

Rebild Annual Membership Meeting Minutes

Saturday, April 30, 2022 at the Hyatt Regency, Schaumburg, Illinois

WELCOME:

Rebild National President Jorgen Bech Madsen opened the meeting at 9:15 AM, and he thanked the Chicago Midwest Rebild Chapter for hosting the successful April 27 – 30, 2022 Rebild Annual Convention at the Hyatt Regency in Schaumburg, Illinois. He especially thanked Peter Orum for hosting the Cookout Dinner and Tours at Midwest Groundcovers in St. Charles, Illinois on Friday evening, April 29, and Jorgen said it meant a lot to him to attend The Danish Pioneer Newspaper's historic 150th Anniversary Celebration, including the recognition of Publisher Elsa Steffensen, Editor Linda Steffensen and Business Manager Elizabeth Steffensen, in conjunction with the Rebild Convention.

ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON OF THE MEETING:

Peter Orum was selected as Chairman of the Meeting.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Rebild National President Jorgen Bech Madsen highlighted the successful 2021 Mini-July 4th Celebration and the successful Online Festival. He told about productive meetings, dialogues and connections with the U.S. Embassy, the Mayor of Aalborg, the Mayor of Rebild and the Rebild community. Hyldgaardsminde on the Rebild property in Denmark has been refurbished. New Secretary General Helene Christensen has been hired. For a half year, Rebild was without a General Secretary. The 110th Rebild Anniversary Celebration in 2022 is now a top priority, but we also have to work within our financial framework. Rebild will continue to seek more sponsors

and increase its communications outreach. Rebild wants to continue to inspire young people and further develop business connections. We will continue to look at technology and the possibilities to livestream or record the Rebild Festival and present later. There is no internet connection in the Rebild Hills. It might be possible to livestream from the Tent Luncheon. It all depends on costs.

RECOGNITION OF OUTGOING BOARD MEMBERS:

Anelise Sawkins (Minnesota), Kurt Hansen (Minnesota), Mette Haydt (California) and Christine Lundsberg-Geiger (Illinois) were each recognized for their many years of service on the Rebild National Board. Erik Solyst (California) and Helle Soborg Pedersen, who passed away recently, were also remembered for their service on the Rebild National Board.

ACCOUNTING:

Rebild National Board Member Jesper Jespersen discussed the \$109,560 USD in income vs. \$123,904 USD in expenses, resulting in a loss of \$14,000 USD. Rebild is currently working off a line of credit. The land and property are valued at \$180,000. Svend Erik Pedersen and Jutta Larsen gave a generous donation to Rebild. Rebild Benefactors are now considered "Rebild Sponsors".

REPORTS FROM THE DANISH AND U.S. VICE PRESIDENTS:

Rebild U.S. Vice President Bruce Bro told about the successful Monthly E-News called "The 4th". If you don't receive the E-News yet, please e-mail your current e-mail address to

Bruce Bro at bruceabro@icloud.com. Bruce talked about upcoming ZOOM Meetings, and future Annual Meetings in the USA (2023 in Texas, 2024 in Cincinnati, Ohio/Lexington, Kentucky and 2025 in San Diego, California). Rebild Danish Vice President Lars Nygaard Pedersen talked about the revitalized Danish Chapters, and Lars urged people to make their reservations for the July 4th Rebild Festival early due to the Tour de France in Denmark, which will result in logistics and travel complications.

ELECTION TO THE REBILD NATIONAL BOARD (2022-2025):

Welcome to new Rebild National Board Members: Lisa Riggs (Iowa), John F. Rasmussen (New York), Toni McLeod (Arizona) and Anders Agner Pedersen (Denmark). Lars Nygaard Pedersen was re-elected to his second three-year term.

REBILD FESTIVAL PLANS FOR 2022:

H.M. The Queen Margrethe II of Denmark has accepted the invitation to attend the Rebild 4th of July Festival. Among the speakers and entertainment will be Danfoss Chairman Jens Bjerg Sorensen, Danish Prime Minister Mette Frederiksen (tentative), Youth Speaker and Danish ice hockey player Nicolaj Ehlers, JFK actor Caspar Phillipson, representation from the U.S. Embassy and music by Jacob Dinesen.

MISCELLANEOUS:

* Rebild sponsor Stauning Whisky has agreed to give a bottle of its whisky to new Life Members in 2022. Rebild Life Memberships are \$1,500 per person. Congratulations to new 2022 Rebild Life Members: Connie Hanson, Peter Orum, Karin Wasler, Kim Qvistoff and Virginia Blood. * The Rebild Silent Auctions have been successful. Thank you to all of the prize contributors, and thanks to the individuals bidding on the prizes. * Special thanks to Rebild Kentucky Chapter President Sune

Frederiksen for making and selling new Rebild t-shirts. * Rebild Sponsor categories include: Diamond \$4,000 Per Year, Gold \$2,000 Per Year, Silver \$1,000 Per Year and Bronze \$500 Per Year. The National Foundation for Danish America is a New Diamond Sponsor and Mette Haydt and Pastor Karen Knutson are New Silver Sponsors. Special thanks to them. In-Kind Donations are also welcome. For example, Sune Frederiksen is sponsoring the first drink at the Rebild Tent Luncheon. Please contact new Rebild Secretary General Helene Christensen about sponsorship and volunteer opportunities at the Rebild Festival. * Special thanks to Bruce Bro and the Arizona Chapter for hosting the excellent October 2021 Rebild Conference. We hope to return to Arizona in the future, so the Danes can participate at that time. The Danes weren't able to participate in 2021 due to coronavirus travel restrictions. * Many thanks to the donors, who helped contribute to new Rebild Secretary General Helene Christensen's trip and stay in Illinois and Wisconsin for the 2022 Rebild U.S. meeting: Rebild Southern California Chapter, Katrine Vange, Rebild San Francisco Chapter, Rebild Arizona Chapter/Bruce Bro, Peter Orum, Bert Schou, Rebild Kentucky Chapter/Sune Frederiksen and Rebild Delaware Valley Chapter/Ed Blatt. * Special thanks to Kim Qvistoff, Tina Winther and Christine Lundsberg Geiger for coordinating the Rebild Post-Tour to Wisconsin on May 1 – 3, 2022. * For updates on Rebild National Park Society, please visit the new Rebild Festival www.rebildfesten.dk/en and connect to Rebild through its social media platforms.

**Respectfully submitted, Linda Steffensen,
U.S. Corporate Secretary**



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