



Poulsbo Sons of Norway, Lodge #44, District 2
Lodge Meeting Minutes, Feb 10, 2026

Meeting Call to Order

- The meeting was called to order at 7:07 PM.

Roll Call

Present: Curtis Vincent, Joe Perez, Theresa Vincent, Cheryl Hall, Bob Wolfe, Sherry White, Robert Kodalen, Rhonda Mitchusson, Deb Goyette, Yori Seeger, Keri Kankovski, Shannon Perez, Jason Scott, Deb Adair Tongue, May Mathiesen, David Krauth, Kathy Haug.

Excused Absence: Paul Anunson, Tony Smallbeck, Amy Swenson, Joanne Graves, Ruby Patterson, Carol Glad, Jan Slusher, Carolyn Ross, Karen Zabinski, Josh Washburn, Matt Hoffman.

Cultural Director – Yori Seeger

- Yori thanked Vice President Joe Perez for assembling an Adventures Club.
- On 2/16/2026, guest speaker from Norway, Finn Brobakken, will give a presentation entitled “*Places You Didn't Know to Visit in Norway.*”
- Yori delighted the Lodge with a Norwegian story.

Secretary’s Report

- The January 13, 2026 Lodge Meeting minutes were discussed.
- A motion was made by Sherry White to accept the minutes and was seconded by Rob Kodalen.
- All agreed; none were opposed and no one abstained.

Membership Secretary Report

- Presented by Keri Kankovski and Shannon Perez.
- Six families and eight individuals were presented.

New members in attendance included: Christina Porter and Timothy Porter, Rob Lane, Michelle Munde and Bret Roman, Kyle and Kaity Lunde, Brian and Ellen Dougherty, Donica and Michael Byers, Bill Miller, Randi and George Ivansich, Klayton and Heather Kuzminski, Wesley and Christina Stewart, Tari Laes, Melinda and Scott Franklin.

- All new members were voted in.
- 100% agreed; there were no opposed and no abstained.



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Sons of Norway Insurance Presentation

- Marlene Taylor gave a presentation on Sons of Norway insurance.
- Sons of Norway was founded in the 1880s to provide its members with the opportunity to obtain insurance and financial protection.
- There are three parts of the Sons:
 - Fraternal
 - Foundation (scholarships)
 - Insurance
- Members own the insurance company and may therefore receive dividends.
- All new members will be receiving letters regarding the benefits of obtaining Sons of Norway insurance.

Vice President's Report — Joe Perez

- There will be a Friday night dinner on February 13, 2026, which will include line dancing.
- Lutefisk was a success. Final numbers are not yet available.
- The Sons of Norway District 2 Cross Country Ski Tournament at Trollhaugen Recreation Lodge was held on February 1, 2026.

Adventure Club

- The Adventure Club starts this month.
- This is an outdoor club involving winter sports, hiking, skiing, and fishing.
- Possible guest speakers will be considered.
- There will be a Facebook page called Poulsbo Sons Adventure Club.

Merchandise - Various merchandise options are being considered for sale. More information will be coming in the future.

Treasurer's Report — Bob Wolfe

- First quarter showed a loss of \$30,000.
- Second quarter showed a loss of \$4,000.
- Third quarter showed a loss of \$7,200.
- Fourth quarter showed a loss of \$6,100.
- Therefore, 2025 had a total loss of \$48,000.
- In 2024, the loss was \$54,000.
- December 2025 made a profit of \$6,200.



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Proposed 2026 Budget

- The budget has been reviewed by the Finance Committee.
- As the Trolls' Den has been suffering a financial loss over the last few years, a goal is to increase its profit.
- Auction — the Building Association and the Lodge will split the profits from the auction.
- District 2 Convention — to be held in May 2026, and the Lodge will see a profit from hosting it.
- Regular employee wages: This remains our biggest expense. Due to budgetary constraints, changes have been made which are expected to lower costs by \$22,000 in the 2026 year. This includes not renewing the VRC position, and the bar manager will work 30 hours per week.
- The 2026 current budget would therefore show a profit of \$7,800.
- Advertising — there will be a financial allotment for advertising for the 2026 year.

Old Business

- Lutefisk — On January 31, 2026, 470 dinners were served.
- Blood Drive — Held on February 5, 2026. Thirty-five registered, 33 attended, and 26 units were obtained.

New Business

- Vallisblot will be held on February 14, 2026. There will be a Viking bonfire at sunset.
- St. Patrick's Day Dinner — Tuesday, March 17, 2026.

Committee Appointments

- Lodge Viability Committee (New): Paul Anunson, Jerry Block, Jaymie Cizak, Jan Kelly, Brian Smith, Sherry White, Patrick Wilson.
- Food Services Committee: Deb Goyette (2026), May Mathiesen (2027), Ruby Patterson (2028).
- Bylaws, Policy and Procedures: Sherry White – transitioning, Robynn Collins, Meg Griswold, Carolyn Ross – new member.

Contract Reviews

- Integrity Roofing: 10-year contract signed July 21, 2023. 2025 requirements met.
- Martha and Mary MOU: Review May 1, 2026.
- North Kitsap Rotary: Review June 1, 2026.
- Venue Rental Coordinator: Contract not renewed due to financial reasons.
- Lodge Insurance: Review process for 2026 has begun.



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Continued Business

Convention 2026 — Presented by Lizbeth Doving

- Convention will be held May 27–31, 2026.
- The Lodge is allotted 19 delegates. A policy outlines delegate criteria.
- Art Festival — Norwegian-themed handcrafts encouraged. Joann Graves is in charge.

Viking Fest

- May 15–17, 2026.
- Culture Village celebrating 250 years of Norwegian culture.

Parking — Sons of Norway Upper Lot

- Policy 2.1.15.2.1 governs lodge parking.
 - City parking enforcement discussed. “Let’s Talk Parking” meeting February 13, 9–11 AM at City Hall.
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Auxiliary Reports

Vikings

- Annual dues will increase to \$25.
- A sponsor is required to join the Vikings.
- Meetings held the third Tuesday of each month at 6:30 PM.

Leikarringen - Held on Monday nights.

Officer Reports (2026)

Building Association — Curtis Vincent

- The property tax issue remains unresolved.
- Auction: The Building Association would like the Lodge to take over the August 2026 auction. The Building Committee and the Lodge will split the profits. Volunteers are encouraged.



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Foundation Committee — Lizbeth Doving

- Scholarships available for District 2 and Youth Camp.
- Camp Trollhaugen: June 28–July 11, ages 13–15.
- Camp Nidaros: July 12–25, ages 9–12.
- Camp Normanna: July 26–August 8, ages 9–12.

Good of the Order

- A donation was made, which was a medallion with King Olav.
- Contact FFC if interested in hosting a dinner or lunch.
- Wednesday Soups — February 18, 2026: Chicken and rice. \$5 per bowl.
- Thursday Trivia Night — 6:00 PM potluck.

Next Lodge Meeting

- March 10, 2026.

Adjournment

- The meeting was adjourned at 8:33 PM.