

NABO MEETING
May 29, 2004
Woolgrower's Restaurant
Bakersfield, California

President Pierre Etcharren called the meeting to order at 8:20a.m. and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

The following delegates, guests, and chairpersons were present:

Club

Fresno Basque Club

Boise Euzkaldunak, Inc.
Oinkari Basque Dancers

Alkartasuna SW Basque Club
Center for Basque Studies
Elko Basque Club

Reno Basque Club

Mendiko Euskaldun Club

SF Basque Cultural Center

San Francisco Basque Club

Ontario Basque Club

Basque Club of Utah

Kern County Basque Club
Society of Basque Studies
Euzko Etxea of New York
Anaitasuna Basque Club

Chino Basque Club

Basque Educational Org.

Euskal Lagunak
Lagun Onak Basque club

Delegate

Josephine Arriet
Tony Campos
Ricardo Yanci
Jill Aldape
John Krakau
Martin Goicoechea
Gloria Totoricaguena
A.T. Anacabe Franzoia
Bob Echeverria
Linda Barrenchea
Ken Barrenchea
Teresa Fernandez
Noel Arraiz
Xabier Berrueta
Franxoia Bidaurreta
Philippe Acheritogaray
Valerie Arrechea
Grace Mainvil
Lisa Corcostegui
Mary Gaztambide
Jean Gaztambide
Martin Etchamendi
Ramon Cengotitabengoa
Anna Aguirre
Jose Zalba
Gina Espinal
John Ysursa
Johnny Plaa
Idoya S. Urruty
Anton Laxague
JoAnn Aguirre Hoffman
Argia Beristain

Euskaldunak Danak Bat

Seattle Euskal Etxea

Bighorn Basque Club
Los Banos Basque Club

So. California Eskualdun Club
Ventura County BC
Lagun Onak BC – LV
Colorado Euskal Etxea

Jerry Etcheverry
Susan Gavica
Antoniette Sabarots
John Etulain
Trinity Rodriguez
Amador Zabalbeascoa
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Randy Gariador
Jose L. Urrutia
Argia Beristain
Michael Matassa
Chris Suazo

Committee Chairperson

Video-Jesus Pedroarena
Euskara-Martin Goicoechea
Udaleku-Valerie Arrechea
Hizketa-John Ysursa
Mus-Victor Esain
History-Gloria Totoricaguena
Aurrera Goaz-Anita Franzoia
Pilota-Maurice Negueloa

Officers

President-Pierre Etcharren
V-President-Bob Echeverria
V-President-Mary Gaztambide
Treasurer-Grace Mainvil
Secretary-Esther Bidaurreta

Guests

Frances Pedroarena-Mendiko Euskaldun Club, Gardnerville
Aita Martxel Tillous-Basque Chaplain
Harold Suazo-Colorado Euskal Etxea
Mary Anne Carricaburu Matassa-Colorado Euskal Etxea
Mike Matassa, Sr.-Colorado Euskal Etxea
Arantxa Irastorza-Euskadi Irratius Kazetaria
Nuria Sanchez-Europa Press Kazetaria
Juliet Campos-Fresdno BC
Josu Legarreta-Basque Govt.
Benan Oregi-Basque Govt.
Koldo Ordozgoiti-Basque Govt.

PROXIES

The following proxies were submitted: Ana Mendiola, Patty Miller, Barry Baumgarner to Ricardo Yanci; Jose M. Beristain to Argia Beristain; Kate Camino to Gloria Totoricaguena; Emilia Doyaga to Anna Aguirre; Audrey Reno to Trinity Rodriguez; Pedro Amarica to Martin Goicoechea.

WELCOME

Larry Errea, President of the Kern County Basque Club welcomed all to Bakersfield and the festival.

MINUTES

The following corrections were made: Under treasurer's report approval, the sentence Philippe and Bob would meet privately after the meeting. Victor Esain was left off as Mus Chairperson; Scott Berriochoa is president of the SLC club; the Website Committee is part of the Lotura Committee, but will be left as is for now.

