

N.A.B.O. Meeting Minutes
July 5, 2013
Elko, Nevada

The President called the meeting to order at 8:15 am.

Welcome by Amaya Ormaza-Winer, the President of the Elko Basque Club, she let us know about the weekend's events.

Introductions and Roll Call

Officers

President – Valerie Etcharren Arrechea
Vice-President – Mary Gaztambide
Treasurer – Grace Mainvil
Secretary – Marisa Espinal
Facilitator – Kate Camino
Euskara Coordinator – Izaskun Kortazar

Committee Chairperson

Calendars – Mary Lou Urrutia
Video – Jesus Pedroarena, excused
Education – John Ysursa
Euskara – Martin Goicoechea
Udaleku – Valerie Etcharren Arrechea, Kate Camino
Mus – Pierre Etcharren
Junior Mus – Gina Espinal-Aguerre
Music/Dance – Lisa Corcostegui
Pilota – Evelyne Etcharren, excused
History – Patty Miller, Steve Bass
Txerriki – Gratien Etchebehere
Kantari Eguna – Noel Goyhenetche
Beti Gazte – Kristiane Bizkarra

Club Delegates

Alkartasuna	Martin Goicoechea
Anaitasuna Basque Club	Gina Espinal
	Francisco Vicandoa
Basque Educational Organization	Marisa Espinal
Basque Museum & Cultural Center	Patty Miller + proxy
Basque Club of Utah	Mary Gaztambide
	Danny Gaztambide
Big Horn Basque Club(Buffalo)	Teresa Fieldgrove
	Ryan Fieldgrove

Boise Euzkaldunak, Inc.

Boise State University, BSP
Center for Basque Studies, Reno
Chino Basque Club
Colorado Basque Club
Elko Euskaldunak

Euskal Lagunak-Mountain Home B. C.
Euskaldunak Quebec
Gooding Basque Association

Iparreko Ibarra
Kern County Basque Club

Las Vegas Basque Club
Los Banos Basque Club

Marin Sonoma Basque Club
Mendiko Euskaldun Club(Gardnerville)

New York Euskal Etxea
Oinkari Dancers

Ontario Basque Club

Rhode Island Basque Club
Reno Zazpiak Bat Basque Club
San Francisco Basque Club

San Francisco Basque Cultural Center

Santa Rosa Basque Club, Paradise, NV
Seattle Euskal Etxea
Txoko Ono, Homedale, ID
Washington D.C. Euskal Etxea
Winnemucca

Proxies for quorum only, no votes:
New Mexico (Blas Uberuaga)
Ventura (Pello Urrutia)
LA Oberena (Pello Urrutia)
Susanville (Michelle Zubillaga)
Vancouver (Elena Sommers)

Steve Achabal
Annie Gavica
John Ysursa
Kate Camino + proxy
John Ysursa
Gina Espinal (proxy)
Amaya Ormaza Winer
Bob Echeverria
Patty Miller (2 proxies)
Noel Fagoaga
Asun Bedialauneta
Peggy Guerecaechevarria
Noel Goyhenetche
Steve Bass
Larry Errea
Jose Mari Beristain
Mary Zabalbeascoa
Amador Zabalbeascoa
Pierre Etcharren + proxy
Becky Sarratea-Murphy
Noel Arraiz
Iker Goni
Tyler Smith
Lael Uberuaga
Grace Mainvil
Lisa Corcostegui
Ander Caballero
Mary Lou Etcheverria
Matthew Etchepare
Jean Pierre Elissetche
Pierre Etcharren
Gratien Etchebehere
Susan Gavica
Gaizka Mallea
Susan Gavica (2 proxies)
Argia Beristain
Mandy Chaffin

Guests

Enrike Corcostegui, Ontario

Asier Vallejo, Basque Government

Ander Caballero, Delegate of the Basque Government to the United States

Miren Perez Eguireun, Basque Government Office Boise

Benan Oregi, Basque Government

Andoni Martin, Basque Government

Joseba Etxarri, Euskalkultura.com

Pedro Oiarzabal, University of Duesto

Bryan Prokasky, Winnemucca

John Mainvil, Ontario

Manny Villanueva, Reno

On-line Guests

Philippe Acheritogaray, BEO

Mayi Petracek, Colorado

Approval of the February 2013 Minutes

Marisa Espinal and Kate Camino submitted the February 2013 minutes.

