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Minnehaha Mandskor at Norwegian Memorial Church in Minneapolis, 5 Oct. 2014.

**MINNEHAHA MANDSKOR
Sioux Falls SD**

The Mandskor members resumed activities on the Monday after Labor Day. Rehearsal was followed by our business meeting.

There was an immediate need to brush up on selections for our concert at Good Samaritan Assisted Living on September 9, so most of the rehearsal was devoted to that. The concert went well, and the audience was appreciative. The rest of our practices in September through October 13 were concentrating on numbers we will sing at Mindekirken in Minneapolis, and those to be recorded at Dow Rummel on October 13.

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Brass quintet of Luren members plays with Luren at Spring Grove MN concert 19 Oct. 2014.

**LUREN SINGING SOCIETY
Decorah IA**

Last May we elected officers for the coming year. Soon after resuming our rehearsals this fall we ratified those results. Moving up to President is Kenneth Larson. Ralph Van Fossen is Vice-President. Richard Bjorlo, Don Berg, and Jim Lage return to their respective positions as Secretary, Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer. Merlyn Finley and Ford Brevig are Marshals and Mike Fitzgerald is still Historian. (We have to be thinking of leadership for 2018 when we plan to host Sangerfest!)

We received a very positive report on our Fair Stand proceeds. Almost

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We had two visitors recently who have indicated they would like to become members. John Christopherson (Ray Ode) of Brandon visited on September 8. On September 15, John returned, and another visitor from Sioux Falls, Bill Schoep (Larry Meyerink), was present. John and Bill (both Bass II) have signed up for membership, have their jackets, folders, etc. As soon as they are voted on, they will be official. Welcome! Our goal of 30 members is in sight.

Jake Van Den Hul is at home now, recuperating from injuries sustained when his motorcycle was hit by a left-turning car in Sioux Falls several weeks ago. Progress has been good, and we are hoping to have his Tenor II voice back (as well as the rest of him) soon.

Dr. Ron Beck (Bass I) developed chest pains on Saturday, September 27, and had angioplasty at the Avera Heart Hospital. He is now at home, getting ready for some rehab. At this time, we have no indication of how long it might be before he is able to come back.

The Chislic Booth at the Sioux Empire Fair in August was very successful, thanks to the supreme efforts of our president, Marlan, Don Cooper, Larry Meyerink, and almost 100% participation of everyone else. The new trailer-booth combination worked extremely well, and with some fine tuning will be ready for another fair in 2015. Anita Preheim's offer to store it over the winter is very much appreciated.

Financially, we came out better than last year, in spite of several rainy days. This project is a major undertaking. All who were involved are to be commended for their work



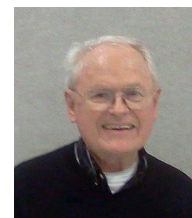
D. Cooper, T. Walter, C. Velgersdyk, M. Velgersdyk in Chislic Booth at Sioux Empire Fair, Aug. 2014.

and faithful attendance.

President Marlan is chair for the 2016 NSAA Sangerfest to be hosted by Sioux Valley Singers choruses (Minnehaha Mandskor and Norse Glee Club [Sioux Falls], Grieg Male Chorus [Canton], and Nordic Male Chorus [Sioux City]). The Sangerfest committee has met several times, and behind-the-scenes work is ongoing. Marlan and Director Terry will attend a meeting of the NSAA board in Austin, MN next week to give a report. The next meeting of the local committee will be on October 16 in Canton.

At this writing, the bus for the Minneapolis trip the weekend of October 4-5 is full. The weather forecast doesn't sound great, but with such an upbeat contingent, that is a minor problem.

On Monday, October 6, we will partake of the traditional ðHobo Stewö, along with cookies and bars, courtesy of our fine Auxiliary members.



Respectfully submitted,
John Rasmusson, Corr. Sec.

(Luren report, continued from p. 1). all final figures are in. Accordingly, we were able to hold the line on dues for the coming year.

