

NABO MEETING
April 18, 2009
St. Ambrose Catholic Church
Salt Lake City, UT

President Mary Gaztambide called the NABO meeting to order at 8:35 a.m. She welcomed everyone and thanked them for coming to the NABO Meeting. Mary introduced and welcomed Miren Askarate - Cultural Minister of the Basque Government, Kinku Zinkunegi - Basque Government Delegate for HABA (Euskara), Aitor Sotes – Euskadi Delegate to the U.S. and Joseba Etxarra from Euskalkultura.com and Santiago Uribe, Basque Government Delegate.

Mary requested that all proxies be given to the secretary. After which she asked for a roll call of those present. The following delegates, guests, and chairpersons were present:

Club

Alksrtasune Basque Club
Anaitasuna Basque Club
Basque Educational Organization
Basque Club of Utah

Basque Museum & Cultural Center
Big Horn Basque Club
Boise Euzkaldunak, Inc.

Center for Basque Studies
Chino Basque Club

Elko Basque Club

Euskal Lagunak-Mountain Home B. C.
Euzko Etxea of New York
Gardnerville Mendiko Euskaldun Club

Gooding Basque Association

Oinkari Dancers

Ontario Basque Club

Reno Zazpiak Basque Club

Delegate

Martin Goicoechea
Gina Espinal
Maitexa Cuburu
Nancy J Trevino
Jean Gaztambide
Patty Miller
Kirstie Auzqui
Ricardo Yanci
Annie Gavica
Kate Camino
John Ysursa
Cathy Biscaiahipy
Anita Anacabe Franzoia
Bob Echeverria
Joe Lasuen
Emilia Doyaga
Teresa Fernandez Cox
Becky Sarratea-Murphy
Asun Bedialauneta
Phil Sarasqueta
Tyler Smith
John Krakau
Grace Mainvil
Lisa Corcostegui
Kate Camino
Manny Villanueva

San Francisco Basque Club

Valerie Etcharren Arrechea

San Francisco Basque Cultural Center

Jean Pierre Elissetche

Idoya Salaburu Urruty

Stephanie Oroz

Santa Rosa Basque Club

Annie Gavica

Society of Basque Studies

Emilia Doyaga

Officers

President – Mary Gaztambide

V-President – Pierre Etcharren, excused

Treasurer – Grace Mainvil

Secretary – Nancy J Trevino

Facilitator – John Ysursa

Euskara Coordinator – Izaskun Kortazar

Committee Chairperson

Calendars – Mary Lou Urrutia, excused

Video – Jesus Pedroarena, excused

Euskara – Martin Goicoechea

Udaleku – Valerie Etcharren Arrechea

– Pierre Etcharren, excused

Pelota – Evelyne Garat, excused

History – Arigitxu Ca Etchecopar, excused

Guests

Miren Askarate, Cultural Minister of the Basque Government

Kinku Zinkunegi, Basque Government Delegate for HABA (Euskara)

Joseba Etxarri, Euskalkultura.com

Xabier Berrueta, United States Federation of Pelota

Enrike Corcostegui, Ontario, OR

Christina Sangroniz, Basque Club of Utah

Stephanie Argoitia, Basque Club of Utah

Phil Archibeque, President of the Basque Club of Utah

Proxies

The following proxies were submitted:

Euskal Etxea of New York/Miren Itziar Albisu to Emilia Doyaga

Reno Basque Club/Tori Simcoe to Kate Camino

Reno Basque Club/Mary Lou Urrutia to Manny Villanueva

Society of Basque Studies/Jose Ramon Cengotitabengoa to Emilia Doyaga

Elko Basque Club/Jess Lopatequi to Antia Anacabe Franzoia

San Francisco Basque Cultural Center/ Pierre Etcharren to Stephanie Oroz

Welcome

After the roll call, the President of the Basque Club of Utah President, Phil Archibeque welcomed NABO to Salt Lake City and invited the delegates to the Utah’s annual Basque Dinner that would be held in the evening.

Minutes

No corrections were made to the 2008 Reno, NV NABO meeting minutes.

