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Form **990-EZ****Short Form**
Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

OMB No 1545-1150

2009**Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code**
(except black lung benefit trust or private foundation)

► Sponsoring organizations of donor advised funds and controlling organizations as defined in section 512(b)(13) must file Form 990. All other organizations with gross receipts less than \$500,000 and total assets less than \$1,250,000 at the end of the year may use this form.

► The organization may have to use a copy of this return to satisfy state reporting requirements.

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service**Open to Public
Inspection****A For the 2009 calendar year, or tax year beginning , 2009, and ending ,**

B Check if applicable: ☐ Address change ☐ Name change ☐ Initial return ☐ Termination ☐ Amended return ☐ Application pending	C Please use IRS label or print or type. See Specific Instructions. Sons of Norway Lodsen Lodge 4-128 PO Box 1307 Great Falls, MT 59403-1307	D Employer identification number 81-6033521
		E Telephone number (406) 452-4372
		F Group Exemption Number

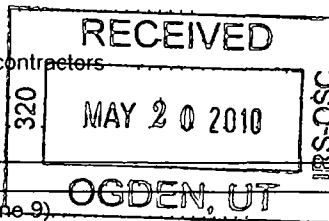
• Section 501(c)(3) organizations and 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts must attach a completed Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ).

G Accounting method ☒ Cash ☐ Accrual
Other (specify) ►**I** Website: ► N/A**H** Check ☒ if the organization is not required to attach Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF)**J** Tax-exempt status (check only one) — ☒ 501(c) (8) (insert no.) ☐ 4947(a)(1) or ☐ 527**K** Check ☐ if the organization is not a section 509(a)(3) supporting organization and its gross receipts are normally not more than \$25,000. A Form 990-EZ or Form 990 return is not required, but if the organization chooses to file a return, be sure to file a complete return.**L** Add lines 5b, 6b, and 7b, to line 9 to determine gross receipts; if \$500,000 or more, file Form 990 instead of Form 990-EZ

► \$ 87,721.

Part I Revenue, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets or Fund Balances (See the instructions for Part I.)

REVENUE	1	Contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts received	1	300.
	2	Program service revenue including government fees and contracts	2	
	3	Membership dues and assessments	3	2,460.
	4	Investment income	4	15,061.
	5a	Gross amount from sale of assets other than inventory	5a	
	5b	Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses	5b	
	5c	c Gain or (loss) from sale of assets other than inventory (Subtract line 5b from line 5a)	5c	
	6	Special events and activities (complete applicable parts of Schedule G) If any amount is from gaming, check here ☐		
	6a	a Gross revenue (not including \$ of contributions reported on line 1)	6a	69,900.
	6b	b Less: direct expenses other than fundraising expenses	6b	27,225.
EXPENSES	6c	c Net income or (loss) from special events and activities (Subtract line 6b from line 6a)	6c	42,675.
	7a	7a Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	7a	
	7b	b Less: cost of goods sold	7b	
	7c	c Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory (Subtract line 7b from line 7a)	7c	
	8	8 Other revenue (describe ►)	8	
	9	9 Total revenue. Add lines 1, 2, 3, 4, 5c, 6c, 7c, and 8	9	60,496.
	10	10 Grants and similar amounts paid (attach schedule)	10	
	11	11 Benefits paid to or for members	11	
	12	12 Salaries, other compensation, and employee benefits	12	
	13	13 Professional fees and other payments to independent contractors	13	
ASSETS	14	14 Occupancy, rent, utilities, and maintenance	14	
	15	15 Printing, publications, postage, and shipping	15	
	16	16 Other expenses (describe ► See Statement 1)	16	58,176.
	17	17 Total expenses. Add lines 10 through 16	17	58,176.
	18	18 Excess or (deficit) for the year (Subtract line 17 from line 9)	18	2,320.
	19	19 Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (from line 27, column (A)) (must agree with end-of-year figure reported on prior year's return)	19	415,766.
	20	20 Other changes in net assets or fund balances (attach explanation)	20	
	21	21 Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 18 through 20	21	418,086.

**Part II Balance Sheets.** If Total assets on line 25, column (B) are \$1,250,000 or more, file Form 990 instead of Form 990-EZ.

(See the instructions for Part II.)

	(A) Beginning of year	(B) End of year
22 Cash, savings, and investments	248,372.	250,692.
23 Land and buildings		
24 Other assets (describe ► See Statement 2)	167,394.	167,394.
25 Total assets	415,766.	418,086.
26 Total liabilities (describe ►)	0.	0.
27 Net assets or fund balances (line 27 of column (B) must agree with line 21)	415,766.	418,086.

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Expenses

(Required for section 501(c)(3) and (4) organizations and section 4947(a)(1) trusts, optional for others.)

