

NABO MEETING

October 9, 2004

The Nevada Garden Club Center

Las Vegas, NV

President Mary Gaztambide called the fall meeting of NABO to order at 8:35a.m. She welcomed everyone to the meeting.

The following delegates, guests, and chairpersons were present:

Club

Alkartasuna SW Basque Club

Anaitasuna Basque Club

Basque Educational Organization

Basque Club of Utah

Basque Museum & Cultural Center

Boise Euzkaldunak, Inc.

Center for Basque Studies

Chino Basque Club

Colorado Euskal Etxea

Elko Basque Club

Euzko Etxea of New York

Euskaldunak Danak Bat

Fresno Basque Club

Kern County Basque Club

Las Vegas Basque Club

Mendiko Euskaldun Club

Ontario Basque Club

Reno Basque Club

San Francisco Basque Club

Delegate

Martin Goicoechea

David Vizcay

Gina Espinal

Philippe Acheritogaray

Jean Gaztambide

Nancy J Trevino

Barry Bumgarner

Ricardo Yanci

Kate Camino

John Ysursa

Johnny Plaa

Chris Suazo

Anita Anacabe Francoia

Bob Echeverria

Emilia Doyaga

Anna Aguirre

Jerry Etcheverry

Susan Gavica

Josephine Arriet

Tony Campos

Jesus Onaindia

Marilou Onaindia

Argia Beristain

Teresa Fernandez

Grace Mainvil

Lisa Corcostegui

Linda Barrenchea

Ken Barrenchea

Valerie Arrechea

San Francisco Basque Cultural Center

Seattle Euskal Etxea
Society of Basque Studies
Txoka Ona

Pierre Etcharren
Xabier Berrueta
Antoniette Sabarots
Ramon Cengotitabengoa
Tony Uranga

Committee Chairperson

Video-Jesus Pedroarena
Euskara/Bertsu Book-Martin Goicoechea
Udaleku-Valerie Arrechea
Hizketa-John Ysursa
Mus-Victor Esain
Pelota-Maurice Negueloa
Website-Tony Uranga
Aurrera Goaz-Anita Anacabe Franzoia
History- Kate Camino for Gloria Toroeicaguena
Advisory Board for Basque Studies in Reno Representative Emilia Doyaga

Officers

President- Mary Gaztambide
V-President-Bob Echeverria
V-President- Pierre Etcharren
Treasurer-Grace Mainvil
Secretary-Nancy J Trevino

Guests

Christina Echeverria – Basque Club of Utah
Cirbie Lee – Basque Club of Utah
Christina Sangroniz – Basque Club of Utah
Pedro Oyarzabal – University of Nevada Reno PhD Student

Proxies

The following proxies were submitted:

Las Vegas Basque Club/Jose Mari Beristain to Argia Beristain
Basque Museum & Cultural Center/Patty A Miller to Barry Bumgarner
Anaitasuna Basque Club/Jose A Zalba to David Vizcay
Boise Euzkaldunak, Inc./Ana Mendiola to Ricardo Yanci
Basque Club of Utah/(Delegate Position Vacant) to Nancy J Trevino
Center for Basque Studies/Gloria Totoricaguena to Kate Camino
Kern County Basque Club/Frankie Iturrutai to Jesus Onaindia
Kern County Basque Club/Louis Iturriria to Marilou Onaindia

Afternoon Proxies:

San Francisco Basque Club/Valerie Arrechea to Xabier Berrueta
NABO Vice President/ Pierre Etcharren to Xabier Berrueta

Welcome

Jose Mari Beristain, President of the Las Vegas Basque Club welcomed all to Las Vegas and to the 23rd Annual Las Vegas Basque Festival.

Minutes

The following corrections were made: In the Bakersfield minutes, under Elections, the final out-come of the Vice President decision was not included. Bob Echeverria was nominated as the Vice President of NABO. Bob Echeverria made a motion that the minutes be approved with the corrections. The motion was approved.

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 CD's)

General Account Funds:	\$14,037.82
Pelota Account Funds:	\$ 3,268.97
Mus Account Funds:	\$60,615.47
Educational account Funds:	\$28,528.60
Udaleku Account Funds:	\$ 712.57
J.L. Iribarren Memorial Act. Funds:	\$ 2,360.02

Ikasi Report

Kate Camino reported that the University of Nevada, Reno would sponsor Ikasi. It will be held in Reno from June 29th to July 1st and it will be free of charge. It will be limited to 41 people.

