

## MINUTES OF 2018 DISTRICT IV CONVENTION

June 15, 8:00 a.m. Officers were escorted to the dais by members of Sverdrup Lodge. International staff and International Treasurer were also escorted in. Board members are Nordy Riley, President; Charlotte Anvik, Vice-President; Ruth Olson, Secretary; Marilyn Martinson, Treasurer; Flo Kallenbach, Cultural/Publicity Director; Kathy Daeley, Zone 1 Director; Ken Hatlestad, Zone 2 Director; Mae Streich, Zone 3 Director; Alison Wiigs, Zone 4 Director; Becky Lewis, Zone 5 Director; and John Knudsen, Zone 6 Director.

Jerry Saude, Convention Chairman, introduced the VFW Honor Guard who presented the flags. Jerry then led the three anthems and Pledge to the Flag.

President Nordy Riley introduced the Board members and their spouses and Home Office staff Len Carlson, Corrie Knudson, Eivind Heiberg, and International Treasurer Elaine Nelson.

Nordy introduced past district officers and their spouses.

Jerry Saude made some announcements regarding the layout of the convention rooms.

Jerry Saude introduced Ronald H. McLean, Honorary Norwegian Consul for North Dakota, who brought greetings.

Nordy welcomed the delegates and guests to the convention.

Steve Halverson, International Director, gave a greeting and spoke on the fact that the insurance side of SON is in very good shape. He also mentioned that International officers have worked with Lodges that own real estate to get them in compliance and reduce the liability issues involved in owning a building.

Elaine Nelson, International Treasurer, brought greetings and explained a little on the duties of the International Treasurer. She serves on the Auditing Committee and the Executive Committee of the International Board. She also served on the Foundation Board. The Foundation gives out many different scholarships. Thirty-four applicants from Districts 1 through 6 applied for scholarships, but only 17 met the eligibility criteria. There was only one applicant from District 4.

Nordy introduced Corrie Maki Knudson, Len Carlson and Eivind Heiberg for their presentation.

10:15 a.m. Coffee break.

10:55 a.m. General Session reconvened.

Nordy asked all those attending a convention for the first time to stand and passed out Norwegian bumper stickers to them. There were more than 30 first timers.

Nordy explained the use of the paddles for voting and explained that if anyone wishes to speak on any subject he/she needs to go to microphone in center aisle and hold the number up so the president can see it and call on him/her to speak.

Nordy read the Lodge Meeting Rules. Paddle 57, Susan Gobbs moved to accept the Rules, and Paddle 91, Dan Rude seconded. Motion carried.

Charlotte Anvik appointed Marshalls: Mark McGinley from Bjarne Lodge and Terry Struck from Jotunheimen Lodge; and Greeters: Jerry Swenson from Fjellidal Lodge and Tessa Nesheim from Thor Lodge.

Dan Rude has 12 King Harald medallions for sale. He also passed a basket for donations to the foundation.

Flo Kallenbach gave a presentation on photography and explained what kinds of pictures are needed to get the photo published in The Viking.

Merv Eriksson gave the Resolution Committee report. The Committee recommended "Do Pass" on the four resolutions in the book. The Committee also recommended a "Do Pass" on the Resolution regarding changing date delegates need to be reported to District Secretary, and "Do Pass" on the Resolution regarding exempting "active military" from paying dues.

Brenda Carlson from Solglyt Lodge in Edmonton gave the Canadian Foundation Report.

Marilyn Martinson reported on D17 form which will have changes to the form for 2019.

Nordy called on Jerry Saude to make announcements.

11:23 a.m. General Session dismissed for caucus meetings and then lunch at noon.

1:30 p.m. General Session reconvened.

Charlotte appointed Dennis Huck of Hovedstad Lodge and Milton Hommy of Northern Lights Lodge as Marshalls and Sig Rudie of Sidney Lodge as Greeter.

Kathy Daeley gave the Verification report. Kathy moved that delegates as listed be seated. Paddle #37, Martha Elliott seconded. Motion carried.

Nordy called on the Reports Committee for their report. Paddle #100, Vicki Anderson moved and Paddle #56, Richard Gobbs seconded the motion that Reports Committee report be accepted. Carried.

Nordy called on Kathy Daeley, Zone 1 Director, to present awards for Zone 1.

Year	Merit Award	Lodge	President
2017	Gold	Mollargutten	Mavis Maloney
2016	Silver	Mollargutten	Mavis Maloney
2017	Silver	Gyda Varden	Susan Bjornstad

2016	Gold	Gyda Varden	Margie Gabrielsen
2017	Silver	Mjøsen	Rebecca Gunderson
2017	Silver	Heim	Kathryn Gewont

Nordy called on Ken Hatlestad, Zone 2 Director, to present awards to Zone 2.