Bob Echeverria made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Seconded by Teresa Fernandez. One opposed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Grace Mainvil provided a copy of a detailed treasurer's report to all delegates. The president asked the delegates to review the report during the meeting. Questions and discussion would take place at the end of the meeting.

Following are the NABO account balances:
(Includes checking, savings, and any CD's)

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| General Account Funds: | \$14,168.42 |
| Pelota Account Funds: | \$ 3,397.47 |
| Mus Account Funds: | \$58,879.42 |
| Educational Account Funds: | \$42,830.72 |
| Udaleku Account Funds: | \$ 2,762.57 |
| J.L. Iribarren Memorial Act. Funds: | \$ 2,358.26 |

BASQUE GOVERNMENT

Presentations given by: Miren Azkarate – Basque language in the USA projected outline; Kinku – BOGA by powerpoint; Benan Oregi – A) Programs for Basques Abroad in 2004: 1) Subsidies to clubs – grants; 2) Gaztemundu – will be held September 10 – 25, 2004; applications needs to be in by 7/9/04; 3) Andre Irujo award; 4) Cultural Tours to countries in which Basque clubs are located; 5) Educational programs – Latin American youth based on the economic difficulties of Argentina and Venezuela; 6) Aid for personal cases of extreme poverty facing member of Basque clubs (Argentina & Venezuela); 7) Training of people in the area of Foreign Relations; B) Club registration; and C) Congress – conclusion of the congress was that each Club needs to review their viability & there strategy to continue. Communications will be sent to keep clubs updated.

EUSKARA

Martin Goicoechea reported that he has the BOGA program available on CD for each club. Several problems have been dealt with. There will be a special meeting after our regular meeting.

MUS

Bob Echeverria made a motion that Victor Esain be included as the chairman to the International Tournament with the winning NABO team to be held 1/16-24, 2004 in Acapulco, Mexico. Seconded by Jerry Echeverria. All in favor.

Schedule for future International Tournaments: 2005 – Donostia; 2006 – Chili (not confirmed); 2007 – Palma del Malorca (not confirmed).

Gina Espinal reported that a youth tournament has been organized. Ages groups 7-12 and 13-18. Participants will be from Elko, Reno, and the San Francisco area. Finals will be May 30, at 1:00p.m.

UDALEKU

Valerie Arrechea reported that Udaleku, 2004 will be held in Boise, Idaho from 7/18/-04 to 8/1/04. Application deadline is 6/1/04. So far there are 100 participants. Ricardo Yanci reported that the budget presently is showing a \$6,000.00 deficit with the \$150.00 fee. He recommends that we need to reconsider the application fee. NABO will cover any outstanding balance that occurs. There are grants available from the Basque government as well. Also, states can apply to NEA (a federal agency) which helps to fund cultural activities. Valerie recommends that each club hosting will have to determine number of participants that can be accommodated. 2005 is scheduled for the Southern region.

VIDEO

Jesus Pedroarena reported that he BOGS cd's are made; he needs to know what cable companies are in delegate area and he will contact companies to see if they will carry ETB.

KANTARI EGUNA

Will be held 7/30/04 in Boise, Idaho.

PELOTA

Maurice Negueloua reported that the NABO finals will be 11/13 & 14/2004 in Bakersfield, California, their Handball Court Anniversary. There are 2 more categories of Paleta Goma as well as Veterans over 50. Women's Baleen Final will be played. The women from San Francisco have been in contact with Bakersfield and Chino to start playing. Bob Echeverria made a motion to pay Marcel Etcheverry \$500.00 for trophies he purchased for 2003 tournament that were destroyed in shipping. Seconded by Jerry Echeverria. All in favor.

There will be a meeting on Sunday, 5/30/04 after Mass fro all clubs with frontons.