Euskara Report

Martin Goicoechea reported on the BOGA program. The new CD's have been made and are now available for each club. Thank you to Jesus Pedroarena for making the new CD's. Martin is waiting for word from the Basque Government as to whether the grant for expenses has been approved. The grant is for BOGA coordinator's salary & travel/training expenses and a computer.

Philippe Acheritogaray reported that the login is available from Denise in Boise or from Philippe. There were some concerns about how the individual club's BOGA trainers could start teaching without getting some training on setting up the system and technical support of the program Pierre Etcharren and how to start teaching with the program.

A motion was made by Pierre Etcharren to use \$4,000 from the NABO Education budget to pay for the travel expenses of the individual club's BOGA trainers to attend a training session and for the expense of putting on the training in Boise. The motion passed.

Mus

Victor Esain reported on the 2005 Mus tournament schedule. He reminded clubs that are not on the schedule to get their dates to him. The dates for the 2005 International Tournament in Donostia will be announced at the tournament in Acapulco, Mexico. The NABO winners of the 2004 will be leaving for the International Tournament in Acapulco soon.

Gina Espinal reported on the first youth tournament in May 2004. There were some problems that need to be worked out for the next tournament. The Youth Mus committee will evaluate the problems of this first tournament and will try to make improvements for the next tournament. The next tournament will be held in Rock Springs, Wyoming.

Udaleku

Valerie Arrechea reported on Udaleku that was held in Boise, ID. There were 102 participants, including one from Argentina and four from Euskal Herria. The 2005 Udaleku will be held in Bakerfield, CA. The date will probably be toward the middle of June. The 2006 Udaleku will be held in

Elko, NV at the end of June. Valerie proposed that some changes need to be considered because of the increased size of the camps, the need for more aids at the camps and the difficulty in having a challenging curriculum for the diverse age and skill level. Kate Camino made a motion that the Udaleku participants must be from 10 years to 15 years of age. And those aged 16 to 18 who want to be involved in the camps would be able to apply through the Udaleku Committee to be aids at the camps. Each club would be able to choose their own aids. The motion passed. Teresa Fernandez made a motion that the camp instructors are paid \$500.00 and the camp aids are paid \$250.00. The motion passed with two opposing votes.

Video

Jesús Pedroarena reported the new Boga cds have been made and are available to the clubs. He also reported on the availability of Basque TV and radio programs through several medians, i.e. DirecTV, Dish Network, the internet, etc.

As a reminder, the clubs still need to send Jesús the name and address of the cable TV Company in their areas.

Kantari Eguna

Barry Bumgarner reported that the program in Boise, ID went well. He indicated that Boise would not be able to host it next year. Gardnerville might want to host it as part of their 25th Anniversary Celebration. They will decide by the next NABO meeting.

Pelota

Xabier Berrueta reported for Maurice Negueloua. The Pilota and Paleta Finals will be held on November 13th in Kern Country Basque Club in Bakersfield, CA. Maurice is also working with a couple of clubs with frontons to set up Pilota Camps to be held twice a year. These camps would teach instructors to teach pilota and also teach kids to play pilota.

Gloria Totoricaguena is still work on getting a course on Basque Sports approved at the University of Nevada, Reno.

Vice President Bob Echeverria's Business

Grants Concerns

Bob expressed his concerns that at one time NABO clubs were able to write grants in English and now they are required to write the grants in Spanish. After some discussion, Xabier Berrueta proposed that Bob write a letter to the President Basque Government with a strong suggestion that English be reintroduced since it is one of official language of the European Union, which they are a part of, to request that we be allowed to write our grant requests in English. The motion was passed with five opposing votes.

IRS/Account Concerns

NABO has two different accounts. The question why NABO needs to have two accounts was asked of the NABO presidency. It would cost NABO less money each year if it only had one account. John Ysursa made a motion that NABO consolidate the two accounts into one. After some discussion about what options there were, John Ysursa withdrew his motion. It was decided that NABO should check into the best way to deal with this issue and bring this matter back at the next meeting.

