

Flere Lag Stevne Steering Committee
Minutes: May 21, 2026 **4:30 pm**
Via ZOOM

Call to order: Chair Rod Kurth - 4:30 pm

Roll Call: **Chair** - Rod Kurth, *Solørlag*; **Vice Chair** - Dixie Hansen, *N. Hedmark og Hedemarken Lag*; **Treasurer** - Joy Shong, *N. Hedmark og Hedemarken Lag*; **Secretary** - Norma Barnes, *Romerikslaget*; Jeff Svare, *Gudbrandsdalslag*; Andy Berg, *Solørlag*; Mary Baumgartner, *Romerikslaget*, Gerry Frisbie, *Trønderlag*

Stevne Program Editor - Nancy Pickering, *Gudbrandsdalslag*.

Stevne Registrar - Chuck McKeen, *Romerikslaget*

Guest - John Peterson, *Gudbrandsdalslag*

Absent - Martha Balfanz, *Gudbrandsdalslag*; Sam Christenson, *Trønderlag*

Reports:

- Secretary – Norma Kjenstad Barnes
 - ✓ Minutes of April 16, 2026 meeting emailed. Andy moved to accept. Motion passed.
- Treasurer – Joy Shong: No income or expenses since last meeting.

Unfinished Business:

- Tour -
 - ✓ Mary - contacted Albert Lea Bus Company. Cost: \$200/hour, minimum 3 hours. \$25 per person. Consensus for Mary to pursue contract for Friday morning, Sept. 18, 2026.
 - ✓ Discussion on possible sites: 1) Mower County Historical Center (at fairgrounds) \$ 4; 2) The Hormel Institute (biomedical research); 3) Hormel Nature Center (Interpretive center & trails) free; 4) Hormel Historic Home (tours available) \$5; 5) Spam Museum, free; 6) Cotter Sunflower Farm; 7) Chert quarry (20 miles outside of town).
 - ✓ Rod will ask Sam to create ranked voting form for selection of tour sites and email to committee members next week.
- Publicity -
 - ✓ Norma will create news release next week to send out to Austin area newspapers, radio & TV stations and post to online community calendars. Will send to committee members.
 - ✓ Andy Berg will send news release to area Sons of Norway lodges, historical societies & libraries.
 - ✓ Rod will send news release to area Family History Centers.
- 2026 *Stevne* theme - “Echoes of the Past: Stories of our Immigrant Ancestors.”
 - ✓ Dixie - finalized flyer to send to lag members about submitting Norwegian ancestor stories.
- Survey questions - Rod will provide survey document for *stevne*. Consensus to also email to each lag to send to all members, so those not attending *stevne* can contribute opinions.
- Meals - Joy and Norma presented choices for banquet - \$40/person, Tuesday evening meal - \$22, & Wednesday box lunch - \$20. Agreed by consensus.
- Budget - Joy showed budget spreadsheet & recommended \$50 registration fee. Agreed by consensus.

Next meeting: Thursday, **June 18**, 2026, 4:30 pm - Zoom

Adjournment: 5:37 pm

(Respectfully submitted by Norma Kjenstad Barnes, Secretary)