Year	Merit Award	Lodge	President
2017	Gold	Kringen	Karl Handegard
2016	Bronze	Wergeland	John Hatlewick

Nordy called on Mae Streich, Zone 3 Director, to present awards to Zone 3.

Year	Merit Award	Lodge	President
2017	Silver	Smaa Fjell	Vicki Anderson
2016	Silver	Smaa Fjell	Vicki Anderson
2017	Gold	Bjarne	Richard Stenberg
2017	Gold	Thor	Robert Bruhaug
2016	Gold	Thor	Julieanne Bonner
2017	Gold	Sverdrup	Jerry Saude
2017	Gold	Vidda	Rodney Gillund
2016	Gold	Vidda	Rodney Gillund
2017	Bronze	Nordlyset	Mae Streich
2016	Bronze	Hardanger	Donna Havelka

Nordy called on Alison Wiigs, Zone 4 Director, to present awards to Zone 4.

Year	Merit Award	Lodge	President
2017	Bronze	Brubyen	E. Diane Berg
2016	Silver	Brubyen	E. Diane Berg
2017	Silver	Solglyt	John Myhre
2016	Silver	Solglyt	Sharon Bruce
2017	Bronze	Valhalla	Ron Reine
2016	Bronze	Valhalla	Russell Wiigs
2017	Bronze	Solsyd	Betty Lambert
2016	Bronze	Solsyd	Betty Lambert
2016	Gold	Fjellsyn	Barbara Olsen

Nordy called on Becky Lewis, Zone 5 Director, to present Zone 5 awards.

Year	Merit Award	Lodge	President
2017	Gold	Jotunheimen	Thora Aldrich
2016	Gold	Jotunheimen	Thora Aldrich
2016	Silver	Fjell Heim	Carol O'Dell

Nordy called on John Knudsen, Zone 6 Director, to present Zone 6 awards.

Year	Merit Award	Lodge	President
2017	Gold	Normanden	Mervin Eriksson
2016	Gold	Normanden	Nordy Riley
2017	Gold	Bitterrootdalen	Carol Peterson
2016	Silver	Bitterrootdalen	Carol Peterson
2017	Silver	Lodsen	Judy Fisher
2016	Gold	Lodsen	Judy Fisher
2017	Silver	Hovedstad	Carolan Bunegar
2016	Bronze	Hovedstad	Carolan Bunegar
2016	Bronze	Fedraheimen	Arne Brosten
2016	Bronze	Fjeldal	Barbara Nolen

Nordy introduced Sharon Bruce and Brenda Carlson for a presentation on volunteerism.

Nordy had a drawing for bumper stickers.

Finance Committee Report was given by Karen Huck, Chairman. Roger Bruce and Lynn Rommesmo were also on this committee.

Karen moved report be accepted, second by Paddle 56, Richard Gobbs. Carried.

Song break.

Vi Hills, Jotunheimen Lodge, presented their bid for the 2020 convention.

Kyle Handegard and John Andreasen, Kringen Loge, presented their bid for the 2020 convention. Prospective dates would be June 10-14.

G. Paul Larson gave nominating committee report as follows:

President - Nordy Riley

Vice President - Flo Kallenbach

Secretary - Dan Rude

Treasurer – Marilyn Martinson

Cultural/Publicity Director – Martha Elliott

Zone 3 Director - Martha Elliott

Zone 4 Director - Russell Wiigs

No candidate was presented for Zone 2 Director

Nordy called Eivind Heiberg up to answer any questions.

Nordy called on Jerry Saude to make announcements.

3:00 p.m. Coffee break.

3:35 p.m. Reconvened and Nordy had drawing for prizes.

Nordy called the Resolution Committee Merv Eriksson, Milt Hommy and Thora Aldrich. There was no discussion on Resolutions 1 and 2. Resolution 3 possibly needs to be researched more.

Resolution 4 regarding military probably needs more clarification.

Resolution 5 regarding changing date for delegates to be submitted needs more clarification.

Nordy called on Elaine Nelson to give a report on membership recruitment. Elaine had members from three Lodges report on activities that have helped their lodges gain and maintain membership.

Vicki Anderson spoke on some of the things Smaa Fjell lodge does to keep and recruit members. Duane Larson and Estelle Hanson spoke on the rejuvenation of Hjemdahl Lodge. Becky and Steve Gunderson of Mjøsén Lodge spoke on rejuvenation of their lodge. They had a video presentation, but due to technical problems were not able to show it at this time.

