

# Minutes from Committee Meeting of The Danish Society Inc

Date of Meeting: 14 September 2009

Venue: Danish House, 6 Rockridge Road, Penrose

Attending: Finn Nielsen, Marion Stewart, Roger Knights, Dawn Nissen, Keld Burlon, Antony Barrett, Kim Basse, Inger Mortensen

Guests: Pam Logan (Editor), Erik Nissen

Apologies: Kurt Marquart

Agenda:
 

1. Minutes of previous meeting, matters arising + Secretary's report
2. Treasurer's report
3. Membership
4. Report from Danish House sub-committee, incl social activities
5. Report from Valhalla sub-committee
6. News Magazine
7. General business, incl calendar and alerts

Meeting Start/Finish: 7.40 / 9.55

Agenda Item	Summary of Discussion/Actions:	Accountable/Due:
<p>1. Minutes, matters arising and secretary's report</p>	<p>The minutes of the previous meeting held on 10 August 2009 had been distributed prior to the meeting.</p> <p><i>Matters arising:</i></p> <p>Inger has emailed Kurt regarding matters arising from previous meeting.</p> <p>Finn has talked with member regarding compensation for double-booking. Cheque to be written in in-laws name but sent to member's address.</p> <p>Finn will invite representatives of other clubs to upcoming party. Nilfisk has been invited.</p> <p>Spraying at Danish House under way.</p> <p>Finn will write about AGM in next magazine.</p> <p>Secretary has nothing further to report.</p> <p><b>A.</b> That the minutes of the meeting held 10 August 2009 be accepted:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Dawn</li> <li>2. Keld</li> </ol> <p>Carried</p>	<p>Finn/Roger to organise this cheque as discussed</p> <p>Finn, magazine item</p>



	<p>We will tell Karen that these funds are available to spend towards making Saturday night's function affordable as well as towards activities / food etc on Sunday – these could for instance include a bouncy castle for the children on Sunday.</p> <p>D. That the treasurer's report be accepted:  1. Keld  2. Finn  Carried</p>	<p>Roger / Keld / Inger to continue meeting and/or organising with Karen</p>
3. Membership	<p>Kurt is away.</p> <p>It was discussed that the renewal form and the initial application for membership form should include a friendly positively formulated note about the financial advantage of being a member, for instance paying considerably less for parties and Valhalla. We need to start making the difference between members and non-members at parties a lot bigger.</p>	<p>Keld, if we can include this already this year it would be great – otherwise to be included next year (again email to Inger if you prefer)</p>
4. Danish House	<p>Keld reported that we finally have snaps glasses.</p> <p>Keld's bar manager's license is now in order.</p> <p>Keld will send Inger a copy of form to have ready to be used if we "employ" a temporary manager for an event. This form needs to be posted to the authorities within a certain time (3days?) of such employment.</p> <p>Curtains needed for playroom to improve acoustics and hide TV – we could use the ones from the library, and get new ones for the library, as these are getting very old. Kim offered to work on quotes for curtains. Marion suggested we may be able to ask member who sewed curtains for Valhalla for help.</p> <p>Keld has a quote for carpet for the playroom of \$980. He's also looking at bean bags (could be made like Danish flags).</p> <p>Some very positive news regarding Thomas Hansen who wants to import Danish foods and drinks into Australia and New Zealand (he will be based in Australia but will visit NZ frequently). We should be able to get snaps, gammel dansk, heering, cheese, remoulade, ristede loeg, licorice etc and be able to sell these to members at Open House etc as well as sell onto other clubs. We will probably need an off-license in order to be able to sell liquor which shouldn't be a problem but will cost.</p>	<p>Keld to email this form to Inger please</p> <p>Kim, quotes curtains</p>

	<p>Thomas Hansen would like to have a flyer in the newsletter advertising his products.</p> <p>Independent Brewers can provide good consistent prices on various brands like Carlsberg, Tuborg etc. Also, we will be able to get a market umbrella for Valhalla for free.</p> <p>Carsten will host next film evening 18 September, as both Randi and Kurt will be away.</p> <p>Jazz evening on 25 September, Kim will be in charge. Finn will do the bar.</p> <p>We need helpers for hunting party on 17 October.</p> <p>We also need plenty of helpers for Young over 60's Lunch on 25 October.</p> <p>Family Dinner in connection with AGM. Inger to check with Dorte Soelmark if she would like to be in charge of this.</p> <p>Relating to the AGM, we still need minutes from last year's meeting from Rolf.</p> <p>Julefrokost all ok for now.</p> <p>Julegudstjeneste 6 December. Finn has confirmed with pastor that she is able to come. Kim could play piano for this – just needs to know hymns to practise.</p> <p>Children's Christmas Party all ok for now.</p> <p>Report from Karen re 10-year anniversary celebrations noted.</p> <p>It was suggested that with all the events coming up fairly early in the new calendar year, it would be necessary for the committee to meet in January. Kim suggested that we could meet at her place in Torbay, maybe on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> January, for an informal committee meeting.</p> <p><b>E.</b> That the Danish House sub-committee report be accepted:  1. Finn  2. Marion  Carried</p>	<p>Kim / Finn</p> <p>Helpers</p> <p>Helpers</p> <p>Inger to check with Dorte</p> <p>Inger to check with Rolf</p> <p>To be confirmed</p>
5. Valhalla	<p>A new Nilfisk vacuum-cleaner has been purchased.</p> <p>Marion brought up issues surrounding fire insurance for rural properties. Apparently, we could risk getting charged very</p>	<p>Roger to check on insurances</p>

	<p>large amounts of money for a fire call-out to a rural property, if we don't have the appropriate insurance. Erik brought up that we may get a discount / additional help if we have a fire hydrant connected to the water tank.</p> <p>We have had the bore water report showing amongst other things very high readings of iron which can lead to e-coli although there was no evidence in this particular test. A water softener (about \$4000) could be used but would be treating rather than fixing the problem. In the first instance Erik is working on installing a filter before the meter and renewing the filter in the kitchen.</p> <p>Road report to come (free of charge!). However, it is obvious that buses are terrible for the road and are contributing to the problems. Kurt Roddick is sorting drainage under road, no charge for labour, materials only.</p> <p>The new deck is finished and looking very good. Playground is finished and just needs underlay. Will use woodchip short-term – eventually artificial grass.</p> <p><b>F.</b> That the Valhalla report be accepted:  1. Dawn  2. Antony  Carried</p>	
<p>6. News magazine</p>	<p>Pam asked for contributions this week, please, as she will be busy with other things the following week.</p>	
<p>7. General business</p>	<p>Antony reported that ADT has now updated memory on our alarm. It was expensive, but they did include a free stand-by battery, and we now have enough memory for a whole month.</p> <p>Keld will do a blurb for magazine about what's available to buy at next open house.</p> <p>Kim brought up the idea of the Society setting up a scholarship for young people (children of members) to apply for. This could be towards trade, education, exchange study in Denmark – something for young people. All thought this sounded like a wonderful idea – something to think more about.</p> <p>Inger will be on holiday from 2 – 11 October. Next meeting is on 12 October, and Kim kindly offered that she could take the minutes of that meeting just in case the secretary is</p>	<p>Kim, minutes? Inger will let you know on the day</p>

	<p>incapacitated by jet lag!</p> <p>Finn very kindly indicated that he will be available for re-election as president if nominated.</p>	
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**Next meeting:** 12 October 2009

**Meeting Host:** Marion