We have been planning for our June 2015 tour to Norway. We are excited about the itinerary. Concert venues are not finalized. As an added feature we will be able to spend a day on our way back in Reykjavik, Iceland, which most of us have not previously experienced. Special thanks to Larry Lubbert for again acting as head of the Tour Committee, and to Janet Tollund of Group Travel in Minneapolis for her efforts on our behalf.

We began rehearsals on the first Monday after Labor Day. Our first gig was a concert on Sept 28th at Nazareth Lutheran, Cedar Falls. Sunday, Oct. 19th, we participated in the Bicentenary celebration of Norway's Constitution at Spring Grove, with a 3 p.m. concert. A week later, Oct. 26th, we are to be in Viroqua WI for a joint concert with the Viroqua Men's Chorus, a benefit event for a new Library being built in that community. This 3 p.m. concert will be held at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church.

On Sunday, Nov. 30th, we are to be part of a group to sing one Norwegian hymn, will be carried live on NRK (Norwegian Public Radio). The choirs of First Lutheran Church, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, and Luren, as well as our companion women's chorus, Northern Lights, will share this honor.

Vesterheim has changed its holiday schedule this year, so we will be there on Saturday, Dec. 6th instead of on Sunday, Dec. 7th. We'll do our usual caroling that afternoon, ending with a

party hosted by our directors and their spouses at Good Shepherd Lutheran.

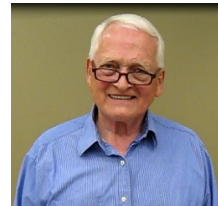
The Christmas concert will be at Decorah Lutheran Dec. 14th with a meal following and program in the Social Hall.

Lee Grippen, a Luren member, was honored recently as Houston County Volunteer of the year for 2014. His activities are too numerous to note in a short paragraph. He taught over 35 years and has been involved in museums, churches, and many other groups. Noteworthy, he and his wife have hosted 25 foreign exchange students, many from Norway, with many of whom he has maintained contacts.

Lee also had his picture in *Viking*, the official magazine of Sons of Norway, in a recent issue.

We have at least six new members so far, plus one returnee after absence of a few years. Aaron Bicknese, son of Wayne (Doc) Bicknese, has joined his dad in the baritone section. I may do a feature on him in a future report.

I have not yet completed all of the interviews and picture-taking, so I am reporting on only one new member in this report.



Pastor Robert Stoskopf

Robert "Bob" Stoskopf was born on a farm near Harmony MN to a German father and Norwegian mother (Olson, of course). He attended school at nearby Canton MN, graduating from Canton High School in 1956, then moving on to nearby Decorah to attend Luther College, graduating in 1960, and from Luther Seminary in

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1964. He was ordained in 1964 and served in several parishes in Northern Minnesota.

Bob married Dorothy (Erickson) in 1962. They have two children, five grandchildren and one great grandchild. Bob has one older sister.

Bob was in both choir and band while in high school. At college, he was in the Concert Band for two years and in Nordic Choir for two years. He sings second tenor.

Bob was invited often by lots of our members, too many to list! His first impressions of our group: friendly, wonderful sounds, many accomplished singers.

Bob and his wife live on her ancestral farm at rural Mabel MN.

Other new members to be profiled are Michael and Micah Boyum (father and son), Chris Hick, Don Housker, and Caleb Sander (accompanist). There may be one or two others also.



Don Berg, Corr. Sec.

NORDIC MALE CHORUS Sioux City IA

After their summer break, a traditional steak fry opened the year's activity of the Nordics. Good food and fellowship!

Director Chuck Schuett called the group together a week later for rehearsals, looking ahead to the Christmas season, planning as host for the Sioux Valley Sangerfest next June, as well as assisting with the 61st biennial Sangerfest in Sioux Falls in 2016.

Sparking the initial practice session was a welcome greeting to a talented new accompanist with proud Norwegian-Swedish roots. Nick Anderson is a Sioux Cityan, graduating from East High School and Morningside College and excelling in piano. He brings a background of band, choir (he has a fine tenor voice), and orchestra (Double Bass).