- Larry Errea motioned to accept the February meeting minutes as submitted. Steve Achabal seconded. Unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report: (Grace Mainvil)

N.A.B.O. has converted its accounting to Quickbooks as of January 1st. Grace Mainvil has been learning the new system from Valerie Arrechea. They have been working together to enter all information. The format of the reports has changed a bit. There is now a profit and loss statement that reflects the year to date figures rather than data gathered since the last meeting. The delegates were asked to review the Treasurer's Report during the meeting and ask questions later. The process for payments and reimbursements remains the same. All receipts and requests for payment should be sent to Grace. Club dues and other payments should also be sent to Grace. No invoices will be mailed out.

Basque Government Representatives

The President introduced the new Director of Basque Communities and Citizens Abroad, Asier Vallejo. He introduced the new delegate to the United States, Ander Caballero. Lehendakari Urkullu and Marian Elorza, the new Secretary General to the office of Foreign Affairs, will hopefully be at the New York Euskal Etxea's 100th anniversary.

If there are any questions about Basque Government grant deadlines speak with Benan Oregi or Andoni Martin, and you may also speak with Miren Perez Eguireun of Basque Government Office in Boise. Unfortunately, there have been 40% budget cuts.

Gaztemundu will be held from 9/1/13 – 9/15/13 in Gasteiz. There are currently no applicants from the United States. The deadline to apply is 7/21/13. The topic this year will be music with emphasis on txistu and txalaparta. Attendance is being limited to 15 participants. While it is open to beginning players, basic skills in Txistu are required. The application process will ask for a 1-minute video as an audition for Gaztemundu.

Ander Caballero briefly spoke. The hope is to connect the Diaspora to Euskadi through his position and the offices in New York and Boise. He is also a member of the Rhode Island Basque Club.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: (Please see submitted reports for full details.)

Euskara: (Martin Goicoechea & Izaskun Kortazar)

Izaskun gave her report in Euskara and English. She gave a chronological list of events since the February meeting. In February Izaskun did a presentation in New York on the Basque language in the Basque Country and the United States. Also in February the Basque author, Kirmen Uribe, spoke to the Euskara students in New York.

In Boise they celebrated Santa Ageda where they went from house to house singing. It was also celebrated in Bakersfield and Rhode Island.

Korrika, the Basque run to promote the Basque Language, was celebrated in New York (it was snowing), San Francisco, Boise, and Mountain Home.

The Basque language instructor at Udaleku was Ander Egiluz, the new Euskara instructor in Bakersfield. A short video of Basque class at Udaleku was shown to the delegates.

Interest in Barnetegi is growing. A second barnetegi was held in Maizpide.

They held a 3rd barnetegi for future Euskara instructors in Boise in June. The next instructor's workshop will be on Labor Day weekend in Boise.

A teacher's guidebook has been created for those teaching children Euskara with lesson plans, materials, songs, games and homework.

NOKA will record a DVD with songs to help adults learn Basque.

In August there will be a Basque kid's day with songs and games in Basque.

Video: (Jesus Pedroarena, excused)

No report

Calendars: (Mary Lou Urrutia)

Calendar sales were a little slow this year. The 2014 calendars are available. We have returned to the Sunday – Saturday format. Each month will feature a link to a book at University of Nevada at Reno. Ryan Fieldgrove asked about photo selection for the calendar. Marylou explained she tries to choose photos with higher pixels and from different clubs. As long as the photo subject is related to Basques it may be included. Her new email is: calendar@nabasque.org or through Marylou@gracegroup.com

There are still some 2013 calendars that were not sold if any club would like to have them to give out. Grace Mainvil encouraged the delegates to take calendars back to their clubs. Paypal is being set up to accept payment for the calendars. Marylou has received requests for calendars from all over the United States and this year she had requests from Australia.

- Grace Mainvil motioned to keep the price for delegates at \$5.00 per calendar, which is at cost + any shipping costs. Amador Zabalbeascoa 2nded. Unanimously approved.

History (Patty Miller, Steve Bass)

Patty Miller and Steve Bass graciously agreed to chair this committee to oversee the Oral History Project. Pedro Oiarzabal briefly spoke about our goal of having regional team leaders and setting up protocols for trainings of interviewers, forms and questions for interviews.

At the meeting in Salt Lake City delegates were asked to go back and compile lists of older Basques to interview. Delegates were also charged with suggesting someone in their community to be the point person for communicating to the History Chairmen and possibly being the project manager at the local level.

