



President Jean Leon Iribarren called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. President asked those in attendance to identify and introduce themselves and state if they were voting delegates or guests.

Proxies were turned in. One was presented extending Anita Izoco's vote to Frances Pedroarena 2nd Ramon Zugazaga's vote to Jacques Errecart the 3rd Andres Lejardi's vote to Steve Mendive. The minutes of the fall meeting were accepted as corrected.

Corrections were made as follows:

1/ J. Flesher is a delegate of the San Francisco Basque Cultural Center and not of the San Francisco Basque Club.

2/ Two trips towards the Muss Tournament were donated by the IMPULSE TRAVEL AGENCY and not by the BANCO DE VISCAIA.

V. Argoitia moved to accept the minutes s/ J. Arriet. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT - Grace Mainvil contacted J. L. Iribarren to let him know that she was unable to attend the meeting. Her daughter will deliver the report in the afternoon.

President Iribarren mentioned that dues and any other payments made by Clubs, should indicate what the payment is for (by writing this on the check).

SINGING CONTEST - J. Sangroniz asked if the date May 6, chosen for the singing contest would interfere with any other functions.

Sangroniz asked for volunteers with musical knowledge to help judge the singing, he also asked that each club report to its members, and ask them to participate. He suggested contacting the Basque Government for their participation by volunteering a singer coach to help in the future.

Jean Leon announced that the lunch will be hosted by the San Francisco Basque Club for all N.A.B.O. delegates, officers and chairman. Others will be welcome to attend the lunch at their own expense.

MUSS REPORT - P. Etcharren gave the Muss report. Pierre announced that the National Championship will be held on April 15, the games will be played in one day, the winners go to the international games. Pierre asked if the rules set earlier be kept? Yes.

The Elko Club will decide on the location and on the time. Victor Esain will be the scorekeeper. No date has been set for the international games but will probably be in September or October and will be held in Mexico City.

Two Players and a coach will travel to Mexico City.

Pierre has contacted Banco De Viscaya for free trips.

The Bank agree to donate \$1,200.00.

Pierre suggested that an advertisement of Banco de Viscaya be placed on the picnic souvenir booklet.

Victor will discuss it at his next club meeting.

Jean Leon asked that each delegate - Muss chairman and handball chairman correct his or hers address on the current mailing list.

MUSIC CAMP - Josephine Johnson, delegate from the Kern County Basque Club, said that A. Etcheverry was unable to attend this meeting. She reported that the music camp will be in Bakersfield from June 18 to June 30, but she is not sure on the location at this time. It could be held at the State College dormintory, the Bakersfield Club or at the Bakersfield Lodge.

Albert & Monica Etcheverry are the chairpersons.

The Instructor will be Mr. Menchaca from Spain.

For any more information contact D. Eiguren.

J. Flesher asked if the new Txistu were purchased.

V. Argoitia returned all the Txistu to Los Banos.

Josephine Johnson will contact D. Eiguren to discuss the whereabouts of the Txistu.

The tuition for the music camp will be the same as last year \$150 - per student.

N.A.B.O. will pay for the balance.

V. Argoitia mentioned that the Basque Government gives financial aid only to promote new activities.

Jean Leon brought up that D. Eiguren said that the bills from last year's music camp were submitted to the Basque Government through Martin Minaberry, but did not know the outcome.

Applications for the music camp will be sent to all clubs.

Justo Larria said that the cost of bringing Mr. Menchaca is \$2,000.

President Iribarren asked all delegates and guests for a minute of silence in memory of Begnat ARDANTZ.

HANDBALL REPORT - J. L. Ocafrain reported the N.A.B.O pelota finals.

Midget	Chino	25	/	San Francisco	17
Cadet	Chino	25	/	San Francisco	15
Junior	Chino	25	/	San Francisco	13
Classe B	Los Angeles	25	/	San Francisco	19
Classe A(single)	S.F.	22	/	Chino	2
Classe A (double)	S.F.	25	/	Chino	20

Paleta goma:

Ladies - Bakersfield	35	/	San Francisco	16
Paleta goma (B) S. F.	35	/	Chino	17
Paleta goma (a) S. F.	35	/	Bakersfield	31

The location of the pelota camp was discussed.