Nick has been accompanist for the Morningside Lutheran Church Celebration Choir and will begin a new position as Assistant Director of his high school Show Choir. He is married to wife Kelsey, and they have a one-year-old son, Theodore. He enjoys jazz and classical music, and is looking forward to a new Scandinavian experience with the Chorus.

Pam Lowe has been the accompanyist for the Nordics the last four years and will continue to be available in a substitute role. A special thanks to her for loyal service.



Bob Hansen, Corr. Sec.

NORWEGIAN GLEE CLUB Minneapolis MN

The calendar is on fast forward. Some color is showing on a few trees, announcing the start of our beautiful Minnesota Autumn, our favorite season for many of us. Fall also means Lutefisk for our hardy preparers and servers and our large numbers of faithful diners. Orders are streaming in for the October 11th

event. Preceding that will be a concert on September 30th at the Creekside Retirement Center in Bloomington. After our dinners and through the holidays, our business manager Ted Anderson has us quite busy with singing engagements.

Our tenor section got a good boost with the return of Joe Grodahl. He was gone for eight years, pursuing his studies for a law degree. He will be adding his fine voice while also lowering the average age of the Glee Club membership.

Another notable event took place at the last Ladiesø Auxiliary meeting, when we joined them after practice for President Herb to present the two-diamond medal to Clarence Hansen. This fine gentleman was ill during the Sangerfest and unable to be present to receive his medal at that time. Clarence was quite moved by this recognition. No one is held in higher esteem than this great friend. He now has Honorary Membership in the Glee Club.

Frank Berger is back in his customary baritone chair after a lengthy rehabilitation from his fall and broken bones. He had been making a run to the grocery store to get some milk, and fell; how quickly this can happen as we mature. I have been thinking about wearing special padding when venturing out.

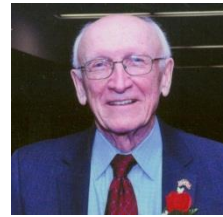
Our music committee (Phil Heide, Chair), has met and made the annual thinning of our music selections and retaining those that will have focus for the next many months. I understand that there was some discussion about the øCod Fishø song, but it survived the cuts. Oh my!

We will be introducing two more new singers in the next report. We are

so grateful for our continuing growth in numbers (and vitality).

For a Smile: A man said that he just took a leaflet out of his mailbox, informing him that he can have sex at 79. øI am so happy, because I live at number 81, so itø not too far to walk home afterwards, and itø on the same side of the street. I donø even have to cross the road.ö

Another: Answering machine message: øI am not available right now, but thank you for caring to call. I am making some changes in my life. Please leave a message after the beep. If I donø return your call, you are one of the changes.ö



Charles Engh, Corr. Sec.

GRIEG MALE CHORUS Canton SD

The Grieg Male Chorus at Canton began our regular fall rehearsal schedule the first Monday after Labor Day. After our members reflected briefly on events of the summer, harmony began, realizing we had a concert in only two weeks.

Our Chorus had the privilege to perform a brief concert at the Good Samaritan Center Village in Sioux Falls. Relatives and friends of chorus members reside there, so with refreshments and social time following our concert, the evening was a great way to start the season.

The first Ladiesø Auxiliary meeting and rehearsal will be at Grand Valley Fellowship Hall on Oct. 13th, as our membership begins planning and

rehearsing for our annual Christmas, which will be held here on Sunday, Dec. 7th.

Greetings to all NSAA members and their families as you enjoy the beautiful fall season.



Jerry Holter, Corr. Sec.

BJORNSON MALE CHORUS

Chicago IL

(George Michals, Bjornson's Correspondent, called the Editor to tell that there was too little activity for a report for this issue. However, former NSAA President Roger Stavnem did submit the following article.)

Dear Singer Brothers and Ladies,

On June 6th, 2014, a 90th Anniversary was celebrated by the Bjornson Male Chorus. The actual date of their beginning was March 21st 1924.

