



Founded May 21, 1938

THE DANISH SOLDIERS CLUB

OF NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

MEMBER OF: DANSKE SOLDATERFORENINGERS LANDSRAAD
PROTECTOR: HER MAJESTY QUEEN MARGRETHE II OF DENMARK

Membership Meeting 1 June 2019

- Call to Order: President Rick Santarini opened the meeting at 12:05 PM.
- Minutes of May membership meeting were read by Secretary Jill Brians and approved.
- Treasurer Margrethe Baekgaard updated the April Treasurer's reports – the lunch income was lower than what had been paid.
 - The entry for lunch was overstated and the bar was understated.
 - The Club was inadvertently overcharged for the lunches and so a discount will be noted in the May Treasurer's report.
 - Motion to approve the revised April Treasurer's report was made and approved.
- Margrethe presented the Treasurer's income and expense reports for May 2019.
 - Checking, saving and CD balances read.
 - Overall balance approximately \$800 higher due to income from the May barbecue.
 - Income and expense reports approved.
- Christmas party – Sonoma Veterans Memorial Building on 15 Dec 2019
- Membership dues – Thirty people are overdue on paying membership dues. Rick is sending letters and emails.
- Update on care package for Danish troops in Afghanistan.
 - An option was added on the website to the PayPal list to make a donation to the care package (along with the lunch and drink purchase options).

- As of the meeting, \$125 has been collected
 - The option will stay on the website for an additional couple of weeks and the board will organize the care package.
- Road condition – Vice President Keith Brians will work with the owners to grade the road and purchase gravel. Suggestion for the club to purchase some of the materials. The residents on the property may be able to manage the labor themselves.
- All Other Business
 - A question about insurance for Officers on the Board was raised. The insurance is \$1333 per year to prevent personal liability of Board Members in the event of actions taken against the Club.
 - Rick put out a call to recruit new members; our lunch minimum is 40 orders. Suggestions and observations listed here:
 - Post flyers at Danish-related businesses and place our meetings on community calendars.
 - Evaluate the lunches.
 - It was noted that the membership is aging and traffic in the area has gotten much worse with the construction.
 - Incentive is to see friends and family; make an effort to be more inclusive of new members/guests.
 - Provide a scholarship (SRJC, Sonoma State) – To apply a student would need to be sponsored by a club member; the amount to be decided; these are usually posted for students in October/November.
 - Provide incentive to those who pay by the due date (for example, a copy of the flag that hangs in the meeting room with the story of how we received it and its significance).
 - Are there any Danish summer holidays that could be celebrated in a traditional way? Similar to Christmas?
- Meeting Adjourned at 12:32 PM

Jill Brians, Secretary