

Finlandia Foundation Columbia-Pacific Chapter

Meeting Minutes

June 13th, 2010

A regularly scheduled meeting of the chapter's Board of Directors at the Finnish Classroom, 124 Cramer Hall, Portland State University, Portland, Oregon on June 13th, 2010. Members present: Seppo Saarinen, Dennis Usitalo, Jukka Perkiomaki and Dave Alford. A quorum was declared.

1. The meeting began as an Events Committee work session in support of the SHF/Swedish Societies Portland Midsummer Festival on Saturday June 26th, 2010. Our plan, set up early so vendors can enjoy authentic Finnish Pancakes/Crepes before the crowd arrives. Chairman Dennis Usitalo and President Seppo Saarinen are providing most of our support for the event. Several members have agreed to assist. More help is needed. Contact Dennis or Seppo.
2. The BOD Meeting was called to order at 2:30 pm by President Seppo Saarinen.

Officer's Reports

3. The Minutes of the previous meeting provided by Secretary Jim Rinta and the Treasurer's Report by Treasurer Dirk Schulbach, distributed previously, were acknowledged without action as neither Jim or Dirk were able to attend the meeting.
4. Discussion of the Portland Midsummer Festival was concluded.
5. President Seppo Saarinen will work with Dave Alford to address chapter Membership Committee needs.

New Business

6. Our bylaws were discussed and tabled noting review is needed. When our chapter's BOD was reduced from 9 to 7, the wording requiring 5 Directors for a quorum was left unchanged and we need to revise the number to 4. This is a housekeeping measure to reflect the decision of the membership.
7. A sample website was presented by President Seppo Saarinen. Jukka Perkiomaki moved to fund a chapter website for between \$3 and \$5 per month for 2 years. Seppo will work on the details. The motion passed unanimously.

Old Business

8. Jukka Perkiomaki gave a report based on information from the Finlandia Foundation concerning the Athletic Scholarship Fund. The current fund is around \$25K, mostly from our chapter's donations. To become viable, the scholarship fund must grow to roughly \$50K at which time Finlandia Foundation National will begin providing athletic scholarships. Strategies were discussed to grow the fund.
9. The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 pm.

Minutes submitted by: Dave Alford, Acting Secretary June 13, 2010