Sonna Anderson gave the Trollfjorden Camp report.

Alison Wiigs gave the Trollhaugen Camp report.

Nordy called on Jerry Saude to make announcements.

General Session Recessed at 5:05 p.m.

Saturday, June 16

General Session reconvened at 8:00 a.m.

Charlotte appointed Marshalls Lauren Knudsen and Erma Lone, and Greeters Susan Gobbs and Sharon Bruce.

Song Den Glade Vandrer was sung.

Dan Rude gave report on Bjornetann Camp.

Song La Oss Leve was sung.

The FBC representative had a drawing for a Christmas ornament.

Nordy called Watford City delegation up to give video presentation on their bid for the 2020 convention.

Marilyn spoke on Form 990. This is a mandatory IRS form that needs to be submitted.

Nordy called on Mjosen Lodge representatives to show the video on activities in their Lodge.

Nordy did another drawing.

Nordy called for vote for 2020 convention. Watford City will be the site of the 2020 convention.

Paddle 37, Martha Elliott moved to destroy ballots and Paddle 85, Mark Wenass seconded. Carried.

Nordy called the Finance Committee up. Finance committee had no further business and were dismissed.

Nordy called the Reports Committee up. Reports Committee had no further business and were dismissed.

Nordy called the Resolution Committee up. Resolution 1 was read. Recommendation to pass. Passed.

Resolution 2 was read. Recommended to pass. Passed.

Resolution 3 was read. Recommended to pass. Passed.

Resolution 4 was read. Recommended to pass. Passed.

Resolution 5 was read. (Military) Recommended to amend resolution to include family members. Paddle 95, Sig Rudie, asked what the definition of family was. Consensus was it would mean family living in the same household. Nordy called for a vote on amendment. Carried.

Nordy called for a vote on resolution as amended. Passed as amended.

Resolution 6 regarding changing date of delegate election was read. Recommendation of Resolution Committee is to amend resolution to read to April 1 instead of March 1. And strike the remainder of the wording. Dennis Huck spoke on process of reporting delegates and time needed and he feels Law should be left as is.

There was discussion on the resolution and amendment.

Nordy called for a vote on amendment to change March to April. Passed.

Paddle 74, Lynne Rommesmo spoke in favor of the resolution as did Paddle 33, Kathy Gewont.

Nordy called for a vote on the resolution as amended. Passed.

Dan Rude gave presentation on the criteria involved in choosing Lodge of Year Awards.

Paddle 107, Jerry Saude moved and Paddle 97, Sharon Bruce seconded the motion to destroy ballots. Passed.

The Resolution Committee presented a "Thank You" resolution. Carried.

Nordy dismissed the Resolution committee.

G. Paul Larson again gave list of proposed officers and moved that the secretary cast a unanimous ballot for slate of officers. Carried.

Coffee break.

Zone caucuses met and elected Zone Directors and International Delegates.

11:05 a.m. General Session reconvened.

Jerry made announcements regarding table assignments, Cultural classes, etc.

The FBC representative had a drawing for ornaments.

\$2569 was collected for the Foundation Fund.

Marshalls handed out idea sheets Nordy had compiled from the Lodges.

Nordy thanked Zone Directors for verifying delegates. Thank you to tellers.

Kathy Daeley gave Zone 1 report.

International Delegates elected are Flo Kallenbach and G. Paul Larson; Alternates are Kathy Daeley and Samantha Reese.

Lynne Rommesmo gave the Zone 2 report. Even though the nominating committee had submitted no names for Zone Director and alternate, they elected John Andreasen as Zone Director and Kay Halverson as Alternate Zone Director.

International Delegates elected are Marilyn Martinson, Kay Halverson, Lynne Rommesmo, and Kyle Handegard. Alternates are Bill Martinson, Duane Larson, John Andreasen, Lisa Kornkven, Lisa Verwest-Martens, Chris Carlson, Paul Vesledahl and Tracy Strom.

Mae Streich gave the Zone 3 report. Martha Elliott was elected Zone Director. There was no alternate elected.

International Delegates elected are Martha Elliott, Vicki Anderson, Jerry Saude, and Kathy Robinson, Alternates are Scott Robinson and Julianne Bonner.

Alison Wiigs gave the Zone 4 report. Russell Wiigs was elected Zone Director and Milton Hommy was elected Alternate Zone Director even though the nominating committee had not submitted a name for alternate. International Delegates are Alison Wiigs and Russell Wiigs, Alternate is John Pettersen.

