

MINUTES OF THE POLISH FOLK DANCE
ASSOCIATION OF THE AMERICAS
GENERAL MEETING
SATURDAY, AUG. 2, 2003
COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY, NEW YORK CITY

Meeting was brought to order at 9:45 AM.

Danny Dziadura counted that there were 8 delegates in the quorum in good standing to vote.

Michelle Kisluk read the minutes from the 2000 meeting. Motion accepted by Andrzej Kempisty, seconded by Tom Skurski.

Wanted to add to old minutes that the PFDAA in English is ok, but in Polish it should be translated to say, "Polish Folk Dance Association of **North America**".

Officers Reports

VP - Glen Ramski - Glen could not be at the meeting due to his commitment in the reserves. Danny spoke a few words for him.

Danny stressed that we want to put money back in to the Association through our Fundraising with the pisanki, and this festival.

Hejnal and PAFDC performed in Rzeszow, Poland.

Glen Ramski organized to have the PFDAA groups perform at Polish Fest in Milwaukee. Income from this put \$800 in 2002 and \$900 in 2003 in our treasury for the association.

Treasurer - Donna Skurski - Balance in our account is \$6062.06. We received the seed money back and \$741.55, which was 50% profit from the Milwaukee Festival.

Gorale is no longer together since 2002 and can't contact the other Wawel group. Treasurer's report accepted by Richard Jaminski and seconded by Andrzej Kempisty.

Secretary - Michelle Kisluk - We have one new member group, Polish National Alliance Lasowiaczy Dancers from Syracuse. Michelle was disappointed in the egg sales. She thought that every group should take at least 10 to either give away as gifts or sell at their own local Polish festivals and performances. We could not sell them at Lincoln Center, since they wanted money to allow us to sell them. Report accepted by Paul Lempitski and seconded by Margaret Lorczak.

Festival Report - Danny Dziadura reported for John Niemczyk, who is the festival chairperson. Festival seed money of \$2000 was returned to the association. Next President will revise the festival schedule. Grant money from corporations were over \$20,000. With ticket sales we should make a good profit. We may meet our expenses with the registration fees and thinks that

there will be a substantial profit for the association. As of 1 PM Friday, there were 904 tickets sold. It is very hard to get Lot Airlines to donate, but they got them. The American Institute of Polish Culture in Miami, FL and the Rosenstiel Foundation, together donated \$10,000.

Compliments go out to the members of the PAFDC for a great festival.

Though with a Manhattan based festival it would have been too costly to rent dance space and get choreographers from Poland. We recognize John Niemczyk for all his hard work putting this festival together, especially with a new baby in the family.

Old Business

Continue our music and video collection. Glen has the tapes. Thank you to Richard Jaminski for putting all the music for the Gala on CD.

We do except individual members into the association. Currently we have one member, Greg Biestek. Individuals are non-voting and are not eligible to run for the board. Lenny Pierce would like to become an individual member.

Duane is working on web site pfdaa.com. Would like to have a member log in for costume information, etc.

Nominations and elections

Since there is only one person per office, there was no need for voting.

President - Glen Ramski 1st- Donna Skurski, 2nd Tom Skurski

Vice-President - Richard Jaminski 1st Paul Lempitski, 2nd Tom Skurski

Treasurer - Donna Skurski 1st Andrzej

Secretary – Margaret Lorczak

Sargeant at Arms – Paul Lempitski

Richard Jaminski thanked the former board for a job well done on behalf of himself and Glenn Ramski. Richard addressed a few items the new board might want to discuss in detail in the future:

- 1) Video Library – think about which regions member groups like to see included
- 2) Children's Festival – consider having a Festival of Children's groups along with an Instructors course of how to teach children's groups. Richard has contacts in Poland with expertise in this field that may be able to help us in implementing such a Festival in North America.

Tatry of Windsor Canada expressed interest in hosting the next Festival but need to discuss with their group before committing.

Eric Pierce of Krakowiak Polish Dancers of Boston asked the Board whether they would be interested in a website archives database he is working on. Participants of prior Festivals could post pictures and search for pictures of other participants.

Meeting adjourned at 11:10 AM.