Our Director, Mr. Ed Kramer, who has been with us for 18 years, chose "Celebrating our Musical Heritage" as the theme for our concert. Ed is the author of the following, very moving narration:

Norway, the beautiful country we sing about this evening, lofty mountains, majestic fjords and for many of us the home of our ancestors. But as with many countries in Europe and Scandinavia in the late 19th Century, the lure of a better life in America beckoned. Close to 800,000 Norwegians immigrated to America. They settled in places like Brooklyn, NY, Seattle WA, and especially in the Midwest: Minnesota, Wisconsin, North and South Dakota, Iowa and

Illinois, bringing their music and love of singing with them.

Norwegian Male Choruses sprang up and flourished. For example, Luren Singing Society in Decorah IA was formed in 1868. Normennes Singing Society in Chicago was formed in 1870. These choruses are still active today, a tribute to the dedication of their members, both past and present.

Then on Sunday, the 21st of March 1924 a new chorus was founded by members of Bjørnstjerne Bjørnson Lodge #97 of Sons of Norway, the Bjørnson Male Chorus. The main organizer was Tom Anderson. The first Director was Sverre Larsen. It is to honor these two pioneers and the rest of the charter members that we sing our first song tonight, our theme song *Leve Sangen* (*Long live song*).

We are pleased to report our concert was well received by all in attendance. We would also like to mention three fellows that certainly gave our chorus a better sound by their presence: Julian Ronning with his outstanding voice coming down from Minnesota; plus Jerry Andersen and Phil Holmes overcoming health issues to be on the line tonight. What a tremendous boost for our fine bass section.

We also had tables displayed with Bjørnson memorabilia which was handsomely displayed by Leslie Stavnem, President of the Bjørnson Ladies Auxiliary. The ladies collected and determined which pictures would visually explain the history of BMC from 1924 to the present.

The next-to-last song of the evening was *Voices*, which was written by our past director, Wayne Spies, as a tribute to all of the Singer-Brothers

who are no longer with us. It was, however, his belief that they are joined together once again in a grand and much more glorious chorus.

The narration of *Voices* will be given by Neil Andersen. However, one more voice must be mentioned before we continue. Back in 1948, 12 young fellows from Kelvyn Park High School in Chicago became members of BMC. They participated in Bjørnson's 25th anniversary concert in 1949. Sixty-five years later, one man from that group is on the line tonight, ready to sing the last two songs of our 90th Anniversary concert: the President of Bjørnson Male Chorus, John Lee.

Our last song, *Konge Kvadet (The King's Ballad)*, could not be more appropriate, with the music by Edvard Grieg and words by Bjørnstjerne Bjørnson, solo by our outstanding tenor, Ken Michaels, excellent directing by Ed Kramer and our very talented and gifted accompanist, Ms. Janet Eckhardt, proved to be a can't-miss culmination of our concert. Our dinner menu, thanks to John Lee, was Chateau-Briand with all the trimmings, and dancing to the music of the Dave Kyrk Combo.

A truly wonderful evening of camaraderie and song proving to be one of those evenings you wish would never end.

Respectfully submitted,
Roger Stavnem, Vice-President
Bjørnson Male Chorus

(Editor's note: Roger included a copy of the anniversary program which, because of space limitations, is not printed here. Perhaps it is on the BMC website.)

EDVARD GRIEG CHORUS

Madison WI

CELEBRATING OUR 90th ANNIVERSARY IN 2015

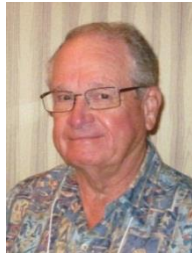
Our Chorus began the 2014-15 performance season on a sad note. Dorothy Hermanstad, wife of long-time member, Dr. Orin Hermanstad, passed away at Agrace Hospice Care at the age of 81. Dorothy was an accomplished woman with many interests and passions in addition to her nursing career. She and Orin traveled extensively, including several mission trips to provide needed medical services to people in remote areas of the Philippines. Our Chorus was honored to sing *Beautiful Savior* and *Den store, hvide Flock* at her memorial service at Covenant Lutheran Church in Stoughton on August 30.

