



Perth International Folk Dance Group
2nd Committee Meeting 2010
7.30pm Wednesday 22nd September
Pam and Martin's: 71 Ailsa St, Wembley Downs Tel: 9445 2072

Present:	Palenque Blair	President, Chair
	John Whaite	Vice President
	Pam Williams	Secretary
	Martin Williams	Treasurer
	Cyndie Innes	Jennifer Eyre
	Leone Pitman	Pat Charlton

Apologies: Jenny Currell, Jenny Bardill & Nina Thompson

Key item: Yorgo Kaporis workshop 2nd- 3rd October 2010

Venue:

St Margaret's hall has been booked the dates, but we need to advise times.

Action: Martin to confirm times.

Refreshments:

Nina (prior to the meeting) Pat and Leone agreed to be responsible for morning tea on Saturday and afternoon teas on Saturday & Sunday. Palenque suggested that they keep in mind the number of attendees and a reduced budget of about \$75 was set with the proviso that more could be purchased on the Sunday morning if needed.

Action: Pat, Nina & Leone to purchase and prepare food

Hall Decoration:

It was decided that some Balkan flags would look nice. Palenque can supply a large Bulgarian flag & we would try to borrow a Macedonian flag.

Action: Cyndie to approach local library to see if they can have one.

Leone to approach her local council.

Saturday night event:

It was agreed that a meal at a restaurant would be easiest for most people. Palenque suggested maybe the Greek restaurant in Nedlands.

Action: Palenque to book restaurant for ~15 people at 7pm.

Video of Dances:

Yorgo will not be supplying a video so we need to take our own. It was agreed that John and Palenque would bring their own video cameras – though John pointed out that his HD model has a strange format and Palenque advised that hers is not high quality. Sara is attending and has a video camera.

Action: Leone to ask Sara to bring her video camera.

Financial Arrangements

Yorgo has had higher travel costs than we anticipated but to be fair to him while avoiding a loss on the workshop, it was agreed that we stick to the \$800 first discussed with a profit-share arrangement where we pay Yorgo up to \$1000 plus half

of anything we make over the top of this. Martin also wanted to confirm the method of payment in case he wanted cash.

Action: John to contact Yorgo with details of our financial offer and his preferred payment method

Event Promotion:

All agreed we need more attendees and that we should place flyers in local libraries, make personal contacts, advertise via community radio and continue to target the Macedonian community. Cyndie advised that she has posted a notice on the board at Kulcha. When approaching anyone in future to advertise our events we should point out that we are a 'Not-for-Profit' organisation and consider excluding fees. We agreed to spend \$50 on 2 radio ads.

Actions: Palenque to organise 2 ads on Radio 6EBA

Cyndie & Martin to put up notices and contact people personally

Martin to contact Radio presenters

Jennifer to try the Macedonian groups again

John to contact Petro G and ask Yorgo if he has any connections in Perth

Previous Minutes --- meeting of 27th January 2010

No formal acceptance, but taken as a true record.

Action points from previous meeting

Most of the Action points were either completed or are no longer applicable.

Outstanding Action: Martin to provide a spreadsheet of the Group Assets to John Whaite in his role of Asset collator

Other actions outstanding have been added to the relevant sections below.

Treasurer

Martin went over his reports and handed out various summaries. The treasurer's report was accepted and there were thanks to Jenny Bardill for acting in the position for over 3 months during Martin's leave. (NB Jenny Bardill was added to the list of signatories and Steve Hubbard removed at a 7th April 2010 'e- meeting' with approval and signatures of committee members).

Martin will be overseas for 6 months next year and is resigning from the treasurer's position but there were no nominations from current committee members.

Palenque suggested that maybe the position could be broken up so that more than one person was involved. Maybe one person responsible for membership etc.

Martin advised that PIFDG's financial year actually ends in September.

Fees for 2011 were discussed and it was agreed to keep the monthly payment option. This option is a bit harder to manage as sheets with member's names have to be printed each month, but it was felt that it actually helped to keep up attendance.

Martin advised that hall cost had increased to \$20ph and that both Saturday & Monday group sessions have been running at a loss. John suggested that the teacher's went back to a profit-share arrangement and the 'fairness' of this was discussed. In the end we agree to keep the teacher payment the same and to raise the fee by \$1 per

session. So monthly rates will rise to \$5 and \$7 per session and individual payment on the night will be \$6 and \$8 (members/non-members).

Performance Group

Palenque advised that the performance group have been offered two 15 minutes slots in Dianella at a School Fete on Sunday 28th November and advised that we are applying to dance next April at Fairbridge 2011

Action: Palenque to send of application to Fairbridge

EVENTS:

Workshops

Yorgo's October workshop was covered as a key item.