Can it be held in San Francisco?

J. L. Ocafrain will discuss the matter with other pelota chairman and also the need of a handball teacher.

P. Etcharren asked the extent of the expenses for the handball teacher. J. L. Ocafrain replied that expenses, the trip and room & board. The teacher will spend two weeks teaching at the San Francisco left wall and two weeks in Chino for Trinquet training.

The pelota camp tuition is set at \$50 - per student.

Mayi Etcheverry suggested that a good player with teaching ability teaches the very young players to help the coach spend more time with the juniors and others.

A delegation of french handball players will visit the U.S.A. in September. Six players and their coach.

Each club is asked to contact chairman Ocafrain with any suggestions.

An invitation from Cuba was received to perform front tennis exhibition games during their championship.

M. Minaberry will have the necessary information for the Venezuela championship by the beginning of March.

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS - Martin has talked with the Basque Government for the making of next year's calendars.

Martin mentioned a group of Basque singers and dancers coming from the Basque Country "BURGAINTZI". The group will spend four days in Chino, three days in San Francisco and the Oinkari Basque dancers will also try to prepare a day with them.

N.A.B.O. 1988 bills should be gathered and sent to the Basque Government for payment.

Martin mentioned that the Basque Government will put out a newsletter four times a year to be distributed free of charge to all interested parties.

Justo Larria sent the list of interested persons directly to Mr. Legarreta.

Josephine Arriet brought the list of Los Banos members who would like to receive the newsletter.

Pedroarena will mention it to the members before sending each members address.

Martin suggested that each club takes care of its own members.

A correspondant from the U.S. is needed to forward the news to Spain. STEVE MENDIVE accepted that position if supplied with the necessary information.

V. Argoitia suggested that each club submit a resume news.

Martin distributed envelopes for each club to write their addresses, in order to receive the diary from Spain.

Celebration of Spain. The Chamber of Commerce met with the responsible parties for the Quincentennial Celebration.

Subscription forms for the Basque Newspaper "HERRIA" are available.

V. Argoitia stated that she received a letter saying that two tapes were sent to Martin for the Reno Basque Club but she never got them. Martin said that when he gets only one or two tapes he sends them to the University of Nevada.

C. Bieter said that he has received a letter from the State Dept. saying that during the month of March a lottery will be held to select 20,000 grants who will be given a permanent VISA. He suggested that anyone needing more information contact him.

J. L. Iribarren thanked the president of the S.F. Basque Club for a delicious lunch.

Jean Leon asked the delegates to read the treasurer's report =  
Balance on accounts include =

General Account	=	\$10,360.49
Pelota Account	=	1,372.74
Muss Account	=	4,925.07
Educational Account	=	7,153.36

Victor Esain moved to accept the treasurer's report s/ J. Arriet.  
Motion carried.

Virginia Argoitia mentioned that she paid \$300 - for the calendars.

Justo Larria said that he has sent a video to Mr. Legarreta in Spain to begin a T.V. program for the Basque people in the U.S.A. Justo Larria and M. Minaberry will discuss this idea and will debrief the N.A.B.O. directors on their project.

*I turbide*  
M. Iturri presented a list of Motels in Los Banos for the necessary reservations for the May 21 - 22 convention.

J. Flesher asked Martin if the San Francisco Klika is included in the reservations already made in Los Banos. The answer was no.

Jean Leon mentioned that tonight the San Francisco Basque Cultural Center is holding the Anniversary dinner - dance at 7 p.m. - entertainment by Louis Camblor, french accordionist, and a basque singer, Pampi Ospital. Everyone is welcome.

*Portugal*  
Tomorrow Sunday a mass by Father Etcheverry will be celebrated - followed by a handball game. Lunch will be served at 1 p.m..

CLOSING COMMENTS -

Fresno picnic will be held on *April* June 30th.

Bakersfield picnic will be held on May <sup>27</sup> 20th.

