



Poulsbo Sons of Norway, Lodge #44, District 2
Board of Directors Meeting March 3, 2026

Meeting Commencement

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m.

Attendance

Present: Curtis Vincent, Joe Perez, Theresa Vincent, Bob Wolfe, Sherry White, Rhonda Mitchusson, Cheryl Hall, Paul Anunson, Amy Swenson, Deb Goyette, Keri Kankovsky, Jason Scott, Carol Glad, May Mathiesen, Carolyn Ross, Karen Zabinski, David Krauth.

Excused Absence: Rob Kodalen, Tony Smallbeck, Yori Seeger, Joanne Graves, Shannon Perez, Ruby Patterson, Dana Seeger, Deb Adair Tongue, Jan Slusher, Kathy Haug, Matt Hoffman.

Guests: Jerry Block, Robynn Collins, Jeff Wright (representing the Building Association).

Secretary's Report

Board of Directors Minutes from February 3, 2026 were presented. A motion to approve was made by Keri Kankovsky and seconded by Sherry White. All approved unanimously, no opposed, no abstained.

President's Report

- **Confidentiality Reminder:** President Curtis Vincent led a discussion regarding the importance of maintaining confidentiality of Board of Directors meeting discussions, as information had been taken out of context and inaccurately communicated to a staff member.
- **Formal Apology:** President Vincent offered a formal apology to Bar Manager Koleen Baker for the dissemination of inaccurate and out-of-context information that had been communicated to her.

Vice President's Report

- **Merchandise:** Vice President Joe Perez provided examples of shirt designs.
- **Adventurer' Club:** A Facebook site has been created for the Adventurers' Club, called the Sons of Norway Adventurers' Club. Meetings are held on the first Wednesday of each month. The next meeting will be held on Monday, March 4, 2026.
- **Past Presidents Meeting:** The meeting included five past presidents and one current president.

Treasurer's Report

- **Financial Review:** Treasurer Bob Wolfe presented a breakdown of the January 2026 and February 2026 budget items. January showed a profit of \$7,432.
- **D17 Submission:** Bob Wolfe noted that the D17 was not submitted for 2025 and the Lodge has not been reimbursed for dues by International. This is in the process of being corrected, as it is considered a loss of approximately \$11,000.
- **Formal Apology:** Bob Wolfe state that he never called Bar Manager Koleen Baker a liar as her email stated. He did issue a formal apology if anyone misconstrued his comments about not agreeing with the issues she stated, to imply that she lied.

Membership



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- **New Members:** Presented by Keri Kankovsky. The following individuals were submitted for membership and will be voted on at the March 10, 2026 Lodge Meeting:
Gary McVey, Paula Gritzmacher, ValRae Lenius, Kyla Bond, Kellan Bond, Michael Erickson, James Rye, Timothy Bird, Veronica Bird, Shannon Leighton, Mike McWilliams, Irma Szoszynski, Sean Taufer, Troy Hunt, Elaine Hunt, Alan Talmadge, Kira Prostatus.

New Business

- **Upcoming Events:** Social Director Carol Glad discussed a variety of upcoming events to be included on the Lodge calendar and will work to secure sponsorships for all events.
 - March 29, 2026: A pickleball event will be held at a local pickleball club. Jason Scott will send out an email with additional details.
 - April 11, 2026: A cribbage tournament will be held, sponsored by David Krauth.
 - April 18, 2026: The movie *Trolls 2* (Norwegian version) will be shown in the Viking Room.
 - June 14, 2026: A cornhole tournament will take place.
- **Trolls' Den:** The Office and Bar Manager recommended that the Trolls' Den remain closed on Sundays from March 8, 2026 through May 1, 2026 due to low turnout. Discussion included plans for trainings, maintenance, and team bonding activities during the Sundays while the bar is closed. **A motion was made by Curtis Vincent and seconded by Sherry White. Vote: 100% in favor, no opposed, no abstained.**
- **St. Patrick's Day (March 17, 2026):** A St. Patrick's Day meal will be held on Tuesday, March 17, 2026, with 100 meals planned. The Viking meeting scheduled for that date will instead be held upstairs, where their annual elections will take place.
- **Sing-Along Event (March 21, 2026):** At 11:00 a.m., President Curtis Vincent announced there will be a sing-along with the Frozen cast at Sons of Norway.
- **Lodge Insurance:** Presented by Curtis Vincent. Paperwork for lodge insurance was received today and will be reviewed and discussed with the Building Association.