This project is time sensitive. We have lost several members of our Basque Communities since the February meeting. The plan is to have this be an on-going project. If anyone is interested in being on the History Committee please contact Patty Miller or Steve Bass.

Pilota (Evelyne Etcharren, excused)

N.A.B.O. Pilota Finals:

The 2013 finals will be held in Boise, Idaho in conjunction with the San Inazio festival. It is also the 100-year anniversary of the Anduiza Fronton. The semi-finals will be played on Friday, July 26th and finals on Saturday, July 27th.

The following specialties will be played:

Men's: Class A Paleta Goma, Class B Paleta Goma, Veterans Paleta Goma, Class A Eskuz Singles, Class A Eskuz Doubles, Class B Eskuz Doubles, and Paleta Cuero

Women's: Baleen and Paleta Goma

World Pilota Council -- Workshops Summer 2013:

The World Pilota Council (WPC) sent an instructor, Julen Larranga from Gasteiz, for pala/eskuz this summer. They will pay his flights back and forth, as well as pay him a stipend; we meanwhile will be responsible for hosting him here (room and board and local transport). The schedule is as follows:

Bakersfield: June 16-29 in conjunction with Udaleku, Elko: July 5-6-7-8, San Francisco: July 9-17, Boise: July 18-29.

Udaleku: (Kate Camino & Valerie Arrechea)

Udaleku 2013

Udaleku was a huge success. Bakersfield did a phenomenal job. There were over 140 applicants. Originally planned to house 85 campers. After receiving so many applicants they went back to their communities and increased their housing to accommodate 102 participants. Not all of the figures are in yet, but it looks like they broke even with many generous donations from the Bakersfield community. Paypal was overwhelmed with so many applicants at the same time.

Argia Beristain from Washington suggested charging more to cover the PayPal fees. Lael Uberuaga suggested offering a pay by check option for those who would prefer not to pay the \$8.00 charge. Grace Mainvil mentioned in the past some checks have been returned for lack of funds. Using PayPal means the money is immediately available. Checks were accepted from families who did not choose to pay via PayPal.

Pierre asked how many children were turned away. Out of 140 applicants some were ineligible because they were not members of N.A.B.O. clubs. Some people cancelled. About 10 children were turned away. No first time applicants were turned away, except those who were not N.A.B.O. members. There was some discussion about whether if anyone needed to be turned away should it be children who had never attended or those who had attended other camps

In the past clubs were encouraged to give a donation to Udaleku. This year many clubs donated \$50.00 - \$100.00. The president gave a special thanks to Iparreko Ibarra in Rocklin for their generous \$250.00 donation to Udaleku. For a full list of clubs who donated please see the profit loss statement in the facilitator's packet.

The Udaleku committee proposed changes to the Udaleku application process:

1. One application per family with siblings listed rather than one application per child.
2. Camp tuition to be invoiced after a child has been accepted rather than pre-payment upon application to reduce refunds and PayPal charges.
3. Change the age of eligibility. Children would be eligible to participate in camp as long as they will be 10 years old before September 1st and/or 15 years of age through December 31st.

4. Implement stricter guidelines to the refund policy for cancellations:
 - Cancellation 2 weeks or less before the start of camp:
100% nonrefundable
 - Cancellation 2 to 4 weeks before the start of camp: 75% nonrefundable
 - Cancellation 4 to 6 weeks before the start of camp: 50% nonrefundable
 - Cancellation more than 6 weeks before the start of camp:
\$50 nonrefundable

The only recommendations requiring delegate approval are for the age of eligibility and changes to the refund policy.

- Gratien Etchebehere motioned to accept the change of age eligibility. Jean Pierre Elissetche 2nded. Unanimously approved.
- Jean Pierre Elissetche made a motion to accept the recommendations for stricter guidelines to the refund policy for cancellations. Exceptions will be made when cancellation is due to reasons outside of the camper's control. Matthew Etchepare 2nded. Unanimously.

Udaleku 2014:

Udaleku 2014 moves back to the Reno - Elko - Salt Lake City region. Elko will host Udaleku in 2014. The dates will be available at the next meeting. The president is concerned about quorum at the next N.A.B.O. meeting when it would be time to set the price for campers at Udaleku.