Treasurer’s Report

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

The following are the NABO account balances:

(Includes checking, savings and CD’s)

General Account Funds:	\$ 7,788.84
Pelota Account Funds:	\$ 2,205.67
Account Funds:	\$87,095.74
Educational account Funds:	\$47,042.74
Euskara/HABE Funds	\$15,763.60
Udaleku Account Funds:	\$14,828.20
Aita Martxel Tillous Youth Aid Fund	\$ 9,460.00
J.L. .Iribarren Memorial Act. Funds (Pelota):	\$ 6,101.46

REPORTS

Miren Askarate, Cultural Minister of the Basque Government reported on some of the exciting things happening in the Basque Country and throughout the Basque world. She spoke of the many options for people of all ages to learn the Basque language and how the Basque language was being revitalized throughout the world. Because of the Basque Language Programs that are created and offered through the Basque Government, the members of NABO and others interested in learning Euskara have some great resources for learning and teaching Basque.

Mary Gaztambide reported on the trip that Izaskun Kortazar, John Ysursa Begonia Ysursa and Mary went on to Argentina. She mentioned that they stayed in Buenos Aires and Mar del Plata and were treated very well. They had gone to Argentina to exchange ideas and it was a great experience. Both the Mar del Plata Basque Club and FEVA gave NABO plaques in honor of NABO’s visit. John Ysursa will give a more detailed report on the NABO & FEVA Collaboration later in his Facilitator Report.

NABO Facilitator Report:

John challenged the delegates to Euskaltasunaren Erronka - The Basque Continuity Challenge. The issue is: “How can NABO best support members to promote greater ethnic awareness to keep people participating in their local Basque Communities.” John explained that an ethnic group as small as Basque shouldn’t still be around. Usually it would be absorbed by the larger culture that surrounds them. Yet, through the years Basques have found ways to keep alive one of Europe’s oldest cultures. That’s why we need to raise the awareness of “Basqueness” across the generations and find Basques-Young and older-willing and able to contribute their time and energy to keep our culture alive. One way to do this is for Basques to join one of the Focus groups.

John invited anyone on that was interested in a joining a Focus Group Discussion to meet after lunch. Also after lunch Miren Askarate, Cultural Minister of the Basque Government has agreed to give a Basque Government Update. At this point, not a lot is known about what will happen with the new Basque Government and how it might affect the Basque Diaspora. She will explain what happened with the recent elections. But for the most part, it is too early to know what effect it will have on NABO’s relationship with the Basque Government or how it will affect the current programs though the Basque Government that NABO has been involved in.

John also reported that the NABO & FEVA Collaboration. He explained that the trip to Argentina was made as a follow up on an initiative to meet their counterparts in FEVA and talk about the creation of a federation. The hope is to sustain a consistent collaboration between NABO and FEVA. They spent three days in meetings working on initiatives.

One of the ideas that came out of the meetings is a proposal that was put forth to explore the creation of a global federation. Below is a tentative list and schedule to explore and create a global federation:

- __ Currently drafting motives and objectives jointly by FEVA & NABO
- __ July 25: NABO determination at Summer meeting if NABO wants to Create a Global Federation with FEVA
- __ Invitation to all Basque entities to participate in the confederation
- __ Formal inauguration of confederation OR organizing forum in Bahia Blanca, Argentina (Oct. 2009)

John continued with the Question why not a Global Federation?

Why a global federation? Why not have an institution or apparatus that might be able to help provide access and integration: access to beneficial ideas from throughout the Basque Diaspora--from the local to the global--and a means of integrating and maintaining a consistent and strong means of communication.

“You need a few people to keep the [Basque] fire lit, to keep it going, so that later pick it up.” –Jean Leon Iribarren

This potential federation can be a place where those who choose, can go to light their torch--as stated in the quote above by Jean Leon Iribarren. It can also be the means to integrate communications along the lines of the hub, spokes and wheel analogy below.

John explained the Hub, Spokes and Wheel Analogy:

The hub or center of the wheel represents the Basque Country (the historic seven Basque regions, the various governmental and cultural institutions there, etc.)

The spokes represent the interaction back and forth between the Basque Country and Basques in the Diaspora (local Basque clubs and federations).

The outside wheel is what the confederation would primarily work to strengthen and develop.



Zortziak Bat: 8 = 1?

Zazpiak Bat is a motto coined by the Basque explorer Antoine-Thomson d'Abbadie in the nineteenth century, from the Basque words *zazpiak* meaning "the seven ones" and *bat* meaning "one", translates as "the seven ones [are] one" and refers to the seven Basque Country traditional provinces. Don't you think that for the 21st century, we need an updated motto? Many people of Basque descent live outside the Basque Country in the [Basque Diaspora](#). How about creating a symbol of seeing things not only vertically (us looking to the Basque Country) but horizontally (looking also to the Diaspora). The Basque subtitle could be Euskal Erakundeen Elkartea (Federation of Basque Entities).