Winnemucca Festival will be held on June 10-11.

A dancers Federation was formed by Flesher, T-shirts and sweat shirts are for sale.

A Camp for dancing instructors will be held in Gardnerville on August 10-11.

The instructor will come from the Basque Country.

A letter from Robert Soraintz stated that he is interested in searching for family trees of Basques living in the U.S.A.

MONUMENT OF THE BASQUE SHEEPHERDER - V. Argoitia said that the project is doing well. Mr. Basteretxea, the artist, started and the sculpture will be installed by August.

Virginia said that American people have been donating, funds in memory of past Basque friend. The deadline for donations has been extened to March 15th.

M. Olano moved to host the 1991 Convention in Winnemucca s/ V. Argoitia. Motion carried.

J. Johnson moved to host the 1994 50th Anniversary in Bakersfield s/ V. Esain. Motion carried.

Tentative date for Reno for 1992.

V. Argoitia moved to adjourn the meeting s/ M. Iturri. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Mayi Etcheverry



# *North American Basque Organizations, Inc.*

MINUTES OF THE N.A.B.O. MEETING  
1989 Convention Los Banos, CA  
May 20, 1989

## **ATTENDING:**

### **OFFICERS**

Jean Leon Iribarren	PRESIDENT, San Francisco, CA
Dave Figuren	VICE PRESIDENT, Boise, ID
Mayi Etcheverry	SECRETARY, San Francisco, CA
Grace Mainvil	TREASURER, Ontario, OR

### **DELEGATES**

Pierre Etcharren	SAN FRANCISCO BASQUE CLUB
Jean Leon Ocafrain	SAN FRANCISCO BASQUE CULTURAL CENTER
Jesus Pedroarena	MENDIKO EUSKALDUN CLUBA, Gardnerville
Victor Esain	FRESNO BASQUE CLUB, Fresno, CA
Josephine Arriet	FRESNO BASQUE CLUB, Fresno, CA
Jeannot Ibarra	CHINO BASQUE CLUB, Chino, CA
Chris Bieter	OINKARI BASQUE DANCERS, INC., Boise, ID
Lisa Achurra	OINKARI BASQUE DANCERS, INC., Boise, ID
Steve Mendive	GOODING BASQUE ASSOC., Gooding, ID
Josephine Johnson	KERN COUNTY BASQUE CLUB, Bakersfield, CA
Ricardo Yanci	ELKO EUSKALDAUNAK
Jose Arbillaga	ELKO EUSKALDAUNAK
Anita Izoco	MENDIKO EUSKALDUN CLUBA, Gardnerville
Antonio Rodriguez	BIG HORN BASQUE CLUB
Peter Camino	BIG HORN BASQUE CLUB
Hilah Beristain	LAS VEGAS BASQUE CLUB
Jose Beristain	LAS VEGAS BASQUE CLUB
Manuel Villanueva	LOS ANGELES OBERENA
Xavier Aphessetche	CHINO BASQUE CLUB
Albert Etcheverry	BAKERSFIELD BASQUE CLUB
Miguel Olano	Winnemucca, NV
Sena Mendiguren	Ontario, OR
Virginia Argoitia	Reno, NV
Justo Sarria	Boise, ID
Balendin Lasuen	Delegate of the Department of Culture in Biscaya

**GUESTS**

Frances Pedroarena  
John Mendiguren  
Paki Sarria  
Helen Berria  
Mary Cendagorta

MENDIKO EUZKALDUN CLUBA, Gardnerville  
Ontario, OR  
Boise, ID  
Boise, ID  
Reno, NV

**COMMITTE CHAIRMAN**

Martin Minaberry  
Frank Pedeflous

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS, S.F., CA  
FEDERATION OF PELOTA, Fresno, CA

## MINUTES

Welcome - President J. Leon Iribarren called the 1989 convention meeting to order and welcomed all delegates and guests to Los Banos.

He extended a warm welcome to Balendin Lasuen, a delegate of the Department of Culture in Biscaya.

Minutes of the February meeting were amended on page four (4) Los Banos should be read Boise members.