Old Business

- **Super Bowl Party:** Presented by Curtis Vincent.
 - **Wings War:** 12 people participated in the first annual Sons of Norway Wings War.
 - **Winner:** The Seahawks took first place.
 - **Trolls' Den Competition:** Second annual winner was Andrew Sheridan.
- **Friday Night Dinners:** Presented by Curtis Vincent. The last three Friday night dinners have performed very well. There was a brief discussion regarding how many free meals can be provided to those assisting with meal preparation and serving. This will be determined by the FSC, Julia Weston, and the individual running the dinner.
- **Wednesday Night Pop-Up Soup:** Presented by Curtis Vincent. The Wednesday night pop-up soups have been a success, with all proceeds going to the Lodge.
- **Valisblot:** Presented by Curtis Vincent. Valisblot was successful.
- **Policy 1.19.2 – Background Checks:** Presented by Sherry White. This policy has been drafted as Sons of Norway International requires that local lodges conduct background checks on all youth directors, instructors, group leaders, and any other members working with youth at lodge-sponsored events. To approve a policy, the following process must be completed:



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1. The Board reviews the policy and, if agreeable, makes the following recommendation to the membership: MOVE TO RECOMMEND APPROVAL TO THE MEMBERSHIP OF PROPOSED POLICY 1.19.2 BACKGROUND CHECKS.

2. The proposed policy will then be read to the membership at the Lodge meeting following the Board's recommendation.

3. The proposed policy will be published the same month in the Lodge's newsletter.

4. The proposed policy will be read again at the next Lodge meeting.

5. After the second reading, the membership has an opportunity to discuss the proposed policy.

6. Once the discussion is completed, the following motion should be made: MOVE TO ADOPT PROPOSED POLICY 1.19.2 BACKGROUND CHECKS AND DIRECT THAT IT BE PLACED IN THE LODGE'S PROCEDURE AND POLICY MANUAL. If the majority of the membership in attendance at the Lodge meeting vote in favor of the motion, the policy is approved.

Discussion: A designated person should be appointed to conduct background checks, with oversight by the Trustees. The proposal suggests that Trustees will collect background check information from the individual performing them; however, Trustees will not conduct the background checks themselves. It was questioned whether the Treasurer should budget for this expense or if individuals will be responsible for payment. Background checks must be conducted every three years for applicable members. Curtis Vincent presented information regarding privacy and questionnaire procedures, including storing records in a locked file cabinet, as approved by TLO. It was also suggested that Vikings who work in schools with children should undergo background checks. **A motion to approve was made by Paul Anunson and seconded by David Krauth. All were in favor, no opposed, no abstained.**

• **2026 Convention:** Theme: Preserving the Past, Preparing the Future. Presented by Paul Anunson.

– **Delegates:** 76 delegates have registered across District 2, with additional names pending from larger lodges. Pricing and budgeting are based on obtaining 100 delegates for maximum profit. Eleven delegates have volunteered from the Poulsbo Lodge.

– **Finances:** Convention Treasurer Michael Joy reported approximately \$5,000 in donations and ads, including auction items and funding for convention materials. The account balance is \$11,472, with \$5,000 owed to District 2 (to be repaid in June) and \$4,000 already reimbursed to the Lodge. Delegate registration deadline is May 1, 2026.

– **Thursday Event (March 28, 2026):** Delegates will visit the Poulsbo Lodge for dinner and a town visit, with arrival planned by 4:00 p.m. Events include lodge tours, social time, a LEIKARRINGEN performance, and a Viking bonfire following dinner.

– **Participating Lodges:** Ballard, Spokane, CDA, Bremerton, Bellingham, Klamath Falls, Yakima, Salem, Kennewick, Lacey, Bothell, Auburn, Fairbanks, Petersburg, and Eugene.

• **Security Volunteers:** Presented by Curtis Vincent. Appreciation was expressed to all who have volunteered to assist with security.

• **Viking Fest:** Presented by Curtis Vincent. A meeting with the City will be held on March 9, 2026, with emphasis on maintaining a cultural focus for Viking Fest. It is possible that mead may be sold by Sons of Norway. Koleen Baker is reviewing applicable laws and will follow up.

Officers' Reports



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- **Building Association:** Presented by Jeff Wright.
 - **Auction Fundraiser:** Plans for the 2026 auction include transitioning full responsibility to the Lodge, with the Lodge managing the event and receiving all associated profits.
 - **Financial Update:** The Building Association is currently operating near break-even, though experiencing a slight deficit due to recent maintenance and repair expenses. Moving forward, the plan includes reallocating the auction to the Lodge and implementing a rent increase to build a reserve fund for future building maintenance and necessary repairs..
- **Marshal:** Presented by David Krauth. A request was made to allow the Marshals to have access to Vern's closet. It was noted by the Office Manager that this request requires Board approval. A motion was made by David Krauth and seconded by Josh Washburn to allow the Marshals access to Vern's closet. Discussion included Sherry White stating this should be brought to the Executive Committee, who have the authority to make this decision. Vote: 100% in favor, no opposed, no abstained.

Good of the Order

- Jason Scott inquired about when Michael Toot will be returning to the Board to address questions. He also suggested introducing a bingo game for Lodge members only, including a game called Queen of Hearts.
- Curtis Vincent reminded all Board members to maintain confidentiality of discussions held during Board meetings.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

Upcoming Meetings

The next Board of Directors meeting will be held on April 7, 2026.
The next Lodge meeting will be held on March 10, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.