In an earlier time because of access and communication limitations, the only viable path to form a Basque organization was through local contacts. Granted that distances remain the same, and the scope of interaction among Basques scattered around the world will remain limited, there remains some areas where a few shared initiatives could serve to animate Basqueness at different levels and

among different ages. Now with new communication technologies (e.g., cell phones, email, Skype, Facebook, etc.) there are new possibilities of greater interaction and sharing of resources.

The potential objectives would have to be modest in scope because of the logistical limitations, but within reason some initiatives could go far to strengthen local, regional, national and international relations among Basques--a boost in "Basqueness." Some of these could be sponsoring an International Junior Tournament on a periodic, rotating basis; sustaining efforts to arrange youth exchanges of dancers, pala players, musicians, etc.; sharing Euskara teaching materials and joint Internet events; shared educational materials, etc.

Joseba Etxarri reported on Basques and the Internet Presence. He explained how to creating a global idea connection through the internet. The proposal is to use one site on the internet to connect with Basques from all over the world, find out what other Basques are doing and share ideas with each other. The call is for an assembly/forum to discuss the coordination and streamlining of information, ideas and programs. There is already a site that could be used: euskaletxeak.net.

On this site, Basques could report on their activities, read the activities of other Basques, and develop relationships and partnerships between clubs and federations of the Basque world. It would also be a place to collect and disseminate information and ideas,

ZERTARAKO: What should this federation take as its objectives? There's no point in re-inventing or duplicating existing institutions, but there is a logic to better integrating some of these and filling the gaps and pooling resources.

NABO has previously joined with other organizations and federations in pursuit of common causes (e.g., NABO is a member of 1) the International Pilota Federation to promote handball; 2) the International Federation in promotion of ; 3) Eusko Ikaskuntza to promote Basque education, etc.). The scope of this involvement with these other federations is limited; the same is being proposed for this global federation. Like these other associations, it provides an avenue for contact for those who are interested in this particular aspect of Basque culture.

This global federation could serve as a body of communicators; i.e., people in Basque clubs around the world who want to participate in the exchange of information and ideas, and the promotion of Basque events at both the local and global levels.

Two different points of views came out of the discussion. One view was: Shouldn't NABO be working on getting our NABO clubs' members more active in our Basque activities before worrying about global needs? The other view was:

NABO has a lot of experience and programs that could be shared with other Basques in the world and clubs from other countries different program and ideas that they could share with NABO. Shouldn't we be sharing our resources with others while having them share with us? It was suggested that perhaps we should be doing both--working on improving our own clubs and sharing information with the other Basques in the world.

Motions was made by Anita Anacabe Franzoia that NABO move forward with looking into the proposal for educational reasons and also make note of the items in proposed By-Laws that NABO does not like. Anita also suggested that the logo be changed to something that has a Basque identity. The motion was seconded. John Ysursa amended the motion to have Xabier Berrueta serve as the coordinator of the steering committee and those delegates that are interested in being on the committee meet between now and the meeting in Reno to work out the details and present them at the July meeting. The motions is to have a first step of having a subcommittee of Delegates review the proposal and work through the concerns and issues of creating/declaring a federation. They would then present their findings in July for discussion. So step one is deciding if we even want to declare for a possibility of a Global Federation. Then step two would be to vote on creating and joining this Global Federation.

KIROL (Sport)

Pilota -- 2008 Goals:

Evelyne Garat was not able to attend the Salt Lake City Meeting but sent her report with Xabier Berrueta to read her report:

The 2009 NABOko Pilota Txapelketa will once again be held in San Francisco on August 28th & 29th in conjunction with our festival. No other club has offered to host and luckily San Francisco has stepped up. She would like to have the names of all participants no later than August 7th.

The following categories will be offered:

Esku Pilota: Singles / Class A Doubles / Class B Doubles

Men's Paleta Goma: Veteran's (50+) / Class A / Class B

Women's Paleta Goma

Women's Baleen

Youth Esku Pilota: Benjamin's / Pee-Wee

The 2010 Txapelketa will be held in Boise in conjunction with Jaialdi from July 28th - August 1st, 2010. I ask that Bakersfield and Fresno coordinate amongst themselves and host in 2011 and 2012.

Eusko Kirolak in Boise is planning a Men's Paleta Goma Tournament and a Women's Baleen Tournament during the San Inazio Festival (July 30th-August 1st). If any of your members are interested in playing, please contact Evelyne.