Workshops for 2011 were discussed and Palenque advised that Andre would soon be in contact but no final decisions were made.

Beginner's Courses

Cyndie had requested details of those who attended the May beginner's course for feedback & follow-up. Palenque took them initially so she can add them to the Yahoo group email list.

It was agreed that a course in the Eastern Suburbs should be scheduled for 2011

Action: Palenque to update Yahoo list and return details to Cyndie

Palenque & Jennifer to organise a beginner's course in the Bassendean area for the 1st or 2nd quarter of 2011

Party Nights

The planned party night was not held in August and as the 5th Monday in November is too close to the Xmas party, we agreed to a "Greek" night on 1st November.

The date for our Monday Xmas Party was set at December 20th with the Last 5 Coins playing if available. There was no decision made about the Saturday group party.

Action: Palenque to book the Last 5 Coin if available..

Point Peron

To be considered for March 2011. Previous action still outstanding:

Action: Martin to check on prices, conditions and availability.

Video nights:

John suggested we should have an evening to show stuff from Gennetines but nothing was organised and it was pointed out that many people still hadn't seen Belyssa's video of our May 2009 Burswood performance or Palenque's video of our 2007 National FF performance.

Action: Martin to make contact with Belyssa

Palenque to check on the National performance video

Promotion/Communication

Palenque will continue to send out communications via the Yahoo Groups circulation list and as Pam is retiring from the secretary's position, she no longer needs to be added as an administrator.

Action: Palenque to send Pam a list of all current members

Promotion ideas also included small cards to be left at various venues and getting a colourful poster together for posting in the church glass cabinet at the front gate at St Margaret's.

Action: Palenque to get design done, and Martin to contact the church about putting it up in the locked cabinet.

There were discussions on how to attract a younger generation to PIFDG. It was agreed that the web was the interface of choice for this group and maybe we could consider using Facebook.

Another digital media suggestion was to try to get a You Tube video up - no specific action yet - except generally to take videos and get them in a suitable format. (John, Palenque, Martin, Sara or anyone with a camera).

Some members also thought we should try to target children.

Our website is very important and we need to put far more thought into this area.

Jenny Currell is responsible for maintaining our website and we agreed at the January meeting that she could get Adobe writer and ftp software for her PC to help her do this. She was also going to investigate the cost of getting our own domain name and buy a USB to backup iTunes & document the procedure.

Jenny was not present at the meeting to advise the current situation but the group has paid for the USB.

Action: Jenny Currell to complete those actions outstanding from the January meeting.

Grapevine:

We haven't had a Grapevine this year and Palenque suggested we should try to get one out before the AGM or earlier if possible. Palenque has submitted an article about Gennetines to Footnotes and included some of Pam Massey's notes and this could be used. Other articles should be submitted as soon as possible.

Member requests were St Chartier or Koprivshitsa Sabor from John and a paragraph about Jennifer's teaching course from Jennifer. It was also suggested that Tony Hoar might do a piece about the Sword Dancing in Korcula.

Action: Martin & Palenque to produce the Spring 2010 Grapevine.

Committee e-mail replies

As there are often so many committee e-mails bouncing back and forward, Pam requested that members change the Subject line when "replying" if their e-mail is about a different subject. This makes it easier to keep the emails on file.

She also requested that only one subject be dealt with in an e-mail that is asking for responses. Both of these are recommended and accepted business practises for good communication.

The second request was rejected by Palenque who will carry on putting multiple subjects in an e-mail.

Preparation for AGM

The **AGM** was confirmed as 29th November 2010 and would be held just after a shortened lesson by Palenque. Nina, Pat, Leone and Pam advised that they would not stand in 2011:

We are looking for nominations for new members and, in particular, a secretary and treasurer. Cyndie indicated that she might consider the secretary position and another suggestion was maybe Deb.

Action: Committee to encourage nomination for Secretary, Membership officer or Treasurer positions.

Other Business

Xmas dates: There will be a 2 week break with dancing re-commencing on Saturday 8th January and Monday 10th January.

Suggestions Box

There were no suggestions tabled – but the box was not checked and has not been put out recently.

There should be a mini copy of the hall procedures checklist (that Martin typed up and provided to the Church) attached to the PC and a reminder to "Put out the Suggestions Box" added.

Action: Martin to produce mini version.

Next Meeting

It was agreed that committee meetings were not frequent enough and in future, they should be held every 2-3 months with dates fixed at the start of the year.

Thanks to Pam & Martin for use of their house and providing drinks and nibbles.