- Tyler Smith made a motion to set the price for Udaleku 2014 at \$375. 2nded by Jean Pierre Elissetche. Unanimously approved.

Morning Break

Beti Gazte: (Kristiane Bizkarra)

Kristiane listed some potential goals and projects for the Beti Gazte Committee. She would like to establish a contact at each club; a sign up sheet was passed around for the delegates to suggest a representative from their club.

Bizi Emankarra Txiki for kids who have made an effort to learn about Basque culture or who promote it. A camp for older kids, who are no longer eligible to participate in Udaleku. Organize a trip for youth to the Basque Country, to see other provinces – not just where their family is from. Gaztemundu has not had a

lot of participation because it is held during the fall semester of school in the United States. The Basque Government did once change the date of Gaztemundu to encourage more participation from the United States but there was still a poor turn out from North Americans.

Another idea is to establish a connection between Basque Americans and Basque Youth. Either a student exchange or pen pals. Benan Oregi mentioned he organized this between an Ikastola of which he was on the Parent Teacher Board and the Bishop Kelly School in Boise. There are many Basque teenagers who come to the United States each year for a month to improve their English. N.A.B.O. is sponsoring a dinner in the park Saturday night for the youth. Participants pay \$5.00 each and N.A.B.O. covers expenses above the amount collected.

Mus: (Pierre Etcharren)

N.A.B.O. Mus 2013: The 2013 N.A.B.O. Mus finals were held on Saturday, June 8th at the Centro Basco in Chino, CA sponsored by the Oberena Basque Club. 42 teams participated, representing 26 clubs. The winners were Noel Erdozaincy and Erramun Lahargou, representing the Marin-Sonoma Basque Association. This is the second time they have advanced to represent the United States in the International Mus Tournament.

Steve Achabal congratulated Chino and Pierre on successful event. He asked that rules be posted on the N.A.B.O. website about pairs playing other games of Mus for fun while waiting for their table's official Mus games. Players were asked not to play any games in the room where the finals were being held that were not a part of the official Mus Tournament. The President and Mus chair will look into the incident.

If there are people interested in playing mus on the computer, please check out: www.ludoteka.com or for the iphone: usumus

International Mus 2013:

The International Mus Tournament will take place from October 26th - November 2nd in Puerto Varas, Chile. It is 1,000 km south of Santiago. Those interested in accompanying the tournament should contact Pierre Etcharren at etcharren@msn.com for further details.

Each participating country pays \$1200 to the hosting country. The hosting country pays the cost of the winners and the delegate from each country. Last year N.A.B.O. paid for the two winners and the delegate to help the Vancouver club. They were very grateful. The Mus account is pretty healthy.

- Pierre Etcharren made a motion that we pay \$3000 instead of \$1200 to help Chile with the cost of hosting the International Mus. Gratien Etchebehere 2nded. Unanimously approved.

Future International Mus Dates:

2014 in Mexico, 2015 in Uruguay, 2016 in Euskadi, and 2017 in the U.S.A. We are looking for a place to host the International Mus Tournament in the United States. We have the funds to do it and need a place to host 100 people or so, outings, meals and activities. Maybe Las Vegas? Plans have not been finalized yet.

Junior Mus (Gina Espinal)

This year the Junior Mus Tournament will be held in the Elko Clubhouse. Anita and Andrea Franzoia will be running the tournament because it is held at the same time as the N.A.B.O. meeting. 8 teams are competing in this year's tournament. Gina Espinal reported that next year would be the 10th anniversary of Junior Mus. It will be held in Bakersfield where the very first Junior Mus Tournament was held.

Music and Dance (Lisa Corcostegi and Caroline Chirramberro)

Lisa Corcostegi put together a very thorough assessment of dance group issues and some proposals to address them. Please see the Facilitator's packet for the full report.

In order to reduce the grant request to the Basque Government by 20% there were no instructors brought over from the Basque Country this year. Lisa saw this as an opportunity to:

1. Reflect on the unique traditions of each of our clubs.
 - a. There is a lack of historical memory in our dance groups; why certain dances are performed, the meaning of specific dances, etc.
2. Provide education on and resources about the invisible aspect of dance.
 - a. Possibly publish a booklet describing the dances and the meaning of dances for instructors and announcers at Basque festivals. John Ysursa and Jean Flesher created a booklet with the history of dances. Lisa would like to update that as new dances have been added to clubs' repertoire.
 - b. Lisa prepared a course on the socio-cultural context of Basque dance at Boise State University which she is happy to share.
3. Reflect on the differences between dancing *for* people and dancing *with* people.
 - a. Lisa mentioned, Claude Iruretagoiena, who described the etiquette of dance.

