Renegade Rose AGM 2024

January 31, 2024

Jayme Armstrong’s home

2434 NE Tillamook St.

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**Present:**

Elizabeth

Ali

Stewart

Linda G.

David

Adrienne

Linda S.

Brian

Debbi

John

Kim

Jayme

**Opened with a song:** A Bright New Year

**What went well during the last year:** In general -- Everything! Our unique contributions. Joyful dancing. Specifically: May Day, Midwest Ale, St. George’s Day, Halloween. Kim stepping in and being able to be more independent as a muso; she is much appreciated. The exchange w/ Seattle teams was nice, although coordinating this could be better. We learned 2 new dances.

**Hopes/goals:** More joyful dancing, not sweating the small stuff. Participating in May Day, St George’s Day, Midwest Ale, Pagan Faire. Concerns were mentioned about scheduling, conflicts with other things team members want to do. Switching practice night was polled/discussed -- we are leaving it Thursday at this time.

**Squire Report:** appreciates communication amongst the team about gigs and practices. Would like to expand the team.

**Fore Report:** goal is for improving stage presence, energy, rapport with audience. Work on style points of specific traditions. We learned Last Shall Be First and Sterno. Stewart is a great showman, may take on role of connecting w/ audience more.

**Bag Report and dues:** Opening balance $4585.83, closing balance $4691.28, increase of $105.45. Most of income was from dues. Motion was made to keep dues at $100, w/ sliding scale for financial hardship -- passed with objection.

**Rag report:** We have a couple of new kits. Adrienne has bells for our newest team member. We have new sewing patterns for all sizes except for small and XX-large. Stewart is working on “finishing touches”. Linda G opened a discussion about possibly having Border jackets/vests to be worn for our Border dances; no decision was made on this.

**Scribe report:** 2023 minutes were approved unanimously.

**Potential gigs/performances:**

Pagan Faire, Mar 23, Oaks Park -- not confirmed

May Day, May 1 (duh), location still TBD -- Pittock? Salmon Springs?

 Possibly a weekend event also around May Day which is a Wednesday. Maybe open mic? Artichoke Music?

St. George’s Day. Apr 2, Stone Circle Cider, Estacada

Folklife, May 26-28 (Memorial Day wknd), Seattle -- missed deadline, could do guerilla dancing. 8 - 10 people interested per straw poll

~~Midwest Ale May 26-28 (Memorial Day wknd)~~ team decided not to do this one this year

Worldbeat, Jun 29-30, Salem. Same weekend as Glastonbuy Faire (Toledo)

Glastonbury Faire, Jun 29-30, Toledo. Linda G will check this out.

Celtic Fantasy Faire, Aug 24, Shute Park in Hillsboro -- not sure of status

Realms Unknown, Sep 20 -22, Woodland, WA

Halloween, Oct 31, Eastside Esplanade

Orycon, November. Need to make contact before July

Wassail, December?, Portland Cider

**Officers were re-nominated and unanimously approved.**

**New Business and Random things:**

Discussed possibly changing practice night - need to see if Cedarwood is available on Monday night

Debbi, as the scribe, will summarize and send out to the team any “business” discussed at the end of rehearsals that she attends

Elizabeth would prefer that the team goes ‘dark” during approximately December/Revels time

Many ideas were brainstormed for outreach / expanding team:

 Maintaining our website / Facebook page

 Making / distributing beer coasters at our gigs

 Having a QR code the interested people could use

 Having a short video of us dancing our many different traditions -- Brian and Stewart will look into this

 Dance during breaks at Contra dances

 Talk to / interact with audience

 Dance at Revels Pub Sings

 Dance at Farmers’ Markets

 Recruit at college campuses

**Adjournment.**

**Closing song:** Let Union Be in All Our Hearts