Dates for the Bakersfield and the Los Banos picnic were incorrect.

Frances Pedroarena attended the meeting as a delegate.

On the last page a name correction was needed (Ithurbide).

A motion to accept the minutes as corrected was made by A. Etcheverry s/by V. Argoitia. The motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report - A written report prepared by G Mainvil was presented to all delegates .

Balances on hand in each N.A.B.O account are as follows:

General Account	\$8,711.95
Certificate of Deposit	\$8,358.91
Pelota Account	\$1,895.37
Muss Account	\$7,045.07
Certificate of Deposit	\$8,642.79
Educational Account	\$853.22

Josephine Arriet moved to accept the Treasurer's report s/by S. Mendiguren. Motion passed.

Proxies - were turned in. One was presented extending J. Curutchet's vote to Pierre Etcharren  
2nd extending J. Flesher's vote to J.L. Ocafrain.  
3rd extending I. Etcheto's vote to M. Olano.  
4th extending A. Lejardi's vote to S. Mendive.  
5th extending J Jaureguito's vote to V. Argoitia.

A letter from Josu Legarreta was read by P. Sarria. A copy of the letter will be enclosed with the minutes.

President Iribarren thanked B. Lasuen for attending the Los Banos convention meeting.

B. Lasuen congratulated N.A.B.O. for the organization, but would like to suggest that if help is requested from Euzkadi J. Legarreta be informed in advance.

The International Convention will be held in Argentina in November.

Muss Report - P. Etcharren reported that the N.A.B.O. tournament was held in Elko and thanked the Elko Club for their reception. Twenty-two teams competed. First and second place trophies were donated by Banque Inschauspe.

Gardnerville players Tony Espinal and Martin Biscay were the first place winners.

A Basque week will be held in Mexico City from October 15 thru October 27.

Trip expenses will be paid by Banco De Viscaya.

Next year's N.A.B.O. final will be held on April 21, 1980 in Gardnerville, CA.

P. Etcharren reported that he received few complaints that several members had joined other clubs just to play Muss. At the moment Pierre has no solution to the problem.

D. Eiguren suggested that players be a full member in good standing of the club for which they are playing for, the member should pay his membership dues plus the Muss fee.

V. Argoitia suggested that clubs make their own rules, she also suggested that winners of one club play with the same partners.

President said that N.A.B.O. can not dictate what each club should do. Therefore, it's up to each club to decide on their rules.

Etcharren expressed interest in having young players join the games. Maybe a tournament should be organized for young players.

S. Mendive asked if there are particular rules for women players. No, they are all invited to join.

D. Eiguren said that each club should have the opportunity to enter the Muss tournament even if the club has only two (2) players.

Motion was made by P. Etcharren and carried unanimously to ask a \$50.00 minimum charge from each club to enter the tournament.

J. Pedroarena asked what are the requirements to host a Muss tournament? Etcharren replied that the club should arrange the facilities for lunch, rooms, etc., and suggested that he gets in touch with the previous host.

Music Camp - A. Etcheverry reported that the music camp will be held in Bakersfield from June 18 thru June 30. The group will perform at a dance to be held on Friday June 30.

Response to the music camp is very poor but Etcheverry urges all clubs to contact their members.

Pelota - J. Leon Ocafrain pelota chairman, reported that the N.A.B.O. finals will be held in Bakersfield on November 11 and 12.

San Francisco will organize the pelota camp.

President Iribarren asked that S. F. & Chino discuss the pelota camp this weekend and make final arrangements. Additional insurance will be provided during the period of pelota camp in Chino. Any club interested should contact Ocafrain for more information.

The N.A.B.O. Pala Tournament will be held in Bakersfield on November 1st (first).

J. Ibarra is the Chino handball chairman.

International Affairs - On April 12, 1989 a new law was voted by the Basque Government that financial help would be allocated to all Basque Organization around the world.

Euzkadi will select a group of forty (40) adults to participate on a two week cultural exchange from July 15 - 30. Participants should be between 19 and 25 years old with different back grounds. (Music, Dance, etc.,). Each participant will be notified upon reception of the necessary information.