Lael Uberuaga asked who is on the dance committee. The president informed the delegates that dance instructors from all the clubs have informally been on a

committee for years. The music and dance committee was officially named when the Facilitator's position was revised.

Txerri Sukalde Txapeldun (Gratien Etchebehere)

The 3rd Annual Txerri Txapeldun will take place in Elko, NV on Friday, July 5th at 6 p.m. in the park. Like last year, there will be three categories: tripota/morcilla, lukainka (no red pepper), chorizo (with red pepper). There is a panel of judges who choose the winner in a blind taste test.

Every year we have more contestants, and we encourage both clubs and individuals to participate. There is no fee for entry. You can enter all three categories. We request that participants bring about 3 lbs of their sausage with them. The golden rule: IT MUST BE HOMEMADE. Go pig or go home!

Kantari Eguna (Noel Goyhenetche, Becky Sarratea-Murphy)

Since Kantari Eguna switches between Rocklin and Gardnerville the Chairperson position also alternates between Noel Goyhenetche and Becky Sarratea-Murphy. Becky Sarratea-Murphy and Noel Arraiz reported that Kantari Eguna will take place on August 10th in conjunction with the Gardnerville Picnic. The hall where Kantari Eguna is held in Gardnerville has improved the sound system. There will be no singers from the Basque Country this year. Martin Echamendi is the MC. All amateur singers are encouraged to participate. They will have the Hi-Kantari songbooks and the audience will be asked to sing as well. Grace Mainvil mentioned she has the songbooks available for sale at \$1.00 each. Clubs are encouraged to purchase packs of 50 to distribute to their members.

Education (John Ysursa)

John Ysursa would like to build awareness about education. If you have any ideas or would like to be on the committee please contact John at education@nabasque.org

There has been success at bringing awareness to other topics such as The Day of Basque and the Day of Dance. John would like to see a Hezkuntza Eguna (Education Day) to encourage Celebrate + Educate = Perpetuate at each club. Each club would decide what aspect of Basque Education would appeal to their membership. Some suggestions included: Basque in a Box or Basque authors to present their books.

This year the convention booklet for Elko included educational information about different aspects of Basque culture. Bakersfield already has this in place for the convention next year. The Bakersfield Steves - Steve Bass and Steve Gamboa from California State University at Bakersfield have a symposium planned for the eve of the festival.

- John Ysursa motioned that clubs hosting the convention include an Hezkuntza Eguna/Education Day. Patty Miller 2nded. Unanimously passed.

Facilitator's Report: (Kate Camino)

Each club should have received one binder in Salt Lake City. Kate Camino requested that delegates make sure the N.A.B.O. binder gets passed to new delegates so that they may view past facilitator packets and minutes.

Cultural tours

Kalakan is coming to do a fall tour for 3 weeks from September – October. They will perform in Reno, Boise, Mountain Home, Ontario, San Francisco, and ending in New York.

Astero

Astero viewing numbers have increased. It now records how many people open the link.

Website

Kate thanked Lisa Corcostegi for all her work on the new website. There have been some glitches on Internet Explorer; the drop down menu is behind the logo. Lisa has found a treasure trove of information John Ysursa has gathered over the years on the website. She is slowly moving everything onto the new website.

N.A.B.O. Email Addresses

The @nabasque.org is simply a pass through so if the personal email address is incorrect it is lost forever. It is vital all committee chairpersons let the webmaster know of any email changes.

Here is a list of N.A.B.O. email addresses:

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udaleku@nabasque.org
video@nabasque.org
youth@nabasque.org

There was a presentation of the N.A.B.O. plaque to Ander Caballero to welcome him and to congratulate him on his new position.