The Chorus held its annual picnic on September 9th at Lake Farm Park in Madison. Except for some bothersome bees, the potluck was enjoyed by all and served as the appropriate kick-off to our 90th Anniversary season. Chorus members Tony Hartmann and Jon Grinde have started a class on Norwegian language and pronunciation that is scheduled one-half hour before our regular Tuesday evening practices. Since we no longer have any Norwegian immigrants in the Chorus, this learning experience is a great way for the members to hone their language skills.

We have several concerts scheduled for the fall with more possibilities as we approach the holidays. On Saturday, October 25th, we will perform with the Stoughton High School Norwegian Dancers for Destination Stoughton weekend.

Both groups will be providing entertainment for the local audience as well as special visitors and dancers from Lillehammer, Norway. On Tuesday, November 4th the Chorus will be performing a return engagement at Oakwood Village West. We have promised Jim Pettersen, a member of the Chorus and resident of the facility, that we will be offering a program of different songs from those we sang last year. Finally, we have been asked by our friends at the Sons of Norway Edun Lodge to participate in their benefit on November 9th to help raise funds for the installation of a handicapped accessible ramp at the facility.

Three performances have already been scheduled for the Christmas season, and we plan to record several of the Christmas selections for inclusion in our 90th Anniversary CD.



Dick Johnston, Corr. Sec.

NORMENNENES SINGING SOCIETY Chicago IL

I have great news: we have a new accompanist and his name is Michael Benshsish! Michael has been performing on the piano, organ, and synthesizer throughout the Chicago area, and occasionally around the world since 1988.

He is a graduate of Millikin University in Decatur IL. He is presently with the music department of Hoffman Estates and Conant High Schools. Also, Michael is the Director of music at the Church of the Master in Carol Stream IL. He resides

in South Elgin with his wife and three children. We are extremely pleased that Michael will contribute to our musical needs.



Michael Benshsish

We have made a change of our website: it is www.norgesings.org. This was due primarily to the efforts of Bill Johnson, our webmaster. Since Bill's retirement earlier this year, he has had more time to devote to this effort. His contribution has been valuable. Check it out!

The chorus has been working hard at rehearsals which have been well attended. We do have a busy schedule highlighted by our 144th Anniversary Celebration on Oct. 25. Other performances include Sons of Norway functions of Oct. 19 and Nov. 2. Also, our annual Christmas Party is on Friday, Dec. 5.

We have also been invited back to perform at opening ceremonies at the Annual Norge Ski Jump in Fox River Grove. Last year we had a wonderful time and there were nearly 4,000 in attendance. This year's date is Jan. 25.



Thor Fjell, Corr. Sec.

NORSE GLEE CLUB**Sioux Falls SD**

This Fall has started for us with several performance opportunities under discussion. We are in rehearsal to sing again this year in the "Festival of Men's Voices." The festival features music from six local men's choruses. The performance will be Sunday, November 2nd, with a joint rehearsal on the Thursday prior.

A theme, "For the children," has been set. Each of the six choruses will first offer individual selections. We will perform "Aftenroster," "Sweet, Sweet, Spirit" and "Homeward Bound." Then, the 100-plus voices will close with the Jack Schrader arrangement of "Lord, Listen to the Children." As in prior years, proceeds of a good-will offering will go to "The Banquet," a local charity.

Following the "Festival," our musical focus shifts to other holiday events. Several performance engagements are in planning, with none locked in yet until some conflicts can be resolved.

It is with continued sadness, once again, that I report the passing of a former member of our ladies auxiliary. Madeline Winterton, of Sherman SD, died on September 26th at age 89. She had been very active in church and civic functions, as well as our auxiliary. Her husband, Ordell, sang with the Glee Club for many years. Our condolences go out to him and the whole family.

