

Bellingham Ukulele Group
April 9, 2022 Reorganization Meeting at Home and Studio of Gail MacDonald
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Minutes of the Meeting

Gail MacDonald convened a meeting at her home studio on April 9, 2022, at 2:30 p.m. to discuss how to rejuvenate the Bellingham Ukulele Group (BUG), 2 1/2 years after the COVID-19 Pandemic began in February/March 2020.

Present were: Gail MacDonald, Barbara Lola Hudson, Evelyn Kimbrough, Carla Jennings, Lisa Aragon, Brian Hansen, Carl Taylor, Susan Rumsey, Linda Henderson, Wendy Bohlke, Reba McGear, and Brian Griffin.

Volunteers unable to attend: Joan Airiodi, Helen Arntsen, Jamie Fraser, Sallie and Bill

All present introduced themselves and their ukulele experience with BUG: some were new, some have participated for many years. All support revitalizing the group. Gail explained that Wes Lewis, the BUG leader from approximately 2017 until March 2020, became employed in late 2021 which requires he work weekends. He indicated to Gail that until that changes, he is unable to participate in BUG.

Several positions were identified as critical to move forward.

1) Webpage Manager. Suzanne Harris has been performing this role for many years, and she is ready to train someone new. She has done a great job and indicates that 'it only takes a few minutes a couple of times each month to update the webpage.

Carla Jennings volunteered to serve as Webpage Manager. Hurrah! She will coordinate with Suzanne to take the baton of leadership. **Lisa Aragon volunteered to serve as Carla's backup!**

2) Facilities Manager - Linda Henderson volunteered! Thank you! She will contact St. James Presbyterian about continuing monthly meetings there, starting as soon as can be arranged, hopefully for June 4.

*Update: As of April 14, Linda confirms that BUG has the first Saturday each month reserved from 12-4 p.m. The church will cancel us if a memorial service is scheduled. **Our first BUG meeting is set for June 4. The monthly fee is now \$60 per month.***

Linda has a copy of the contract for the Leadership Committee's review, particularly as to insurance.

3) Email Manager. Ron Spilker has been serving in this capacity in recent years and has passed on the role to Gail MacDonald. Thank you, Ron.

Filling this post is of great importance. Gail indicates that the positions fields questions posed about BUG, sends out notices to the general membership, makes address changes and additions, and keeps the account up to date. The account should be accessible to at least 2 people. This is a position for which we need a volunteer ASAP.

4). Treasurer. Evelyn Kimbrough has served as Treasurer for many years. She is willing to continue in this capacity. Thank you, Evelyn!

The Treasurer pays for facilities rentals and other expenses of BUG, such as purchases of copied materials and books. Suzanne has been the second signatory to the account. Evelyn will arrange to have either the Email Manager or other leader take on the role of second signatory, as determined by the Leadership Team later this year. Suzanne will remain on the account until she is replaced.

5) Advertising Director. Joan Airoidi has agreed to continue to serve! Thank you, Joan.

Joan had been posting monthly meeting notices in Entertainment NW, which is no longer in business. She will continue to send monthly notices to the Cascadia Daily or other publications.

She is also willing to help plan a BUG Campout. If and when the Leadership Team approve scheduling one, Joan will assist.

6). Leadership Committee.

History of BUG and its leadership

Early on, Tom Hodge started the BUG meetup at his home; Evelyn was involved from the beginning; Gail MacDonald and Terry Poth got involved soon thereafter. Ravyn and Aryn Whitewolf operated BUG in the Bellingham Unitarian Fellowship Hall for several years, with Terry and Gail taking it on through the late 1990's until 2017 or so. Wes Lewis was recruited to serve as BUG Jam Leader 4 years ago, serving 2 years prior to the pandemic.

Several people at the Reorganization Meeting recommended that the Leadership Committee have 5 members. Three members volunteered at the meeting: Lisa Aragon, Susan Rumsey and Reba McGar. Thank you! 2 more members will be recruited through email from Gail to the membership with these minutes.

Update: Lisa Aragon agreed to serve as Leadership Committee Chair! Thank you, Lisa!

7) Monthly BUG Jam Leaders.

BUG members may volunteer to the Leadership Team by contacting Chair Lisa to serve as jam leaders.

Chair Lisa will send a list of Scheduled Jams and Jam Leaders to WebMaster Carla Jennings who will post the list on the BUO Web page.

The Leadership Committee can discuss Jam dates, alternative jam formats, whether to include beginner gatherings and introductory lessons, and the like with volunteer Jam Leaders. The Leadership Committee may solicit ideas from the membership as it sees fit.

Resources to Jam Leaders include the current song list posted on the BUG Website, The Daily Ukulele (the Yellow Book with 365 songs) and its Leap Year Edition (the Blue Book with 366 songs) Most BUG members have copies of both books, as well as complete access to the song list on the website. The BUG songlist on the website has approximately 100 songs, all pdf's that may be printed at home.

7) Greeter Coordinator. Carl Taylor, retired public school teacher and long time uke player, volunteered to be greeter/coordinator and agreed to serve as a recruiter of greeters. Tasks include coordinating meeting set up, chairs, tables, donation jar, name tags (where are they?) and coordinating with Treasurer Evelyn.

Coordinator Carl can coordinate with Chair Lisa and Webmaster Carla to post volunteer opportunities and duties.

8) State, County and St. James Presbyterian Health Rules

Brian Griffen spoke to the need to comply with Health Rules pertaining to mask wearin and social distancing. We concurred that BUG would remain committed to compliance with applicable health rules.

OUTSTANDING MATTERS:

We still need to recruit the Email Manager, the Membership Manager and 2 additional positions on the Leadership Committee.

The Membership Manager keeps the BUG membership list up to date in cooperation with the Email Manager.

The Email Manager needs to regularly read the BUG email, respond/refer as needed, and delete such solicitations and spam email.

A big thank you to Gail for hosting this meeting and to all who attended.

Minutes prepared by Wendy Bohlke, Secretary *pro tem*
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for transmittal to Lisa Aragon, BUG Leadership Chair, and Carla Jennings, BUG
Webmaster

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Every Day needs Music