D. Eiguren asked Martin if it would be possible to extend the deadline for sending in the applications. B. Lasuen will look into it. P. Etcharren asked Martin what is the purpose to this gathering. Martin said that there is no specific program prepared. Just an exchange of different ideas by different groups.

A scholarship is funded for studies into the Basque Culture. Four millions pesetas are allocated for the U.S.A. (\$37,000) including Nevada-California-Idaho. Half of this amount will go towards publications of two books. One is Aguirre Biography.

Martin said the newsletter from Spain is on it's way. S. Mendive newsletter to Spain got lost but he sent another copy.

The Basque Government will set up a budget to pay two delegates' expenses to travel to the Basque Congress in Argentina.

The Basque Government will be sending a collection of videos to Basque Centers. The approximate cost of each video system is 24,000. The expenses' to transfer the video to American standards is 12,000. The Basque Government is willing to purchase the necessary equipment to show the video as they are.

A vote should be taken to select two delegates for the congress

in Argentina. A. Etcheverry suggested that M. Minaberry be one. G. Mainvil asked for the names of interested delegates. There were two names J. Sarria and S. Mendive. A vote was taken to choose between the two delegates. S. Mendive 17 votes  
J. Sarria 12 votes.

S. Mendive will be traveling to Argentina along with M. Minaberry, expenses will be paid by the Basque Government.

The name and background of a person who is unable to return to the Basque Country because of financial difficulties should be sent to M. Minaberry.

The N.A.B.O. 1990 calendars will be made in Spain. The selection of the pictures will take place on the third week of June.

President Iribarren stated that Los Banos Basque Club will host the N.A.B.O. lunch. San Francisco choir "Elgarrekin" will perform the Basque play at 3 p.m. at the Fairgrounds.

On Sunday (tomorrow) the parade will start in front of the Woolgrower's Restaurant at 8:30 a.m.

10 minutes recess -

S. Mendive explained that he volunteered to send information to the Basque Government for the newsletter. The mail was lost, he then faxed new information. All clubs are invited to send their news.

Martin mentioned that a teacher from France is interested in giving Basque lessons while he himself would learn English.

Singing Contest - Chris Bieter said that Boise is sorry to have to cancel their singing contest but felt that three applications were not enough to hold the contest. Expenses incurred for the preparations will be forwarded to N.A.B.O. for payment. C. Bieter moved to name Gardnerville as a permanent host for the singing contest. S/by J. Arriet. Motion carried unanimously. Gardnerville was receptive to this idea.

A singing contest in Trois-villes (France) will be held in June. Two singers from U.S.A. are invited. At the moment there is no budget for the singers trip expenses. Minaberry named C. Bieter and P. Miller to make the trip and be contestants for U.S.A., D. Eiguren asked where the receipts from the Gardnerville singing contest were. Pedroarena answered that the money went to the club to pay for their expenses (hall renting, etc.,). C. Bieter does not know if he can attend the singing contest at this time. But consequently if they do go they would represent N.A.B.O. Etcharren asked if N.A.B.O. would pay for one ticket. Argillaga moved that N.A.B.O. pay for one ticket fare. S/by A. Rodriguez. Motion carried unanimously.

V. Argoitia suggested to initiate a budget for singing expenses. S. Mendive asked B. Lasuen if the Basque Government will agree to pay for one singers' trip. He answered that he would relay our

request on his return to Basque Government.

A. Izoco mentioned a date available for the singing contest in Gardnerville, October 30.

National Monument to the Basque Sheepherder - V. Argoitia explained that Janet Inda could not be here, but that the dedication of the sculpture will held on August 27, 1989.

V. Argoitia moved to add a N.A.B.O. inscription on the sculpture plaque s/by Pedroarena. Motion carried.

The Reno Festival will be held on August 26.

Fall Meeting - 1989 - Delegates were reminded that the Fall meeting will be held in Reno, Nevada on November 18, 1989.

Spring Meeting - 1990 - The spring meeting will be held in Fresno, Ca on Saturday February 23, 1990.