In other business and social things we are planning the observance of the 86th anniversary of our charter of November 1928 at a dinner on Monday, November 3rd. The following Friday, November 7th we

will again host our annual LUTEFISK supper. Ticket sales are underway, and jobs are being taken up. Generally, we serve 500-600 appreciative patrons at this event.



Gail Kristensen, Corr. Sec.

HARMONY SINGING SOCIETY**Rochford IL**

What an enjoyable time our Harmony Chorus had at Sangerfest 2014! Thank you to everyone who contributed to the success of our convention. Also, the DVDs of the Parade of Choruses and the Grand Concert were very well done. What a great way to relive the memories made in Minneapolis.

Here are biographies of our wonderful director and accompanist:

Sherry Dreyfuss became the Director of Rockford's Harmony Chorus earlier this year. Sherry's music education degree was earned at MacMurray in Jacksonville IL.



Sherry Dreyfuss

There she majored in voice and choral conducting and minored in piano and organ. She also earned teaching certification K-12 in History and English. Her master's work was done at Roosevelt University in

Chicago IL in music curriculum and repertoire. While her husband, Chuck, served as an officer in the United States Air Force, Sherry was hired at each base as the choral director.

Her music involvement continues as a member and officer of Rockford's alumnae chapter of Sigma Alpha Iota, an international university women's music fraternity. In 2011 she was elected a Performing Artist as a vocalist and choral director by the prestigious Mendelssohn Performing Arts Center in Rockford, IL. She is extremely proud of this community honor.

She has always been supported in all her activities by her husband, Chuck, also a member of Rockford's Harmony Men's Singing Society.

Accompanist - Sharon Whitlock. Sharon was born in Rockford IL. She moved to the family farm during childhood. After living in Raleigh NC from 1980-1990, she moved back to Rockford. Sharon graduated from Northern Illinois University, with a B.S. in Medical Technology. She works full time at Swedish American Hospital as a Microbiology Technologist.



Sharon Witlock

Sharon started piano lessons in 3rd grade and started playing in church for worship services in 6th grade. She is an accompanist for soloists, choirs and dance groups, and is in demand throughout the area for all kinds of

music activities that require an accompanist. She is Chair of the Chandler Starr Miller Scholarship Competition, a 50-year-old music competition that awards monetary prizes to young musicians. Sharon is Board member of the Rockford Choral Union, which has presented Handel's "Messiah" for 67 years. She currently accompanies four choirs and is happy to take on more.

Sharon has been happily married for 35 years to Brad Whitlock, who also sings in our Harmony Chorus.



Steve James, Corr. Sec.

Pacific Coast Norwegian Singers Association, Sangerfest 2014

The Pacific Coast Norwegian Singers Association held its 105th annual Sangerfest on June 19-21, 2014 in Seattle, Washington. The Norwegian Male Chorus of Seattle, celebrating the 125th anniversary of its founding in 1889, hosted the event at the DoubleTree by Hilton at the Seattle Airport.

Over three days, 106 singers, along with family members and friends, had the opportunity to reminisce, enjoy performances by member choruses of the PCNSA, socialize over luncheons and dinners, participate in the annual business meeting, and attend the Grand Concert of the combined choruses.

The Grand Concert was held at the beautiful Marion Oliver McCaw Hall at Seattle Center in downtown Seattle.

An audience of nearly 500 was present to enjoy the concert. Under the direction of Director-in-Chief G. Robert Johnston, Assistant Director-in-Chief Alf Knudsen, and K.C. Helmeid, the PCNSA chorus performed a variety of selections from the standard repertoire, sung in English, Norwegian, and Swedish.

Special choral arrangements of two pieces were made by individuals associated with the PCNSA: *Vi ere en nasjon* by Joyce Olson, retired director of the San Diego Mannskor, and *Lean on Me* by Erik Eliason from the Everett Norwegian Male Chorus. Erik also arranged the brass accompaniment for *Sigurd Jorsalfar* and sang the solos and recitative in performance. Peter Butler, director of the Salem Thorsmen, again sang the solo in *Landkjenning*.