We received an email from USFP regarding the 2010 FIPV World Championships to be held in Pau, France on October 1-10th, 2010. Please let Evelyne know as soon as possible if anyone in your club is interested in qualifying for any of the 14 categories offered. The USFP is meeting is next Saturday in San Francisco and will be discussing how many players to send per category. Without your feedback, your members will not be considered.

The categories are:

54 meter court -> Men's: Jai Lai

36 meter court -> Men's: Esku Pilota Singles & Doubles, Paleta Cuero, Paleta Corta

30 meter court -> Men's: Frontenis, Paleta Goma / Women's: Frontenis

Trinquet -> Men's: Esku Pilota Singles & Doubles, Paleta Cuero, Xare, Baleen / Women's Baleen

The 2009 World Pilota Council tournament that was tentatively set for September in Bilbao, Spain is on hold pending funding issues. Evelyne will let you know as soon as I hear something. The WPC is planning a Men's and Women's Baleen Tournament in both the Trinquet and Left Wall sometime in December. If anyone in you club is interested in participating - please let her know.

Evelyne would like to remind everyone that the 2009 Pilota dues are now past due. Please send your payment ASAP to Grace Mainvil.

If anyone has any questions, please feel free to contact Evelyne.

Xabi also mentioned that the USA Pelota Federation is launching a new website which is: usa.pelota.com

GAZTEAK: Youth Focus/Advisory Group

Udaleku:

Valerie Etcharren Arrechea reported that she would like to thank the San Francisco Basque Club and Gardnerville Mendiko Euskaldun Cluba for donating \$500.00 each to Udaleku. It is a great help and will help to pay for some of the upfront expenses. Thank you.

Udaleku is going to be making some purchases this year for the long term. They are purchasing items to be used for Udaleku. They will also be purchasing some CD's and music books for the students at Udaleku.

This year's Udaleku will be held in Chino CA. Valerie asked John Ysursa to report on the event. John mentioned that at this point they have 51 applicants registered which is about as many as they can accommodate. The instructors, activities and accommodation for Udaleku are set up. The final deadline is May 1st and the applications are on the website. Udaleku will be held on June 28th to July 11th.

One change they made to this year's Udaleku is that it last one day longer. The participants will be going to Disneyland on one of the days. So instead of finishing on a Friday, they will be ending on a Saturday. Chino Mus team won the NABO Mus Tournament and Chino will be hosting this year's Mus Tournament. During the day the Mus Tournaments will be going on and then in the evening there will be a dinner. Then after dinner the Udaleku Kids will be doing their final farewell show. And music will be provided by Jean Flesher.

Udaleku will be held in Reno in 2010 and in San Francisco in 1011.

Xiberoa 2009:

The Xiberoa Exchange is going on as planned. There are nine participants who have bought their plane tickets and are committed to going on the exchange. The participants are exchanging emails with the participants in the Basque Country.

The students will go to Xiberoa for two weeks from and the Xiberoa students will come for two weeks. They will arrive in California on August 19th and will leave on August 31st. They will only be in San Francisco. When they first planned for the exchanged Valery had hoped that they would have a chance to go to Chino but these plans did not work out.

Last Name	First Name	City	Pen Pal
Barajas	Carina	Salt Lake City	Maitena Chorho
Bizkarra	Kristiane	Chino	Fanny Murcuillat
Etcheverry	Ashley	San Francisco	Maiden Hitta
Etcheverry	Elise	San Francisco	Amelie Eyheralt
Etcheveste	Cassie	Los Banos	
Gaztambide	Marcel	Salt Lake City	Benoit Sagardoy
Kvarna	Erik	San Francisco	Marlene Maihaguiet
Kvarna	Jesse	San Francisco	Jon Gamiochipi
Etcheveste	Sabrina	Los Banos	
Campos	Jennifer	Reno, NV	

Gaztealde:

John Ysursa announced that Gaztealde 2009 did not happen again this year. It was supposed to be held in Seattle, WA. This is the program that is for ages 16 to 20 year olds. NABO will continue to try and get this program off the ground for next year.

Other Youth Information

Anita Anacabe Franzoia's youth trips to the Basque Country this year has been cancelled. Anita will try to organize the trips in 2011.

DANTZA & MUSIKA: Dance & ic Focus/Advisory Group

Dance Instructors Workshop:

NABO with the support of the Basque Government hosted two workshops specifically for dance group instructors and advanced dancers. Instructors were from *Ikerfolk* of Donostia. This aims to be an ongoing endeavor with the aims of reinvigorating our groups and dancing.

