



Perth International Folk Dance Group
Annual General Meeting – Monday 29th November 2010
St Margaret's Hall, cnr Tyrell and Elizabeth Sts, Nedlands 8pm

Present: John Whaite, Pat Charlton, Pam Gunn, Cyndie Innes, Nina Thompson, Leone Pitman, Sara Friedman, Jenny Currell, Anne Griffiths, Carolyn Cox, Palenque Blair, Eve Blair, Martin Williams, Berni Maginn, Pam Williams, David Lane, Peter Fallon, Jennifer Eyre, Jenny Bardill, John Bardill, Jo Dilly, Gisela Gmeinder, Debbie Harwood, Tony Hoar, Paula Day, Bev Williamson

Apologies: None

1. Previous Minutes

Accepted: Palenque
Seconded: Pam W

2. President's Report

Accepted: Nina
Seconded: Paula

Many successful events were held throughout the year:

- A Saturday afternoon workshop was conducted by Palenque at Kulcha on 5th December 2009 to learn the dances for the evening with The Flying Carpathians
- Aileen organised a Greek Restaurant party at Eat Greek in East Fremantle in March.
- A Monday party night with a Gypsy theme was held in May with Russell and Mark (Last Five Coins) playing a few tunes
- A successful Beginners Course was run in May and June at St Margaret's.
- Eve & Palenque were invited by Fiona Murdoch to be guest teachers at the New Zealand International Folk Dance Festival in June. (The 600MB video of the dances is on the Pifdg computer and available for members to copy).
- Palenque performed a couple of dances and Damon & Miranda helped her teach gypsy dances at Ruza's tennis club Gypsy Party and Palenque also taught an "Austrian Slap dance" for a theatre group in Dowerin to perform in their annual production!
- The Andre Van de Plas weekend workshop in July was held at the Mount Hawthorn Main Hall on Scarborough Beach Rd.
- The Gennetines Grand Bal d'Europe festival in France for 9 days in July was attended by Palenque and several Pifdg members (as well as Pam Massey!)

- Saturday group celebrated its 9th birthday in September with a “dressed to the nines” themed party.
- The Yorgo Kaporis "Mainly Macedonian Balkan" weekend workshop in October was held at St Margaret's
- Another Monday party night was held in November with a Greek theme and our own group Kakophani playing some of the tunes.
- Events coming up: Christmas Parties: 18th and 20th December

Performances:

- A Balkan Dance at Fairbridge Festival in April with the Last Five Coins.
- A hot performance at the St Andrew's Greek School community fete in Dianella in November.

Only one Grapevine this year but regular news via e-mail. (A second Grapevine is due before Christmas.)

Hall hire price at St Margaret's increased again in July and all fees will be going up by \$1 after January. A lower fee for monthly payment in advance will continue to try to encourage more consistent attendance

Our sad news was the passing of both Francis and Roger Young (an American couple who spent several years in Perth, Francis being a regular teacher at PIFDG in the early 1990's). And long-time member Penny Why also passed away in October.

Palenque thanked all those who have been on the Committee this year with special thanks to those retiring.

3. Treasurer's Report

Accepted: John

Seconded: Jennifer

In summary this year:

- 44 financial members plus 3 life members - no change in number from 2009 membership
- Andre Workshop, held in July lost \$209 (15%) - hall cost was higher and less attendees (29)
- Yorgo Kaporis workshop, 34 attendees, broke even (Yorgo lost money) - 2009 & 2010 year
- After commitments we have \$3,379 in the bank down significantly over the last 2-years
- The advance payment option applied during the year - some success - but with time overhead
- Mondays lost approx \$647, Saturdays lost approx \$427
- Two outstanding commitments
 - \$1,000 Jennifer Eyre - local teacher training course
 - \$638 St Margaret's Hall Hire - October - Mon; Sat and rehearsals

Thanks to Jenny Bardill for standing in as Treasurer for 3 months while Martin was away
Martin is not standing for Group Treasurer in 2011

4. Group Funds & New Fees

It was agreed that the system for paying each month in advance was working well and encouraged people to attend for the whole month. However as both Saturday and Monday classes have been running at a loss, there was a proposal to increase the session fees by \$1 to make the cost \$5 (\$7 for non-members) when paying monthly in advance or \$6 (\$8 for non-members) when paying on the night.

A vote for an increase in the session fees was passed by the majority in a show of hands. 15 votes for and 10 against.

Bev suggested we could wait for 6 months - Palenque replied that the committee would decide when to make the increase.

Berni also suggested that the group might consider a Fund Raising Event to boost the funds. Something like a dance or something similar to the Cafe Folklorico fundraiser some years back.

5. Committee for 2011

Thank you to the outgoing committee. The current treasurer, secretary and three committee members (Pat, Leone & Nina) will not be standing for committee in 2011.

President: Palenque (nominated by Nina, seconded by Pat) elected unopposed.

Vice President: Jennifer (nominated by Palenque, seconded by Leone) elected unopposed.

Treasurer: John W (nominated by Martin, seconded by Palenque) elected unopposed

Secretary: To be filled from committee at a later date. Committee meeting minutes may be taken by the secretary or by another member at the meeting.

Committee Members:	<u>Nominated</u>	<u>Seconded</u>
Jenny C	Palenque	Jennifer
Jenny B	Jennifer	Leone
John B	Jenny B	Pam W
Cyndie	Pam W	Martin
Deb	Pat	Tony
Jo	Nina	Pat
Bev	Jenny C	Nina
Carolyn	Cyndie	Berni

Eve agreed to continue in her role as Consultant.

Pat raised a special vote of thanks to retiring members Leone and Nina for their long-standing contribution over many years on the committee.

6. Other Business

The majority of attendees agreed that they would like another Andre Van der Plas workshop in July 2011.

Meeting closed 8:45pm