

## The Icelandic Club of Greater Seattle Board meeting February 26th, 2011

The first meeting of the new board was held at Marie Callanders Restaurant in Seattle. Meeting called to order by the Henry Bjornsson at 2:45pm.

### Present:

Henry Bjornsson, Anna Hauksdottir, Thorunn Sellars, Brynjar Halldorsson, Jens Eysteinnsson.

### Absent:

Markus Rook, Agust Helgason, Birna Sigurbjornsdottir, Linda Russo, Chuck Mulberg.

### Guests:

Jutta Halldorsson, Jon Marvin Jonsson, Edda Konradsdottir, Judy Ohi, Gunnar and Rosa Johannesson, Margret Solvadottir.

### Last month's minutes:

In the absence of Markus read by Henry Bjornsson read the minutes from the last board meeting. The minutes were accepted with one correction that the Snorri Program attendees age is up to 28 years.

Financials:	
Club funds:	\$ 6,610.00
Museum room:	\$ 5,172.88
Scholarship:	\$ 6,457.00

Price of \$ 800.00 for the old confirmation photos from the Lutheran Church in Ballard. Margaret Hlastala to find out if the Church would donate the photos to the Museum.

### Insurance:

Insure by event. Cost not known. Quotation of price after each application has been sent in for the event. Edda Konradsdottir expressed concern about insurance coverage of club items in the storage. The Icelandic national dress " upphlutur " is kept in the storage along with the filigree silver/gold belt ( stokkabelti ). She was assured the facility and its contents are covered by insurance.

### Website:

Henry to work better with webmaster to ascertain that all appropriate information is posted in a timely manner. Henry and Brynjar are to work on the by-laws and make sure the By-Laws, as amended at the annual meeting, are placed on our web.

### Scholarship:

Margaret Hlastala has resigned as the chair of that committee. New chair needs to be nominated as soon as possible.

### Þorrablót:

The chair of that committee, Edda Konradsdottir, reported that plans for the upcoming event are progressing well. She plans to have one more meeting on March 5th before the event on March 12th. Fifty have paid and four over 80 who get in free. Edda questioned the large amount of lamb ordered last year. Svið (sheep heads) will not be on the menu this year. Nóatún in Reykjavík will bid on the food. The chef will bring Brennivín from Iceland.

Henry to take care of the insurance.

Jon Marvin Jonsson asked if liquor license had been obtained. A nonprofit liquor license will be obtained a week before Þorrablót. Brynjar informed the board that the liquor license has been applied for and the license will arrive the week before the thorrablot.

Budget will be adjusted from last year. Estimated cost of Þorra food is \$10,000.00 for this year.

Gunnar Jóhannesson questioned the number of years Þorrablót was said to have been celebrated since he and his wife had started it more recently than the stated 46 years.

Judi Ohi commented that she had been celebrating it since she was a young woman and felt that 46 years was the correct age for the event.

#### **Picnic:**

The board voted to have the picnic again in Lyndale Park in Lynnwood. No chair has been nominated. Reserving the park needs to be done soon.

#### **Newsletter:**

Expense of the newsletter is uncertain. Numbers presented by Margaret Solvadottir indicated cost of newsletter 48% of the club's budget and not 65% as previously estimated. The board will request that the treasurer, Chuck Molburg look at the numbers. Jens stated it would be good to get more ads to cover the cost of the newsletter. There is no charge for the layout. Consensus is that there are too many empty spaces on the pages and that the space could be more efficiently used. Bulk mailing requires that 250 newsletters\* be mailed out. Each returned newsletter needs to be paid for by the club. Brynjar stated that the Chief Editor should be one of the trustees. This was approved. Margret Solvadottir said there is no Chief Editor. She said they work as a team and that Henry Bjornsson may be the newsletter representative. The board will explore the possibility of sending the newsletter to members via email as so many other clubs do. People can then print it out if they want to have it in hand to read. Addresses and emails need to be updated. Some feel nonmembers should be charged for the newsletters. **Correction (3/25):** Bulk mailing requires that **200 newsletters** be mailed out.

Cost of the newsletter:

1. 2008 – \$ 1,745.41 paid for the newsletter. \$ 436.00 per issue. Paid by out of club funds 'NOT KNOWN'
2. 2009 – \$ 2,468.00 paid for the newsletter. Ads were \$ 1,935.00. Paid by out of club funds \$ 533.00.
3. 2010 – \$ 2,600.00 paid for the newsletter. Ads were \$ 1,850.00. Paid by out of club funds \$ 750.00
4. 2011 first issue – \$ 910.00 paid for the newsletter. Ads were \$ 406.00. Paid by out of club funds \$ 504.00
5. 2011 estimate for the year – \$ 3,640.00 paid for the newsletter. Ads were \$ 1,624.00. Paid by out of club funds \$ 2,016.00

#### **Fees:**

Jens feels membership fees need to be increased in order for the club to be more sustainable. More discussion on that subject is needed.

#### **New proposal:**

Brynjar handed the president, Henry Bjornsson, a formal guideline for conducting board meetings. From Brynjar's list it was approved that the following should be clear and presented at the next board meeting in March 2011:

- A schedule of all events on behalf of the Icelandic Club to include where and when for the whole year.
- S.O.P.'s for all events.
- Financial budget for all events, including the newsletter, for 2011
- Financial budget for the club for 2011
- Look into the newsletter to be profitable
- Chief Editor should be a on the board of trustees.

- Solutions for all the above items to be presented at the next board meeting.
- Agenda for all board meetings should be ready and emailed to all board members no later than 4 days before the upcoming board meeting and should be in the following format:
  - Meeting called to order
  - Reading and approval of the minutes from last board meeting
  - Treasurers report
  - Membership report
  - All committee reports
  - Old business
  - New business
  - Other business
  - Meeting adjournment
  - When and where the next board meeting is going to be held.

Meeting adjourned but date place and time not made for the next meeting.

TICGS February Board Meeting Minutes were dutifully taken and presented by Anna Hauksdottir, Vice President. Corrections to the February Minutes as discussed during the March Board Meeting were noted and included in **bold** by Markus Rook, Recording Secretary.