The first workshop was held in February 2009. Joxema Mendiola, the Instructor from the Basque Country came for ten days and the workshop was held in three regions, Boise for the north region, in San Francisco for the central and west regions and in Chino for the south region. The focus of the workshop was to learn how to teach or just learning the methods for the fandango & arin-arin (Jota & Porrusalda.) NABO already has the music for these dances and John is hopeful to get the video of the dance instruction soon. The music and video will be available on the website.

The next proposed workshop will hopefully happen in the fall and it will concentrate on the dances from Baztan in Nafarroa.

The Dance Focus Group is working on getting equipment for the dance groups. They just received some swords from the Basque Country. If Dance Groups and Clubs have needs for equipment they should let them know.

EUSKARA/KANTAK/: Focus/Advisory Group

Senior :

NABO TOURNAMENT

Local tournaments are almost completed. If a club has not yet submitted the names of their winners, please send them to me by email (etcharren@msn.com) or by phone (530/330-3770 -- Pierre) (559/264-2034 -- Victor Esain)

The NABO Tournament will be held in Chino on July 11th. We are anticipating somewhere between 35 and 40 teams. More information can be found at <http://nabasque.org/NABO/tournament.htm>

If you know that your club's team cannot make the finals (after having submitted their names) please let us know at least 48 hours before the event. We organize the games in advance and need to know if a team will not be coming.

Sign up on the 11th will be at 7:30am, with games starting at 8:00am sharp.

Players should be familiar with the NABO rules before coming to the tournament. They can be found at http://nabasque.org/pdf/NABO_rules.pdf

INTERNATIONAL TOURNAMENT

The International Tournament will take place in Balmaseda, Bizkaia, August 29 - September 6th. Attached please find more information on the activities for that week.

There will not be an organized trip for those who would like to attend the tournament, but those needing help to arrange attendance can contact Mayte Ocafrain at goxoki@sbcglobal.net or 650/589-2973.

The 2010 International Tournament should be held in Uruguay, and 2011 will be our turn to host it in the Chino / LA area. The full program for the event will need to be presented as an invitational package at the 2010 Tournament.

NABO CARDS

The order has been placed for the NABO Cards. We should hopefully have them for the convention in July.

Junior :

Gina Espinal reported that some of the clubs has given her the name of their winners already. This year the Jr. Tournament will be held in Reno, NV. Last year

there were six different teams that participated in the tournament. This year she hopes there will be more. She will send out an email in May to remind the clubs to get the names of the winners to her. Gina also said she will need an extra Judge for the tournaments.

Euskara:

Izaskun Kortazar reported that these are the updates since the last NABO meeting that she attended in Chino, California in August:

1. New Basque teachers in:

Bakersfield, California, Kattina Goieneix (She started in January on Monday nights with 17 students)

New York: Miren Itziar Albisu (TBA)

Washington D.C: Argia Beristain (TBA)

Miami: Aneider Iza eta Miren Amaia Garmendia (They started in January)

San Francisco, California: Aitor Iñarra (He started in January Maitexa Ciburu)

Boise, Idaho: Itxaso Cayero (She started in the fall 2008 with 13 students)

Boise, Idaho: Nere Lete (She teaches the Oinkaris since January. She has 30 students)

Boise, Idaho: Itxaso Cayero (She has been teaching the parents of the dancers on Tuesdays.)

Gooding, Idaho: Asun Acastaño (She started in April)

Mountain Home: Goisalde Jausoro (She will start in the summer)

Chapel Hill, North Carolina: Peio Huesa (He started in the fall of 2008).

New Boga teachers: They will start next fall

San Francisco area, California: Mireya Artabe

San Francisco area, California: Beñat Urraza

Denver, Colorado: Oier Peñagaricano

Chapel Hill, North Carolina: Maije Tatiegi

3. New teachers: They will learn Basque and then teach it.

1-3 Idaho	Mountain Home	Gina Gridley
		Richard Urquidi
		Rhonda Leigh Urquidi
4-8	Boise	Henar Chico
		Bill Uberuaga
		Alaina Gavica
		Annie Gavica
9-10 California	San Francisco	Marie Jose Durquert

	Chino	Ina Martinez
11 Wyoming	Buffallo	David M. Romtvedt

Izaskun is looking for 1 or 2 new teachers more.