The grand chorus was ably accompanied by Coralie Schrader on the grand piano, with additional accompaniments provided by the Choppers Brass Quintet and Jeff Highland on piano. Featured

performers were the Troll Dancers from the American Dance Institute in Seattle, joining the chorus on stage for *Fram dansar ein haugkall* and the Columbia Children's Choir: Bel Canto, directed by Steve Stevens, its Founder and Conductor, singing four selections in the middle of the concert. Kris Templin of the Norwegian Male Chorus of Seattle served as Master of Ceremonies.

Sangerfest 2014 provided yet another opportunity for the eleven PCNSA member choruses, stretching along the Pacific Coast from Bellingham, Washington to San Diego, California, to join together to celebrate the Scandinavian heritage and honor the singers' brotherhood.

The event allowed all who attended to experience the pleasures of song, the fond remembrance of country and homeland, and the joy of fellowship in music.

Submitted by Jeff Highland,
PCNSA President

Minutes for NSAA Board Meeting

October 18, 2014

Trumble's Restaurant, 1811 East Main Street, Albert Lea, Minnesota

President Marlan Velgersdyk called the meeting to order at 11:30 a.m. The agenda was prepared by Richard Leake and sent out earlier via email. Agenda accepted as distributed.

The following were present: Marlan Velgersdyk (President), Don Berg (Corresponding Secretary), Richard Leake (Recording Secretary), Francis Peterson (Treasurer), David Judisch (Director-in-Chief), Terry Walter (Assistant Director), Roger Amdahl (Grand Marshall), Herb Nelson (Past President). Absent: Thor Fjell (VP-at large), James Slostad (Assistant Grand Marshall).

There were no additions or corrections to minutes of the NSAA Biennial Meeting in Minneapolis, June 14, 2014, which had been previously submitted and published in the July-August 2014 issue of *Sanger-Hilsen*. Minutes approved as published.

Director-in-Chief David Judisch remarked about the great Sangerfest in 2014!! Directors have been asked for suggestions for next Sangerfest to be held in Sioux Falls, June 2016.

President Velgersdyk thanked all for attending. Ideas and suggestions for Sangerfest 2016 have been given by Directors and others, and will be discussed later in the meeting. Plans are under way for Sangerfest 2016. No report was submitted by Vice Presidents. Corresponding Secretary Don Berg made arrangements for this meeting. Rich Leake reported that the website continues to show high traffic, particularly the Sangerfest pages and for translations. We continue to maintain the three domain names [nsaaonline.com, nsaaonline.org, nsaaonline.net] for ease in finding NSAA information.

Financial report was given by Treasurer Francis Peterson. A brief history of NSAA finances from 2008-2014 was presented showing how current balances compare to previous years. Note that the primary source of income is membership dues and Sangerfest profits. The NSAA general checking account has a current balance of \$8103.90. The report was received and approved.

Don Berg gave a report on *Sanger-Hilsen*. Don Berg and Dennis Barnaal report that new correspondence is coming in for the next *Sanger-Hilsen*, although often in different formats. The primary source of revenue is subscriptions and Board was reminded that each chorus needs to submit subscription dues for current membership. Printing errors continue to appear and are being resolved with the printer. Favorable comments were made about the pictures included in the *Sanger-Hilsen*. Continued contact is being made with PCNSA. Contributions for Christmas ads will continue to be solicited as in the past, hopefully to be paid by end of November. A few extra copies of current editions are available through the Corresponding Secretary upon request. (to be continued).

From Herb Nelson, past NSAA president.

Greetings all NSAA Members. Sangerfest 2014 CDs and DVDs continue to be available. The order form pictured does NOT have to be reproduced; just use it as a guide to make your order. E.g. one CD of Grand Concert only \$10.00 or Both CDs \$15.00, etc. Then send your request and check as instructed on the form. The form is available for downloading/printing on the NSAA Web site.

Thanks again to all who attended Sangerfest 2014, and for those who were unable to attend, a CE or Video is yours to order and enjoy.

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