

Flere Lag Stevne Steering Committee

via Zoom

20 January 2022

Abstract

The Flere Lag Stevne Steering Committee (FLSSC) will meet via Zoom on 20 January 2022 at 7:00 pm CDT. This is the agenda for the meeting. Along with this agenda is sent a current list of members of the committee and the minutes of the last meeting. Joy Shong has sent a map of the layout of the venue plus dimensions and suggested uses. She intends to convene a meeting of the genealogists of the five lags in order to discuss layouts for the GenLab.

1 Call to Order

1. Introductions (Fossum)
2. Adoption of Agenda (Fossum)

2 Reports

1. Secretary (Nancy Pickering: This report has been sent to members a while ago)
2. Treasurer (Joy Shong: The TLSSC funds have been distributed.)
3. Nonprofit designation? (Norma Barnes and Joy Shong)
4. Logo (Nancy Pickering)
5. Theme Norma Barnes writes: I have a proposed theme for the 2022 Flere Lag Stevne. **Friluftsliv: Fresh Air Life, from Nordic Lands to North America** More about the program suggestions below.
6. Site for 2023 (Nothing yet. La Crosse? Short discussion)
7. Genealogy (Barry Dahl from Trønderlag will be invited. Any others?)
8. Hospitality
9. Vendors (Jiri Johnson and Mary Baumgartner will be invited.)
10. Publicity
11. Tour (Norma Barnes and Sam Christenson)

12. Banquet/Catering
13. Registration: Dixie Hansen
14. Catering
15. Evaluations(Sam Christenson has done evaluations for Tre Lag Stevne. Should we ask him to do the same for FLS?)
16. Memorial Service: The practice from TLS of a short video during the opening ceremony has its virtues.
17. Audits: For discussion

3 Unfinished Business

1. Schedule
2. Program
3. Assignment of Duties

4 Attachments

See below

5 Next meeting

6 Adjournment

The governing board for the 7+ Lag Stevne announces, with regret, that the 2022 7+ Lag Stevne scheduled for July 13-16 in Eau Claire, Wisconsin, has been cancelled. The emergence of the Omicron variant has made it clear that the public health situation remains unpredictable. It is at this point impossible to know with certainty if and when the next variant will appear, how well vaccines will protect from it, and how severe its effects will be. The 7+ Lag Stevne is like a big cruise ship; it takes a lot of planning for a successful trip and it can't react quickly to sudden changes in circumstances. The board believes that leaving it up to each lag to determine when and how it will gather (whether virtual or in-person) will help keep our members safe while still providing opportunities to stay connected. Unlike the 7+ Lag cruiseliner, each lag is more like a small Norwegian-American fishing boat - more fuel-efficient and much easier to maneuver through uncharted waters.

Program: PROGRAM SPEAKERS: In keeping with the suggested theme, I have contacted a couple of nonprofit organizations that sponsor outdoor sports activities for all ages to find out if they would be interested in supplying speakers to give presentations. Both are based in Wisconsin.

1. The American Birkebeiner Ski Foundation that sponsors annual international cross country ski competitions, as well as mountain bike races in the summer and trail runs in the fall. See attached informational document for details.
2. The U.S. National Kubb Championship has been sponsoring kubb tournaments since 2007 and growing the sport to more than 120 teams across the country. Kubb is a wood lawn pins game from the Viking era.
3. OTHER SPEAKERS: Sam Christenson is in contact with a couple of potential speakers from Giants of the Earth Heritage Center in Spring Grove. Bill Fried, the Executive Director - The reasons southeast Mn was available and became attractive to immigrants. Dr. Jonathon Storlie, Genetic Ancestry Analyst - How DNA research can help you dive deeper into your family tree.

VENDORS: Mary Baumgartner has secured Gary Legwold, the "Lefse King", as a vendor. He is also interested in being a speaker, but he charges \$250, so I don't know if that's acceptable to our group. His topic is lefse, lutefisk, and humor. He's known for several humorous books including "The Last Last Word on Lutefisk" and "The Last Word on Lefse."

TOURS: Sam Christenson and Norma Barnes are working on plans for a long bus tour on Thursday, August 4th, to Giants of the Earth Heritage Center in Spring Grove, with a possible stop on the way back at Norsland Lefse in Rushford. We are hoping to make arrangements for a meatball lunch catered by the church women at Trinity Lutheran Church, a historical church in Spring Grove. Barry Dahl is working on plans for several mini-tours, one in the late morning and one in the afternoon of August 4th to the Maywood Mansion on the Rochester Trolley.

Should we order lefse from Norsland Lefse rather than Country Side in Blair (lefse.com)?