Lunch Break 12:00 – 1:00

Special Presentations:

“Basques and the Disappearing West”

Gina Napolitan & Beaux Mingus, film makers who are making a documentary in collaboration with Phillip Duhart about Basques with a tentative title, “Basques and the Disappearing West” with an emphasis on the changing landscapes. They have successfully funded the first part of this project through a crowd sourcing campaign on USA Projects. The large number of complete strangers who donated money for this project surprised them. They have received funding and are only asking the Basque community to participate by sharing stories, photos, and allow filming in Basque Hotels, at dance classes, picnics, etc. For more information you can contact them at basquedocumentary@gmail.com or visit their website:

http://www.usaprojects.org/project/basques_and_the_disappearing_west

Center for Basque Studies (CBS), University of Nevada Reno(UNR)

Daniel Montero, the book editor, from the UNR CBS is asking for help from clubs to help the UNR CBS clean up their mailing list. They would like a volunteer from each community to review their mailing list and let them know which members are no longer interested in receiving the newsletter or have passed away.

The UNR CBS is currently running a literary contest. Please see the website for more information: www.basque.unr.edu or contact CBS directly at basque@unr.edu CBS accepts books for publishing that are related to the Basque experience. If any clubs are planning to write their club’s history please contact Daniel and the UNR CBS and they would be happy to help.

Old Business

Noel Fagoaga of the Euskaldunak Quebec in Montreal spoke about the Indianoak Project. It was a two-week rowing event from Trois Pistol to Montreal, about 650 kilometers. A trainera is a rowboat, which can hold up to 16 rowers. There were over twenty rowers from Iparralde and New York working in shifts. It was very rough going, especially during storms. At each stage there were gastronomic and cultural exchanges with the local community.

Indianoak left the trainera in Montreal. They are hoping to make a team of 20 people. The trainera will be stored in the west part of Montreal. Lorea will help them this year, but they would like to create a workshop next year to train on how to row the trainera. They would like help from N.A.B.O. to bring an instructor from the Basque Country at a cost of about \$1200. Different funding options were discussed. This might be a project that offers an opportunity for collaboration amongst the east coast clubs.

- Gratien Etchebehere made a motion that N.A.B.O. fund bringing a trainera instructor for a hands-on train the trainer project in Montreal. Gina Espinal seconded. Unanimously approved. Grace Mainvil said there were funds available in the Education account or the General account.

A San Juan chalupa was found and it is well preserved. A replica is being made in San Sebastian, which has been designated the Cultural Capital for 2016. They are thinking of sailing the chalupa coast to coast to celebrate the 200th Anniversary of Canada in 2017. A project from Unesco is trying to have the chalupa recognized as the first boat known worldwide. It is a small vessel holding about 6 people and may have a sail.

Apaizac Obeto is a film about Basque whalers. Benan Oregi explained the title of the film comes from the term that the Basques taught the native Indians how to respond to "Nola Sira?" Apaizak Hobeto means the priests are better.

Asier Vallejo mentioned the America tatik, that in 1998 a trainera was sent to the Basque Government from New York.

New York

Iker Goni gave an update on the events planned for the 100th Anniversary of the Euskal Etxea of New York and the fall N.A.B.O. meeting. The yearlong celebration will end during the week of October 7-14, 2013. The weekend will begin with workshops on Linguistics and Diaspora on Thursday, 10/10/13 put on by the Etxepare Institute. There will be seminars at Columbia University and at the Euskal Etxea.

The N.A.B.O. meeting will be on Saturday, 10/12/13 at the Euskal Etxea of New York in Brooklyn. There will be a gala in Manhattan on Sunday. N.A.B.O. has been assigned 150 spots at the gala. There will be a mass on Sunday in the Cathedral. They have applied to participate in the Columbus Day Parade on Monday, 10/14/13. Please bring your txapela and Ikurrina for the parade. For a full list of events please see the website: <http://www.eeny2013.com/centennial-gala.shtml>

Patty Miller mentioned the cost of hotels is prohibitive. Amaya Ormaza Winer mentioned October is convention month in New York so prices are higher at that time. Kate Camino mentioned that home sharing options were listed in the 12th

Astero. Ander Caballero mentioned Air B & B had apartments for 10 people for \$300/night. Some flights are cheaper through Expedia if you fly on Wednesday. Jean Pierre Elissetche asked about transportation. There were buses for the "Hidden in Plain Sight" Exhibit at Ellis Island. New York will not be providing shuttle buses between venues. Iker suggested that might be something N.A.B.O. could look into sponsoring. Iker informed the delegates that most New Yorkers travel by subway. It could be a half hour to an hour from Manhattan to Brooklyn. Salt Lake City is the only dance group that has planned to attend, and will be sending 8-9 dancers.