4. Basque teachers' workshop

The Annual Basque teachers' workshop in Salt Lake City was held on the MLK weekend. Martin Goikoetxea and Kinku Zinkunegi and 11 teachers attended. We worked on techniques to teach the Basque language. We shared the activities that we do in the class. Kinku showed us BOGA and the materials that complement it and the materials that are used at the universities to teach Basque. Mary Gaztambide hosted us.

5. Workshop for the new teachers. On the 21st of March we had a small 5-hour workshop for the new teachers in Idaho to learn how to teach Basque on a basic level.

6. Looking for a teacher in:

San Francisco to teach the kids from 10 to 12 on Saturdays.

Santa Barbara University to teach adults one night a week.

Winnemucca

Reno

Banos

Any place Basque people live but there are no Basque classes currently.

7. Training to teach Basque through BOGA

Through March 10 Basque teachers took the Module course to learn how to teach Basque through BOGA.

8. Materials

The teachers received:

Lehenengo 50 orduak to teach Basque at the University – First 50 hours of Basque.

To be used by any teacher.

BOGA mintza saioak (materials for conversation for students of BOGA)

Pictures from the Basque Country

Pictures to teach classes

Book from Argentina to teach Basque to children

Books to teach Kimetz 1 eta 2

Songs for children to learn Basque

Martin Goicoechea mentioned that the Euskara programs t continue even if we do not have the Basque Grants. We will just have to find a way to find the money.

Martin will put together information on how we can find money for Euskara and will have the information for the Reno Meeting.

Xabier Berrueta made suggests that we start looking now for creative ways to find money that would allow NABO to continue to teaching Euskara. He suggested that we could get donations that would be used to continue the Euskara Programs. Grace verified that the NABO accounts are set up to accept donations. He also suggested that we could use u-tube or even karaoke to teach the language.

Katari Eguna:

The next Katari Eguna will be held in Gardnerville, NV on August 8th. It will be in conjunction with their Club's Picnic. There will also be a dance group that will be performing.

JAKINARAZI: Education & Communication (News, Websites, Media)

Video Report:

Jesus Pedroarena was not able to attend the meeting but Mary read his video report.

On March 13 there was a change and a problem with the reception in internet of the Basque TV channels and radios. The next day I contacted ETB by phone, as well as a few other days by e-mail and phone about the problem.

ETB had made the change from using Windows Media Player, to the use of Adobe Flash Player to reproduce their programs in internet. The change was made so the people that use the Macintosh and Linux operating systems in their computers could also receive the ETB programs. They also had problems in some centers where the internet signal had to pass through. The result was that it was impossible to see anything until March 26 and 27 when they used again WMP. On March 28, and for a few more days, they used AFP, and this time things worked well. In the last few days they are back using WMP and things are working well.

If they finally settle on the Adobe Flash Player to reproduce their programs, you can download the player from the following link: <http://get.adobe.com/flashplayer> This link takes you to the download page and should have the correct version for your operating system selected to download and install it. If it is not correct, select your operating system from the same page and follow the instructions to install it.

When you select the link to watch Canal Vasco or ETB Sat, and the transmission is using Adobe Flash Player, a small window opens up with the image. To see the image in full screen, click the button that appears below and left of the image. To exit full screen click the ESC key on the keyboard.

The links for the televisions and radios appear at the lower part of the first page of EITB.COM www.eitb.com Good luck.

Valerie Etcharren Arrechea asked if the old video tapes could be put into a digital format and placed on the website. John said he would look into this putting them in this format and on the website. At this point, we have only used about 20% of our memory so he does not see any problems with doing this.

Calendar Report:

Mary Lou Urrutia was not able to attend the meeting but set a report.

She had an email sent out to the clubs to email pictures and dates for the 2010 calendars. If your club has not done this please get the information to her as soon as possible. She needs the dates, information and pictures for all the NABO Basque Clubs.

History Report:

No Report.

DIRUA: Finances Focus budgeting, B.G. grant requests, etc

Treasurer's Report:

Grace Mainvil gave a detailed report on the Treasure Report and explained all expenses and deposits.

She reported that the NABO accounting year goes from January 1st to December 31. The general account is where the membership fees goes and they are due in January. The Treasurer does not start notifying the clubs that their fees are due until about October.

For Pilota, three of the six clubs that need to pay the pilota fees have already paid their participants fee for this year

Grace explained that the money in the Account is going to be used for the National Tournament in 2011. This money comes from the individual clubs payment to NABO of a minimum of \$100.00 per club plus \$10.00 per participant beyond the first 10 participants in the individual Clubs' Tournaments.