Elections - V. Argoitia asked J.L. Iribarren to remain as president. Iribarren agreed to accept the nomination to remain as president for another year. It was motioned by V. Argoitia s/by S. Mendive that Iribarren be elected as president. Motion carried.

#### New Appointments

Pierre Etcharren was re-appointed Muss Chairman.

J.L. Ocafrain was re-appointed Pelota Chairman.

M. Minaberry was re-appointed Calender Chairman.

M. Minaberry was re-appointed International Chairman.

D. Eiguren was re-appointed Music Camp Chairman.

Closing Comments - C. Bieter said that there were 20 million applicants for the VISA lottery. The winners will be notified by October 15.

The Winnemucca Festival will be held on June 10-11.

The Bakersfield picnic on May 27.

The 1990 N.A.B.O. Convention will be held in Boise, Idaho June 15 thru 17.

The Gooding Festival will be held on July 16.

Adjournment - V. Esain moved to adjourn the meeting s/by Mendiguren. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Mayi Etcheverry



# *North American Basque Organizations, Inc.*

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MINUTES OF THE N.A.B.O. MEETING  
1989 Fall Meeting Reno, NV  
November 18, 1989

**ATTENDING:**

**OFFICERS**

Jean Leon Iribarren  
Frances Pedroarena  
Grace Mainvil

PRESIDENT, San Francisco, CA  
ACTING SECRETARY, Gardnerville  
TREASURER, Ontario, OR

**DELEGATES**

Jean Leon Ocafrain  
Jesus Pedroarena  
Victor Esain  
Josephine Arriet  
Jeannot Ibarra  
Chris Bieter  
John Bieter  
Ernie Bordagaray  
Steve Goicoechea  
Jose Arbillaga  
Anita Izoco  
Xavier Aphessetche  
Miguel Olano  
Pedro Echeto  
Virginia Argoitia  
John W. Jaureguito  
Jim Etchevery  
Jean Louis Curutchet  
Marc Gaztambide  
Josette Carricaburu

SAN FRANCISCO BASQUE CULTURAL CENTER  
MENDIKO EUSKALDUN CLUBA, Gardnerville  
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CHINO BASQUE CLUB, Chino, CA  
OINKARI BASQUE DANCERS, INC., Boise, ID  
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KERN COUNTY BASQUE CLUB, Bakersfield, CA  
ELKO EUZKALDAUNAK  
ELKO EUZKALDAUNAK  
MENDIKO EUSKALDUN CLUBA, Gardnerville  
CHINO BASQUE CLUB  
Winnemucca, NV  
Winnemucca, NV  
Reno, NV  
Reno, NV  
LOS BANOS CALIF  
SAN FRANCISCO BASQUE CLUB, S.F. CA  
UTAH BASQUE CLUB  
UTAH BASQUE CLUB (Proxy)

**GUESTS**

Mary Cendagorta  
Janet Inda

Reno, NV  
RENO BASQUE CLUB

N.A.B.O. MINUTES  
FALL MEETING  
RENO, NEVADA  
NOVEMBER 18, 1989

Welcome--President J. L. Iribarren called the fall meeting to order and welcomed all delegates and guests to Reno.

He introduced Tony Laca, Reno Zazpiak Bat President. Tony welcomed all to Reno and invited everyone to Reno's San Martin Dance.

The following changes were made to the agenda: Add Jaialdi, the Basque monument, video.

Proxies were received from:

Jean Louis Curutchet for Pierre Etcharren, Jean Leon Ocafrain for Mayi Etcheverry, Josette Carricaburu for John Cendagorta.

Minutes of the May meeting were amended on page two (2) Gardnerville in Nevada not California, page five (5) spring meeting Saturday, February 24 not February 23.

A motion to accept the minutes as corrected was made by V. Argoitia s/by J. Pedroarena. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report--A written report prepared by G. Mainvil was presented to all delegates.

Balances on hand in each N.A.B.O. account are as follows:

General Account	\$2764.15
Pelota Account	\$1886.04
Muss Account	\$6327.18
Education Account	\$3814.62

G. Mainvil suggested putting some of the extra money in a certificate of deposit again. J.L. Iribarren instructed her to use her discretion and put some in certificate of deposit.