The president brought up the fact that only 10 clubs have RSVPed they would attend the fall meeting in October. There were 14 counted at this meeting in Elko. We need 23 clubs represented for quorum. The president mentioned the concern about quorum. Gina Espinal mentioned the importance of supporting the eastern clubs. We had the same conversation about having the fall meeting in Montreal. It was a smaller meeting, but very productive. Matthew Etchepare feels fall meetings have always been an opportunity to support the smaller clubs. Iker Goni felt if the meeting didn't happen during the 100th Anniversary it would not come to New York. Pierre Etcharren recommended that the meeting take place in New York as planned.

Mary Gaztambide mentioned she got her tickets from Delta for \$345 and the dancers got a group rate on Jet Blue Airlines. Grace Mainvil would like to see more information about whom else is going and where they will be staying. Ryan Fielding brought up the lack of firm plans and guides for delegates not from the big city as a stumbling block for committing to attending the New York celebration. Izaskun Kortazar suggested a Google doc so everyone could see everyone else's plans. She also mentioned that it was easy flying into La Guardia airport and the subway station was only two blocks from the Euskal Etxea in Brooklyn. Izaskun also suggested a one sheet page be created with tips for traveling with phone numbers and the names of subway stops. Iker Goni said it also easy to fly into JFK or Newark airports.

- Annie Gavica made a motion that N.A.B.O. pay for the 9 dancers to attend the gala from Salt Lake City. 2nded by Lael Uberuaga. Unanimously approved.
- John Ysursa made a motion so that the New York club knows that N.A.B.O. is interested in supporting the east coast club with a presence even if all clubs are not able to attend. 2nded by Gina Espinal. Unanimously approved.

Asier Vallejo was talking to Marian Elorza, his boss, the new Foreign Affairs Secretary General and there will be a delegation from the Basque Government at

the anniversary. They hope there will be a good representation from N.A.B.O. clubs as well.

An email will be sent out – please respond if you are going, include your travel itinerary, etc. You must RSVP to the president@nabasque.org if you plan to attend the gala or any other events in New York.

New Business

On-line options

BEO would like N.A.B.O. to consider purchasing equipment so that we have mobile Wifi capabilities.

Gina Espinal suggested one person be responsible for handling on-line participation. Enrike Corcostegui has helped with the technical aspects of meetings in the past. The President prefers to monitor any comments made from on-line participants.

Annie Gavica brought up voting should be an online option. The president has concerns about security. Matthew Etchepare brought up the idea of a password. The president mentioned that she would prefer video. GO to Meeting has video capabilities. Iker Goni reminded everyone that to participate in the meeting from the west coast it would be 3 hours earlier.

- Lael Uberuaga made a motion that at the fall meeting we give the option to vote if you use the video with the online participation. Jean Pierre Elissetche 2nded. Unanimously approved.

Questions or Announcements:

Los Banos is having their 50th anniversary next year.

Amador Zabalbeascoa reported the celebration would take place over 2 days. There will be a mus tournament in which ½ of the money collected will go to the winners. There will be a dinner and dance Saturday night. The mass and picnic will be on Sunday.

There was a request for funding and publicity by **Trikifolia**. Please see the past Astero for more information.

Steve Bass presented his book the Basques of Kern County.

All guests were asked to leave for the nominations and voting of officers.

Elections

- Jean Pierre Elissetcche nominated Grace Mainvil as Treasurer. John Ysursa 2nded. Unanimously approved.

- Martin Goicoechea nominated Valerie Arrechea as President. 2nded by John Ysursa. Unanimously approved.
- Annie Gavica made a motion to close nominations. 2nded by Lael Uberuaga. Unanimously approved.
- Ryan Fielding made a motion to accept both the Treasurer and President nominations. 2nded by everyone! Unanimously approved.

The president asked all committee chairpersons to continue on in their current appointed positions. If any chairperson wants a change, please let the president know.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:15 pm.

Future Meeting Schedule:

2013

Fall: New York, October 12th

2014

Winter: San Francisco, February 15th

Summer Convention: Bakersfield, CA

Fall: Rocklin, October

2015

Winter: Salt Lake City, usually February

Summer Convention: Boise, ID in conjunction with Jaialdi

Fall:

Future Convention Dates:

2014: Bakersfield, CA

2015: Boise, ID in conjunction with Jaialdi

2016:

2017: Chino, CA

2018 Winnemucca, NV

Respectfully submitted by Marisa Espinal, N.A.B.O. Secretary.