She noted that she had made an error in last meetings Treasurer Report of putting \$1000.00 into the account that should have been put into the Pilota Account. She made the correction of adding back \$1000.00 to the Pilota Account and taking the 1000.00 from the Account and it is noted on the Treasurer Report.

Grace mentioned that soon NABO will stop receiving money for The Last Link Video and she will remove this category from the Educational Account.

The Aita Martxel Tillous NABO Youth Aid Fund now has \$9460.00 in it. It was started with \$5,000.00 from NABO. A \$4,000.00 donation was given to this fund by the San Francisco Cultural Center. There were also donations from the Basque Educational Organization and from several individual donors.

Grace reported that three families applied for Youth Aid. The first family had one child wanting to go to Udaleku. The second family had three children that wanted to go the Udaleku. The third family had one child that wanted to go to the Xiberoa Exchange. All three families remain anonymous to all Committee Members, except for Grace Mainvil, throughout the process. The Youth Financial Aid Committee reviewed all three requests for financial need. The Committee decided for the 2009 year that each child, who had applied for aid, would receive \$175.00. The cost for the 2009 Udaleku is \$300.00 so the families would need to would need to pay \$125.00 per child to send them to Udaleku. For the Xiberoa Exchange, the Committee decided that NABO would give the family \$1,500.00 since the airfare would be around \$2,000.00 plus other expenses.

Grace reported that there were strings attached to the Financial Aid Awards. And Grace notified the recipients' families For the Udaleku children they would not get the money unless the children show up for Udaleku and the same for the child going on the Xiberoa Exchange. This protects NABO and the fund.

Mary Gaztambide mentioned that all of the families receiving the aid were in need of the Financial Assistance.

The last account on the Treasurer's Report is the Jean Leon Iribarren Memorial Fund Account. Grace mentioned that often donation have been made to this account in honor of someone has died. Valarie has mentioned that both the San Francisco Basque Club and San Francisco Cultural Center have a policy of donating to this fund when someone passes away, if the family has not designated another charity. The money in this account is earmarked for Pelota.

Xabier Berrueta asked if donations could be made to any of the other accounts and count as a legitimate tax deductible account. Grace said the Educational Account is a legitimate tax deductible account and donations can be made in any of the categories in this account. And the donation could be used as a deduction.

Ricardo expressed some concerns about how NABO would pay for some items in the budget like NABO Officers Travel Fees, the Facilitator's salary, etc, if NABO loses the Basque Government grants. John Ysursa said at this point we do not know what will happen with the new Basque Government yet. It could take a while before we find out. We have the grant money for this year and we will have to wait to find out about the future. He suggested that we discuss what we know at this point about the Basque Government during Breakout sessions after lunch.

Joe Lasuen motioned that the financial report. There was a second and the Treasurer Report was approved.

New Business

John Ysursa reported that at this next NABO Convention it will be the 50th anniversary of when NABO brought together the new model of Basque Festivals. John motioned that we take a portion of the NABO meeting and open it up to the general public and have a theme of Youth. We would invite anyone that is interested in Basque Youth. We would need to put together an agenda and get it out to people early. Ricardo suggested that we make it a town hall meeting and have people ask questions and get answers. Valarie mention that the NABO meeting is on Friday and most of the youth that we are targeting are not going to be there. The problems we are having with our youth activities is that late teen to early 20's youth are not planning them. The NABO Youth Committee, which is made up of people 30 to 50, is making the plans for them. Also most of this group will not be in Reno until that night. It was suggested that maybe NABO should put together a youth phone meeting before Reno and then bring those ideas to the NABO meeting.

Kate Camino said at the last Udaleku, she had the kids that were at their last Udaleku fill out a survey to let NABO know what they want to do now. Most of them expressed that they wanted to learn advance Dance, etc. They wanted to do the same things they had been doing in Udaleku but on an advanced level. Valarie mention that when she had the Youth Group meeting with the dancers at the last NABO convention in Chino, they express the same desire but they said they could not do a week camp. They would rather do weekend events.

The motion is that we have a focus group on Youth and what they want. If we cannot put this together for Reno then we will try to do something else that will work. The motion was seconded and passed.

John asked if now that The Basque leadership has changed do we want take a passive or active approach to the Basque Government. The past leadership in the Basque Government has always taken an active approach to NABO in the Past. They came to us and asked us what we needed. We are not sure what the new leadership will do. So do we want to take an active approach to the new leadership and contact them? After some decision, John motioned that we take an active approach to try and connect with the New Basque Government. The motion was seconded and passed.