Becky Lewis gave the Zone 5 report. Fred Lake was elected Alternate Zone Director even though the nominating committee had not submitted a name for alternate. International Delegate is Charlotte Anvik, and Alternate is Becky Lewis.

John Knudsen gave the Zone 6 report. Susan Gobbs was elected as Alternate Zone Director even though the nominating committee had not submitted a name for alternate. International Delegates are John Knudsen, Betty Rude, and Tolly Erickson. Alternates are Carol Peterson, Susan Gobbs, Lauren Knudsen.

Nordy asked Charlotte to Chair for the Nomination of Alternate International Director.

The Nominee is Nordy Riley. Passed.

Nordy thanked greeters and marshalls and parliamentarian.

Nordy called on Jerry to give out awards for cultural displays.

They are as follows:

Peoples Choice Award went to Greg Aldrich.

Peoples Choice Award for Camp entry went to Christina Mazur.

Prize winners for entries:

Hardanger – Advanced – First Place Charlotte Pladson

Hardanger – Intermediate – First Place Stevie Mathre

Second Place Marlene Lune

Third Place Elaine Domier

Knitting – Adult – First Place Karen Mitzel

Knitting – Intermediate – First Place Nona Babcock

Second Place Nona Babcock

Third Place Stevie Mathre

Norweaving – First Place Alison Wiigs

Photography – First Place Liv Dahl

Second Place Liv Dahl

Rosemaling – Professional – First Place Mary Manning

Second Place Mary Manning

Rosemaling – Intermediate - First Place Dan Rude



Rosemaling – Novice – First Place Kari Haddad  
Second Place Helen Evjen  
Third Place Vi Hills  
Loom Weaving – First Place Posey Nickens  
Chip Carving – First Place Dennis Huck  
Second Place Albert Bummer  
Third Place Karen Huck  
Relief Carving – First Place Greg Aldrich  
Second Place Albert Bummer  
Swedish Weaving – First Place Mabel Becker  
Scrapbook – First Place Lynette Donkle  
Norwegian Kik Sled – First Place John Knudsen  
Wood Carving – Intermediate – First Place Greg Aldrich  
Second Place Greg Aldrich  
Wood Carving – Novice – First Place Vi Hills  
Second Place Albert Bummer

Cultural Skills from Camp - Adult

Chip Carving – First Place Lisa Verwest-Martens  
Rosemaling – First Place Christina Mazur

Cultural Skills from Camp – Youth

Knitting – First Place Carol Thompson  
Hardanger – First Place Arnikka Thompson  
Wood Figure Carving – First Place Tate Erickson  
Third Place Arnikka Thompson

Elaine Nelson mentioned information for International Convention regarding those who wish to be on committees on convention.

Martha Elliott, Paddle 37, asked that pictures be sent to her for the Viking Magazine as soon as possible.

Video from Sverdrup Lodge

Table prayer was led by Jerry Saude.

Convention adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

The installation of officers was at 5:30 p.m. Eivind Heiberg was the installing officer. The new officers are: Nordy Riley, President; Flo Kallenbach, Vice-President; Dan Rude, Secretary; Marilyn Martinson, Treasurer; Martha Elliott, Cultural/Publicity Director; Zone 1 Director Kathy Daeley; Zone 2 Director John Andreason; Zone 3

Director, Martha Elliott; Zone 4 Director, Russell Wiigs; Zone 5 Director, Becky Lewis; and Zone 6 Director, John Knudsen. Kathy Daeley, Becky Lewis, and John Knudsen have two years left on their four year terms.

The banquet began at 6:00 p.m. and after a delicious meal we were entertained by Rodney Nelson and Colleen Reinhardt and her band.

2016 Lodge of the Year plaques were presented to the following:

Family Lodge of the Year to Lodsens Lodge

Large Lodge of the Year to Gyda Varden Lodge

Small Lodge of the Year to Solsyd Lodge.

2017 Lodge of the Year plaques were presented to the following:

Family Lodge of the Year to Heim Lodge

Large Lodge of the Year to Normanden

Small Lodge of the Year to Bitterrootdalen.

In the event a Zone has not filled its quota of delegates to the International Convention, alternates will be chosen to fill empty slots in the following order: First from Zone 3, then from Zone 6, then from Zone 2, then from Zone 1, then from Zone 4, and last from Zone 5.

Proceeds from the silent auction were \$2565.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ruth Olson, Past District IV Secretary