Insurance Liability Concerns

The price to NABO to have liability coverage has gone up 42% this last year. The question is whether NABO even needs liability insurance. A committee was formed to determine if NABO needs insurance and if so how much. They will report at the next meeting.

Hizketa

John Ysursa reported that the Hizeta newsletter would be out at Christmas time. He reminded the members that they should consider nominating someone for the Lifetime Achievement Award to be presented at the convention in Rock Springs, WY. Thanks to those involved in the completing Volume 5 of Basque Dance. It is available as is all the volumes. A promotional video was presented of the dance company Argia; a group that would like to arrange a US tour. John also mentioned that there is a real concern about the fact that we might not have Basque Priests available to give Mass at our festivals and suggested that we might want to find some alternatives to keep this tradition alive.

Website

Tony Uranga reported that the website has been updated with various new attachments. They are working on a new front page. Chairs and Committees can submit information to be posted.

Calendar

The 2005 calendars are available. Members can submit pictures for future calendars.

History

Kate Camino gave the history report for Gloria Totoricaguena. Kate brought up the question of where the history records should be kept. Bob Echeverria made a motion that all the history should be sent to the University of Nevada, Reno to be stored. The motion passed with no objections. Kate reminded the delegates that only two clubs have submitted their history to Gloria. The history forms will be resent to the delegates.

Bertso Book

Martin reported that one case of books was sold. Contact Martin if you need any of the books.

Advisory Board for Basque Studies in Reno Report

Emilia Doyaga asked Mary Gaztambide to represent NABO on the Advisory Board. She gave a report on the Basque History Tour of the Basque Country that many members of the Advisory Board went on. She also reported on the growth happening with the Center of Basque Studies. This growth has to do with the University of Nevada, Reno decision to build a new Learning Center and the plans to dedicated one section to Basque Studies

Aurrera Goaz

Anita passed out forms for the clubs to indicate a contact person for their club. This person should be someone that can think outside of the box and

come up with activities that people can get excited about. Other clubs should be invited to join in on the fun. Several delegates presented examples of fun activities that others might try. The activity can be broadcast to all the clubs through the NABO secretary and through newsletters.

Club Reports

The following clubs gave report: Euzkaldunak-Boise and Zazpiak Bat-Reno
Next meeting reports: Oinkari Basque Dancers, Fresno Basque Club and Winnemucca Basque Club

Cultural Exchange Program

No report

Treasurer's Report Approval

Grace Mainvil explained the Treasurer's Report. After discussions, Bob Echeverria motioned that the Treasurer's Report be accepted. The motion passed with no objections.

Old Business

Grace Mainvil reported that there is a NABO Computer available if anyone needs it.

Philippe Acheritogaray presented the trailer for The Last Link. The producers of the film The Last Link have approached NABO about an opportunity to buy the DVDs at a reduced price and then sell them to the club members and others for a profit. Chris Suazo motioned that NABO accept the offer to be distributor of this documentary and that the proceeds go towards NABO Educational Fund. The motion passed with no objections.

New Business

Grace Mainvil announced that she was putting in an order of Basque placements and will order extra if any clubs are interested in buying them.

Mary Gaztambide brought up the concern of the difficulty of hearing the discussions in the NABO meeting and whether a portable sound system would be helpful in solving this problem. Teresa Fernandez motioned that NABO buy a portable sound system. The motion passed with no objections.

Mary Gaztambide read a letter from the Queensland Basque Club. They are in search of a male and a female dance instruction for the period of June to July 2005.

Martin Goicoechea mentioned that the dance group KUKAI is coming to the United States from the Basque Country to perform in Rock Spring, WY. They would like to set up other places to perform. Several clubs mentioned an interest in having them perform for their members. Those that are interested will work together to set up a schedule.

Bob Echeverria announced that Pierre Etcharren and the other original organizers would be honored at the 2004 International Mus Tournament. Grace Mainvil proposed that NABO pay for Pierre Etcharren travel expenses to Acapulco, Mexico for the 2004 International Mus Tournament. The motion passed with no objections.

Mary announced that Winnemucca would not be able to host the Winter NABO meeting in 2005. Salt Lake City has volunteered to host the meeting. The meeting will be held on February 12th in Salt Lake City.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Bob Echeverria to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed with no objections.