The Basque Club of Quebec in Montreal has petitioned to join NABO. They have submitted the required documents to a Membership Committee. The committee included Mary Gaztambide, John Ysursa and Grace Mainvil. They have reviewed their request for membership and their documentation and the Membership Committee would like to make a motion to recommend the Basque Club of Quebec in Montreal be accepted as members of NABO. The motion was seconded and approved. NABO welcomes the Basque Club of Quebec in Montreal.

EmpreBask USA-- Basque Business Network in the United States

Santiago Uribe reported a new network. The Delegation of Euskadi to the USA invites all Basque professionals, executives and entrepreneurs to participate in a series of encounters to discuss the potential of building a Basque business network across the USA.

About EmpreBask: EmpreBask is a network of businesspeople, entrepreneurs and professionals of Basque descent or with ties with the Basque Country in the USA

Mission EmpreBask mission is to promote trade relations between the United States and Euskadi. It also aims to facilitate the creation of networks between members and other similar organizations and to act as a general platform for business development within the Basque community in the US.

Potential in the United States EmpreBask has the potential to bring enhanced access to key people, new prospect markets within the United States, the Basque Country, and other countries in the Americas. It is also a social interaction platform for hundreds of fellow Basque businesspeople across the USA and people

The Delegation of Euskadi in the United States is actively dedicated to the promotion of this initiative. The prospect of building the network has already raised strong interest among many professionals, executives, and entrepreneurs in the United States.

Other Basque communities in Chile, Mexico, Colombia and Venezuela have implemented the network (www.emprebask.com, www.emprebask.com.mx), which has become an excellent opportunity to integrate Basque business initiatives and people in the Americas.

If you are interested in attending to any of the presentation sessions in your city, please e-mail santiago-uribe@ej-gv.es to request additional information.

After the presentation, Emilia Doyaga suggested that the Basque Government put something together like this for Basque Culture. She sees a need for Basques in some parts of the US to be able to find people that can help with Cultural Events by playing Basque instruments, dance Basque dances, sing Basque songs, etc.

Mary introduced Fernando Ibarra, who a Basque Genealogy and gave a presentation on Basque Genealogy and the Basque Coats of Arms.

Bizi Emankorra Award: There were no Nominations submitted for the Bizi Emankorra Award this year. So there will not be any award given this year. Hopefully next year there will be one.

Kate Camino reported that it was an honor for the Basque Club of Reno and the Center for Basque Studies to host the 2009 NABO Convention in Reno, NV on the weekend of July 24 through 26. She brought a binder for each club. In the binder is the poster for the events and other information. You can also go to the <http://basque.unr.edu/nabo/> and get information on the Convention. This year we will be celebrating the anniversary for the following organizations:

- the 50th anniversary of the First Western Basque Festival that was held at the Dick Graves Nugget (John Ascuaga's Nugget) in June 1959
- the 41st anniversary of the Center for Basque Studies at UNR
- 20th anniversary of UNR's Zenbat Gara Dance Troupe that has served as ambassadors and mentors for the Basque culture and dance groups throughout the American West.
- 30 anniversary of NABO Conventions

The NABO meeting will on Friday, July 24th. The doors will open at 8:00. The Basque Center will be dedicated on Friday. On Saturday and Sunday, the NABO Convention will be held at the Park downtown.

Old Business

Membership Dues:

Some NABO Delegates were prepared to give feedback on their club's decisions on raising the membership fees. Bob Echeverria made a motion to table the issue of raising the membership until the next meeting. The motion was seconded and approved. Bob also encouraged the NABO Officers to get a report of what amount the clubs are willing to increase the membership fee. Then by the next meeting the President should decide what amount the Delegates should take back to their clubs for their club's approval.

Mary Gaztambide mentioned that at the next meeting there will be elections. So the Delegates need to be thinking about who they want to nominate for the elections.

John Ysursa (among others) made a motion for adjournment. The motion was seconded and passed.

After the meeting ended, Miren Askarate honored NABO by presenting to NABO a beautiful Ikurrina that had hung in her Office. This Ikurrina will replace the lost NABO Flag until the NABO Flag is found. When the NABO Flag is found it can be mail to John Ysursa. Until then this Ikurrina will be proudly displayed at all NABO meetings and events. Our thanks go out to Miren for all her support through the years.