

ICELANDIC AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF MINNESOTA (IAAMN)

**Minutes from IAAMN Board Meeting held on
February 21, 2013, 7:30 p.m. at the Danish American Center in Minneapolis, MN**

PRESENT: Claire Eckley, Steingrímur (Stony) Steinólfsson, Doug Rutford, Harvey Thorleifson, Mallory Swanson and Diane Greenwood, TJ Johnson (via Skype), Dr. Orn and Maddy Arnar, Lyle Hillman (via Skype).

1. Claire called the meeting to order at 7:40 p.m.

**MSP Stony/Harvey to approve the January 10th, 2013 Board meeting minutes as read.
Unanimous.**

2. Approval of tonight's agenda

MSP Stony/Harvey to approve the Agenda

3. Treasurer's report

a. We need to start calling everyone that we do not have an email for so that we can cut down on our mailing costs. Balance in the bank account is about \$992. **Report Attached**

MSP Stony/Lyle to approve a donation to Val Bjornson, The Minneota Library, and a memorial to Dan Simundsson in the amount of \$100 each. Unanimous.

MSP Stony/Harvey to approve Treasurer's report. Unanimous.

4. Sunshine

a. Elin Cadmus is taking care of writing cards for the sunshine committee

5. Correspondence – Lyle Hillman's granddaughter Emily is going on Snorri this summer.

6. Brochure for IAAMN-

a. Maria Hermanson is working on developing a brochure for the IAAMN, if possible to be completed before the INL Conference in April.

7. INLNA Convention Host

a. 2015 would be the 20th Anniversary of the IAAMN, and might be a good year for us to hold the event.

b. We will start looking into costs, models, locations, etc. and will schedule meetings to begin pre-planning.

8. Thorrablot Report by Steingrimur

a. It was a fun evening with a total of about 75 people in attendance. Total cash in was \$3,337.50, and total costs were \$2,761.71 for a total net profit of \$575.79. Ideas were discussed for next year's Thorrablot, (date, location, etc.) though nothing was decided. The winner of the Icelandair tickets was Petrina Cordes, who has won flight tickets two previous times! **Reports Attached**

9. IAAMN becoming 501c3 organization LLC

a. Claire is working on filing the paperwork with Minnesota Secretary of State.

10. INLNA Convention Delegates: Who is attending? April 4-7 in Seattle

a. Lyle Hillman, Chris Byron, Steve Guttormson, and Claire Eckley all plan to go.

11. Edvard Grieg Society Performance, Kristin Jonina Taylor, Pianist March 3rd at Mindekirken 4:00 pm

a. Hekla and the IAAMN are hosting a reception after the concert. The number of people expected is up in the air. IAAMN will bring hangikjot or rullapylsa and brown bread. And Pat Allred will be asked to bring gravalox.

12. St. Paul Chamber Orchestra – March 12 Valgeir Sigurdsson Concert

a. Claire is going to reach out to him and/or the Chamber Orchestra to see if he would like to meet with the Icelandic Community after the concert.

13. Hekla Club Samkoma- April 20th

a. The event will be held at the Knights of Columbus

14. Nordic Genealogy Seminar April 26th & 27th

a. At the Inver Grove Heights Community College

15. June 15th Icelandic Independence Day

a. This event will be held at Bryant Lake Park, just like last year

16. Seeking the Iceberg at University of Minnesota

a. Dr. Arnar and Maddy report that this was a great lecture. If you want to see the lecture, you can go to the website University of Minnesota, Institute of Advanced Studies. www.ias.umn.edu/2013/02/12/ogilvie-astrid

17. Film Festival

a. Arnars attended and reported the Icelandic movie was a serious one.

18. Fund Raising Report

a. A meeting will be held to discuss fundraising

19. Tears of the Sun- INL movie series

a. The INL movie program is asking us to find a time to show it locally. Harvey will check with the University music departments to see if we could form a partnership in showing the film. We will look into showing the movie in Duluth too.

20. POSTURINN

a. The next edition goes out in May. Please send information as Claire and Joe will begin working on it now.

21. Other business:

a. The March meeting of the board may be held on March 7th. Mallory will formally invite the Hekla Club to send members to join in the planning and discussions.

MSP Harvey/Doug to meet on March 7th instead of the normal meeting night. Anonymous.

b. Discussed inviting Nancy Marie Brown to talk with us at one of our next events. Costs need to be considered.

c. Hjalmar Hannesson is Atli Asmundsson's successor as the Consul General and a potential speaker as he will be living in Winnipeg.

22. Adjournment

There being no further business for the Board, Claire adjourned the meeting at 8:47 p.m.

Notes taken and respectfully submitted by Mallory Swanson.