delegates answered with their names & a report of where their banners are stored. Most will discuss 2016 lag displays at upcoming board meetings and at stevner.

GUDBRANDSDAL: Jim Olson, Pres., Dick Lundgren. Archivist Bob Olson has the banner.

HALLINGLAG: Gene Brandvold, Tom Lanman, Pres. Tom has the banner..

HADELAND: Jan Heusinkveld, Anne Sladky, Pres. Barb Schmitt has the banner. (558 members)

HARDANGER: Arlene Myrlie, Don Teigen, Pres. Don has the banner. (67 individuals)

LANDINGLAG: Sandra Hendrickson. President Eric Goplin has the banner.

MØRE OG ROMSDAL: Lee Brown, Gary Erickson, Pres. Gary has the banner

NORDFJORD: Bob O'Neil, Connie Olson. Gene Rodi has the banner. .

NORD HEDMARK;HEDMARKEN: no delegate (178 family units)

NORDHORDLAND/SUNNHORDLAND: LaRee Opdahl, Pres; Loren Opdahl. Warren Eidsness has the banner.

NORDLANDSLAG: Linda Havir, Barb Moe. President Shirley Sampson has the banner

NUMEDALSLAAGEN: Chet Habberstad, Laurel Dikken. Chet has the banner.

OPDALALAG: no delegate

RINGERIKE DRAMMEN: Jackie Anderson, Derwyn Anderson. Pres. Lynn Nord has the banner.

ROGALANDSLAG: no delegate; no president (LaRee Opdahl is not sure where the banner is).

ROMERIKSLAG: Mel & Bev Slettehaugh. President Joel Botten has banner. (145 individuals)

SIGDALSLAG: Jean Borgerding, Jean Knaak, Pres. Jean K. has banner.

SOGNALAG: Sheryl Hove, Judy Ghastin. Judy has the banner.

SOGNEFJORD: Doug & Kathy Johnson. Kathy has the banner.(200 individuals).

SOLØR LAG: Tulla Froyen, Marie Thompson, Pres. The banner is in their library trailer. (233 members).

SUNNFJORD: Tamra Foster, Pres. Their secretary has their banner.

TELELAG: Elaine Nordlie. Bill Hoberg, Pres has the banner.

TOTENLAG: Mary Bonnabeau, Helen Buche, Pres. Lee Brown has the banner. (225 units).

TRØNDERLAG: Elaine Hasleton, Nancy Hawkinson. Pres has banner. (379 individuals).

VALDRES SAMBAND: Earl Evenstad, Mary Hendrickson. Earl has the banner

VESTLANDSLAG: Blaine Hedberg, Ann Romo, Pres. Bob Hamir has the banner.

VOSELG: Dick Flisrand. He has the banner.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Lee presented his annual report of April 30, 2015 and the budget for the year ending April 30, 2016 was presented by Treasurer R. Lee Brown. The books, records, and ledgers for the period May 1, 2014 through April 30, 2015 were audited and found in order

by Robert O'Neil. Treasurer Lee moved to accept the financial statements and the audit as presented. The motion was seconded and carried (copy of the financial reports and audit is attached).

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Copies of minutes from the last annual meeting of May 3, 2014 were distributed to those members who hadn't had the opportunity to review them in the March 2015 Fellesraad BULLETIN. Marie Thompson moved to accept the minutes as printed. Motion was seconded and passed.

SPECIAL ORDER- ELECTIONS: Ballots were distributed with board recommendations for election for one year terms as follows: President Marilyn Somdahl, Vice President Marilyn Sorensen, Treasurer R. Lee Brown, Secretary Mary Gross, Webmaster/Director EuGene Rodi, Director Eunice Helgeson, Director Jean Knaak and Director Don Teigen. Nominations for president were called for three times; none were offered. Nominations for other offices were requested, and when none were offered a Motion to close nominations was made, seconded, and passed. Judy Ghastin moved to accept the slate as presented and the motion was seconded and carried.

SPECIAL ORDER: Dr. Jean Knaak, Chair of the 2016 Fellesraad Centennial Celebration, presented the packet of materials distributed to delegates at registration today. This is a summary of materials discussed:

Lag Information for Centennial Celebration:

1. List of objectives for the celebration May 5-8, 2016
2. Invitation from Marilyn Somdahl to lag presidents and delegates to centennial events.
3. Registration form explained by Webmaster Gene Rodi.
4. Schedule for the two days of conferences/programs. Marilyn Sorensen reviewed the May 6, 2016 Friday Seminars, & Jean Knaak the May 7, 2016 Saturday schedule.
5. Lag Displays. Ann Romo, committee chair, explained details of how lags can choose to set up display tables at the celebration. She had an example for display. Will require volunteers to provide security for display tables at all times during the day. Vendors will pay \$25 for a table. Maps of the conference center will be put on the Fellesraad website. Books can be sold at the lag tables. Ann will need to know if a lag wishes to get one or two tables by April 1, 2016.
6. Lag ads in conference program. Jean Borgerding explained what will be available for lags to place ads in the centennial booklet. A sheet with sizes & prices is included in packet.
7. Jean Knaak emphasized the need for volunteers during both days of the conferences/celebration. There are opportunities for many people with multiple needs. Volunteer sign-up sheets are set up for today & delegates/presidents of lags are asked to work on getting members of their lags to volunteer at their meetings and upcoming stevne.
8. Financial Management. R. Lee Brown, Fellesraad treasurer, will oversee all financial management. However, any purchases have to be channeled through Chair Jean Knaak to prevent unnecessary confusion.
9. Publicity. Gene Rodi & Jean Borgerding will work on this. Elaine Hasleton suggested setting up a Facebook account for the centennial and doing a video for You Tube.
10. Website Updating. Gene Rodi, webmaster, will continue to update the website with information about the centennial celebration as plans continue to evolve. He also stressed that not all treasurers have email listed so they do not get timely reminders. A reminder that the 990 forms be renewed by May 15 was made.

REPORTS: President Marilyn announced that she and R. Lee Brown will not seek terms after this year. She asked for two volunteers in addition to board members for a Nominating Committee to choose a new president and treasurer. Bob O'Neil and Sandy Hendrickson will represent the delegates on this committee.

MEMORIALS: President Marilyn read names of lag officers or their family members who have died in the last year.. Memorials will be sent to the Muskego Church Maintenance Fund in their honor.

CULTURAL PROGRAM: Carolyn Bliss played Norwegian songs on the piano and we sang along to end our morning, ending with the Norwegian table prayer.

The meeting was adjourned at noon, and we enjoyed a delicious lunch prepared by the women of Mindekirken.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Gross
Secretary