J. Arriet moved to accept the Treasurer's report s/by J. Etcheverry. Motion passed.

G. Mainvil told delegates that the club in Washington D.C. receiving newsletters etc. even though not paying dues. J. Inda will send new address to G. Mainvil.

There was a discussion concerning Associate membership for N.A.B.O. There is nothing written in the bylaws, however, some remembered a discussion in a meeting some time ago. The matter will be persued.

Calendars are on a ship and are expected in San Francisco on December 6 or 7.

Soka Tira-- In Buffalo one team wore cleates. V. Esain wanted a ruling if they could be worn or not. V. Argoitia motioned that no cleates be allowed. S./by J. Jaurguito. Motion passed.

Pelota report--J.L. Ocafrain reported that finals held last weekend. He read list of the winners.

J.L. Iribarren reported that pelota players from the old country had toured California. They suggested that young people start learning with palas or rackets first. J.L. Iribarren stated that palas and balls were available through him.

The Pelota Federation will be meeting in January to discuss sending players to Cuba. J.L. Ocafrain will report at the Spring meeting.

Elko is interested in having a N.A.B.O. Pelota tournament, but not during their festival.

Jaialdi--C. Bieter stated that it will be held June 15, 16, 17 in Boise. A letter will be coming to all clubs with preliminary details. They received a grant for publicity from the State of Idaho. Dancers from all clubs are invited to participate. Rooms for dancers will be available at Boise State University. Jaialdi will be held at the Old Idaho State Penitentiary.

C. Bieter also stated that they have a poster contest for Jaialdi going. They are asking for photos and art work. Deadlines are: photos--Dec.1, and art work--Dec. 15. There is a \$100 prize for the photo chosen and \$200 for the art work.

Video--J. Pedroarena suggested that: 1. Withdraw request for PAL TV/VCR System (system used in Spain) from the Basque Government.

2. Request that videos are translated to NTSC (American System) and in English or with English subtitles so club members can see them with their own equipment at home. Euskal Televista has a professional converter to convert from PAL to NTSC.

3. Having videos in NTSC allows us to make copies for distribution to clubs and to members.

4. PAL Systems are not practical. PAL Systems would be good only for clubs with buildings but not for clubs without a clubhouse.

5. It would be impossible to move equipment to members' houses.

6. Alternatives to PAL equipment are:

- a. Multi-system players or VCR's from Instant Replay. These can play on U.S. TV with manual vertical sync.
- b. A Universal VCR from Panasonic that will be introduced next year. It is capable of playing any VHS tape on any TV set in the world.
- c. Have tapes translated to U.S. system and to English or with English subtitles.

M. Gaztambide stated that he is able to do translations in his studio. Price varies according to the length and type of tape.

Clubs with clubhouses now have 25 more video tapes from the Basque Government about history of the Basque Country.

Gardnerville, Fresno, and Salt Lake City requested copies of those tapes.

National Monument to the Basque Sheepherder--J. Inda stated that the donor plaques are now here. There were approximately 4,000 people at the dedication. She is looking for videos of the dedication.

She indicated that no more names will be added to the monument.

That part of Rancho San Rafael Park is open 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

She thanked all who helped. The money that was raised beyond the necessary amount is in a C.D. in case any repairs are needed.

J.L. Ocafrain stated that he was disappointed that N.A.B.O. was not represented at the dedication. J. Inda stated that it was an oversight and apologized.

J. Arriet thanked J. Inda for all the hard work on the monument.

Mus report--J.L. Iribarren stated that Gardnerville players were 5th in Mexico City.

Navarra is now represented in the tournament. Next year Spain will have 5 teams. There was some discussion that that was not fair and that there should be only one team representing each country. However, J.L. Iribarren indicated, there is little that the U.S. can do as they are outvoted by the other participants.

Next years International Tournament will be held in Pamplona, Spain, the latter part of September.