Pelota camps would be a great idea for introduction but 2 weeks is not enough to master the sport. Regular practice sessions need to be developed

USFP – Franxoa Bidaureta reported on behalf of Richard Troth, current president of the the federation. The next meeting is 6/19/04 in Phoenix, AZ. Upcoming tournaments they would like to participate in: U-22 7/11 to 18 in Soria, Spain; Trinquete – 9/4 – 12/2004 Coupe du Mondial; 2006 World Tournament – Mexico (16 specialities and 20 countries anticipated).

HIZKETA

John Ysursa reported to check out the newsletter online. The Center for Basque Studies needs a new representative on their advisory board (NABO president is on the advisory board). Dance CD volume IV is ready.

WEBSITE

Webmaster is Phlippe Acheritogaray. Have been some changes but things are going smoothly.

CALENDAR

Mary Lou Urrutia sent a written report. 2005 calendars will be available end of July.

HISTORY

Gloria Totoricaguena reported that she has contacted past officers for information and pictures to collect and digitalize and store at UNR; passed out

form for clubs to fill out with club info; recommends each club has a historian; will mail form to clubs not in attendance.

BERTSU BOOK

Profit to date is \$2,704.00; has seen a positive response.

AURRERA GOAZ

Powerpoint presentation given. Anita Anacabe would like 1 member from each club to be on this committee; some suggestions: regional activities for community building; survey to clubs to ascertain what they want; Ban Pro training workshop.

CULTURAL EXCHANGE

Website for multiple city and types of exchanges: www.amalur.projet.site.voila.fr
Teresa Fernandez made a motion that people who want to come to the US thru NABO, that the information be sent out to the clubs and posted on the website and forwarded to all clubs. Seconded by Trinity Rodriguez. After discussion, President tabled motion. All in favor.

CLUB REPORTS

The following clubs gave reports: Mendiko Eskualdun – Gardnerville; Bighorn Basque Club – Buffalo; Basque Club of Utah – SLC; Chino Basque Club – Chino; Ontario Basque Club – Ontario. Next meetings reports: Euzkaldunak – Boise; Reno Zazpiak Bat – Reno.

TREASURER'S REPORT APPROVAL

Xabi Berrueta made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report. Seconded by Amador Zabalbeascoa. All in favor.

NEW BUSINESS

Society of Basque Studies 24th Hall of Fame 10/24/04 in Fresno. Those honored will include Juliet and Tony Campos; Victor Esain.

NABO has been approached by the producers of the film *The Last Link* to distribute the DVDs for profit. A screening will be held in Las Vegas to educate delegates. Gloria Toticaguena made a motion to give a 10 minute presentation of film at Las Vegas meeting and then determine if distribution is desired. Seconded by Jose Urrutia. All in favor.

Paper placemats: if any clubs are interested in ordering placemats with club info printed on them, please come forward.

FUTURE MEETINGS

Fall, 2004 – Las Vegas, NV – 10/09/04

Winter/Spring, 2005 – Winnemucca, NV – March 26, 2005

Convention, 2005 – Rock Springs, WY – July 16 & 17

Fall, 2005 – TBA

ELECTIONS

President nominations: Mary Gaztambide; Martin Goicoechea. Bob Echeverria made a motion to close nominations. Seconded by Xabi Berrueta. All in favor. Mary was elected president.

Treasurer nominations: Grace Mainvil. John Ysursa made a motion to close nominations. Seconded by Ken Barrenchea. All in favor. Grace remains as treasurer.

Second Vice-president nominations: Ken Barrenchea nominated Martin Goicoechea. Seconded by Xabi Berrueta. Bob Echeverria nominated Anita Anacabe Franzoia. Seconded by Teresa Fernandez. Martin and Anita both declined their nominations. Bob Echeverria was nominated as the Vice President of NABO. Anita made a motion to close nominations. Seconded by Trinity Rodriguez. All in favor.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Bob Echeverria to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Teresa Fernandez. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Esther Bidaurreta
Secretary