

**POLISH FOLK DANCE ASSOCIATION OF THE AMERICAS  
BOARD MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2004**

Meeting began at 8:13 pm EST. Richard Jaminski, Donna Skurski, Paul Lempitski, Margaret Lorczak in attendance.

**I. Correspondence**

Margaret sent out letter from Richard along with Survey asking about participation in Festival, Hosting Choreographers and Music Library.

Richard said Glenn Ramski PFDA President sent an email on 11/23 announcing his leave of absence to serve in Iraq.

Donna reported \$16,000 in the Treasury plus \$900 from Conrad Wiecek of Lechici received today for check for Milwaukee Festival. Total Treasury: \$16,900.

Donna remembers conference calls costing about \$149.

**II. Old Business**

Lenny Pierce requested to become an individual member but we had not yet endorsed. Greg Biestek is an individual member. Lenny Pierce approved as individual member, but as such can't have voting privileges, or run for the Board.

Audio library CDs received from Conrad Wiecek cannot be copied for member groups due to copyright. CDs were recorded in a studio by a Kapela. Board decided not to copy for all groups but rather allow groups to borrow from the library interested in new sounds and music, and have something to work with and listen to rather than recording for everyone.

Donna would like to have Goralski recordings in the library for Wawel; Lechici would like Podlasie. Donna would like voices recorded separate and possibly words along with that. Richard suggested speaking to the folks at Dom Podhala; Andrzej Krzeptowski who taught in Milwaukee could be a helpful resource. Wesoly Lud is looking for Podlasie, Lublin and children's dances.

Richard will ask Conrad if albums were purchased from Ada Dziewanowska as Glenn Ramski had planned. He will find out how many were purchased, one set or many. Each member group can get a record and a greeting card before the holidays. Richard will transfer to CD if possible.

Margaret will find out how Pisanki PFDA eggs are left in inventory with Michelle Kisluk. We can send some to members for holidays and save some for performing tour of Poland in 2005 for Polish instructors and hosts.

Performing tour of Poland in 2005 will be organized in the southern section. Dates of the Rzeszow Festival have been changed to July 20-28, 2005. Some of the requirements from the wspolnota Polska website were translated by Richard and are listed below:

- Minimum 8 couples, 16 dancers
- Must have own kapela, accordion or music
- Participants must be age 16 or over
- Groups must send applications and video to Poland before 2/15/05
- Video on VHS system must have a 30 minute program from each group

Festival organizers will begin making decisions around March 1<sup>st</sup>. By April 30<sup>th</sup> groups will be notified if they have been accepted. Groups have until 5/31/05 to send CDs with music to Festival Committee.

Groups should arrive ready to perform in Gala Concert no longer than 30 minutes in total, not longer than 5 minutes per suite; Festival Committee has the right to decide which dances are to be performed based on videocassettes provided with application. Groups can prepare dances or songs from country of origin for a special performance of dances from origin countries but cannot be longer than 5 minutes. Every group regardless of whether accompanied by live music should have playback available for radio and tv appearances and for both concerts. CDs and copy of the prepared program should be prepared in advance and must fit in time limit. Will cut music if over time limit. Participating groups are not allowed to use dancers, singers or musicians from Poland. During festival participants are allowed to participate in tours. There will also be tours for non-participants of the concert that traveled with the groups with a minimum of 10 people based on different interests. Participants will have separate tours. Contact information:

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Each of our member groups will have to submit application separately. Groups are welcome to participate in the Performing Tour before Rzeszow. If Wspólnota Polska tried to disqualify one group, PFDAA will defend them. PFDAA performing tour planned for week of July 13<sup>th</sup> then continue on to Rzeszow. PFDAA is investigating a southern Poland tour.

Tour t-shirts are a good idea and will be included in cost of performing tour. Margaret will ask Jolanta Pienczykowski of PAFDC if she can submit logo ideas.

Margaret will ask PFDAA groups who showed interest in going to Poland how many people will attend from each group.

A PFDAA newsletter will be prepared before Christmas.

The PFDAA website will be updated by Monika Pazdziora for \$25/month for one year. Ideas for the website include a translation for Rzeszow Festival in English, information about each group, and information about purchasing costumes, boots, etc.

Discussion of creating a course for choreographers in the U.S. will be postponed to near future. Instructor weekends with Polish choreographers will be discussed next year.

Events in 2005 include 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary dinner in Regina Canada, Podhale 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary in May 2005. Trojak Concert in June 2005 in New York. Wesoly Lud Winter Dinner Dance on January 15, 2005. Festival proposed to be hosted in Chicago in 2007.

Next meeting will be held Sunday, January 16, 2005 at 8 EST.

Meeting adjourned 9:27pm.