The N.A.B.O. Mus Tournament will be held in

Gardnerville, Nevada, May 12, 1990. There will be a dinner and dance along with it.

Music Camp--J.L. Iribarren read a letter from Dave Eiguren stating that he was resigning as Music Camp Chairman.

There is a need to raise money to help finance Music Camp. This year's camp was very expensive.

J. Arbillaga from Elko indicated that they were willing to host the 1990 Music Camp. Participants will stay in private homes.

J. Bieter stated that J. Ysursa had done an excellent job of coordinating Music Camp. He suggested a similar format be used in the future. He also indicated that this was one of the better camps in the past few years.

Music camp participants were involved in: dancing, music, music, Basque language, dance, cooking and Basque history.

Tentative dates for Music Camp 1990 are the two weeks before Elko's festival. Details will be sent to clubs.

J.L. Iribarren thanked Elko for hosting the Music Camp

J.L. Iribarren asked for a volunteer to be chairman for music camp. J. Ysursa was suggested a possibility. J. Flesher will do it if J. Ysursa declines.

E. Bordagaray stated that the local restaurants had picked up the tab for dinners for the participants. Every other night food was barbecued by the Bakersfield Basque Club.

A note will be sent to J. Ysursa thanking him for all of his hard work.

G. Mainvil motioned that the fees be raised to \$200 per participant. S/by J.L. Ocafrain. Motion passed.

Dance Federation--J. Flesher is the new President; V. Echarren--Vice President, Treasurer; J. Ysursa--Dance; J. Egua--equipment maker.

Projects included:

- a. bringing an instructor from the Basque country for the Dance Federation workshop in Gardnerville, Boise, San Francisco, and Los Angeles. The Basque Government helped pay the expenses.
- b. helped arrange dinners and entertainment for the convention in Los Banos.
- c. helped with music camp.

- d. have a video tape available for \$20 per tape
- e. sale of t-shirts and sweatshirts.

Future projects:

- a. bring a dance instructor next summer to teach dances from Navarra and Alava.
- b. petition to have another Basque priest here.
- c. selling t-shirts and sweatshirts to raise money.
- d. offer to send dance group from U.S. to international Basque gatherings.

International report--J.L. Iribarren stated that S. Mendive and M. Minaberry were in Argentina at the International Basque Congress.

Calendars due to arrive December 6 or 7. G. Mainvil motion that calendars be sold to clubs for \$3 per calendar. Clubs can set their own resale price. S/by J. Arriet. Motion passed.

S. Mendive and M. Minaberry will be asked for a report to be sent with the minutes.

Those not receiving Euskal Etchea should contact S. Mendive or M. Minaberry.

Singing festival--J. Pedroarena stated that the singing festival will be held in Gardnerville on April 21, 1990. He had attended the International contest in Trois-Villes, France in June. There were 41 entries. J. Arriada participated. There were approximately 3,500 people in the audience.

Along with the cancellation notice of the contest in Gardnerville in September, a questionnaire was sent. Those who answered, indicated that they preferred a festival rather than a contest with judges and that it should be held in the spring before the picnics.

J. Pedroarena asked that since N.A.B.O. would not be selecting any representatives at the festival to go to the International Singing Contest N.A.B.O. should not collect the \$5 fee from any singers. Delegates agreed that until a contest were held again that N.A.B.O. not receive \$5 from each singer.

G. Mainvil paid the bill Gardnerville submitted for the costs incurred trying to organize the 1989 contest which was cancelled due to lack of entries.

Clubs were asked to encourage their members to participate in the 1990 festival.

New business--J.L. Ocafrain stated that N.A.B.O. should

support the Dance Federation's work to get a Basque priest here again. X. Aphessetche stated that there will be a Basque priest here for the next three years. There is no guarantee that there will be one after that. He suggested that clubs send a letter to the Arch Bishop of Bayonne asking that we have a Basque priest.

J. Inda gave delegates packets of brochures from the Basque Sheep Association to be given to their members.

The spring meeting will be held Saturday, February 24, 1990, in Fresno.

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Frances Pedroarena  
Acting Secretary