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(a) Name and address	(b) Title and average hours per week devoted	(c) Compensation (If not paid, enter -0-)	(d) Contributions to employee benefit plans and	(e) Expense account and other allowances
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Part V Other Information (Note the statement requirements in the instrs for Part V.)

See Statement 5

	Yes	No
33 Did the organization engage in any activity not previously reported to the IRS? If 'Yes,' attach a detailed description of each activity		X
34 Were any changes made to the organizing or governing documents? If 'Yes,' attach a conformed copy of the changes		X
35 If the organization had income from business activities, such as those reported on lines 2, 6a, and 7a (among others), but not reported on Form 990-T, attach a statement explaining why the organization did not report the income on Form 990-T.		
a Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more or was it subject to section 6033(e) notice, reporting, and proxy tax requirements?		X
b If 'Yes,' has it filed a tax return on Form 990-T for this year?		
36 Did the organization undergo a liquidation, dissolution, termination, or significant disposition of net assets during the year? If 'Yes,' complete applicable parts of Schedule N		X
37a Enter amount of political expenditures, direct or indirect, as described in the instructions 37a 0.		
b Did the organization file Form 1120-POL for this year?		X
38a Did the organization borrow from, or make any loans to, any officer, director, trustee, or key employee or were any such loans made in a prior year and still outstanding at the end of the period covered by this return?		X
b If 'Yes,' complete Schedule L, Part II and enter the total amount involved 38b N/A		
39 Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter		
a Initiation fees and capital contributions included on line 9 39a N/A		
b Gross receipts, included on line 9, for public use of club facilities 39b N/A		
40a Section 501(c)(3) organizations Enter amount of tax imposed on the organization during the year under section 4911 N/A , section 4912 N/A , section 4955 N/A		
b Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations Did the organization engage in any section 4958 excess benefit transaction during the year or is it aware that it engaged in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person in a prior year, and that the transaction has not been reported on any of the organization's prior Forms 990 or 990-EZ? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule L, Part I 40b		
c Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations Enter amount of tax imposed on organization managers or disqualified persons during the year under sections 4912, 4955, and 4958 0.		
d Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations Enter amount of tax on line 40c reimbursed by the organization 0.		
e All organizations At any time during the tax year, was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction? If 'Yes,' complete Form 8886-T 40e		X
41 List the states with which a copy of this return is filed None		

42a The organization's books are in care of **Velma Oakland** Telephone no **(406) 452-4372**
 Located at **76 Treasure State Drive Great Falls MT** ZIP + 4 **59405**

b At any time during the calendar year, did the organization have an interest in or a signature or other authority over a financial account in a foreign country (such as a bank account, securities account, or other financial account)? **42b**

If 'Yes,' enter the name of the foreign country. **X**

See the instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for **Form TD F 90-22.1, Report of a Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts.**

c At any time during the calendar year, did the organization maintain an office outside of the U S ? **42c**

If 'Yes,' enter the name of the foreign country **X**

43 Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts filing Form 990-EZ in lieu of **Form 1041** — Check here and enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the tax year **43** ☐ N/A

44 Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds? If 'Yes,' Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ **44** **X**

45 Is any related organization a controlled entity of the organization within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? If 'Yes,' Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ **45** **X**

Part VI Section 501(c)(3) organizations and section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts only. All section 501(c)(3) organizations and section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts must answer questions 46-49b and complete the tables for lines 50 and 51.

	Yes	No
46 Did the organization engage in direct or indirect political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule C, Part I		
47 Did the organization engage in lobbying activities? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule C, Part II		
48 Is the organization a school as described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule E		
49a Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization?		
49b If 'Yes,' was the related organization a section 527 organization?		

50 Complete this table for the organization's five highest compensated employees (other than officers, directors, trustees and key employees) who each received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. If there is none, enter 'None.'

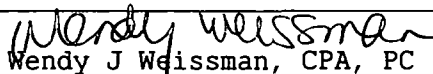
(a) Name and address of each employee paid more than \$100,000	(b) Title and average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Compensation	(d) Contributions to employee benefit plans and deferred compensation	(e) Expense account and other allowances

f Total number of other employees paid over \$100,000 ▶

51 Complete this table for the organization's five highest compensated independent contractors who each received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. If there is none, enter 'None.'

(a) Name and address of each independent contractor paid more than \$100,000	(b) Type of service	(c) Compensation

d Total number of other independent contractors each receiving over \$100,000 ▶

Sign Here	Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete. Declaration of preparer (other than officer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge.			
	 Signature of officer		5-13-10 Date	
	Velma Oakland Type or print name and title		Treasurer	
Paid Preparer's Use Only	Preparer's signature	 Wendy J. Weissman, CPA, PC	Date	5-17-10
	Firm's name (or yours if self-employed), address, and ZIP + 4	WENDY J. WEISSMAN, CPA, PC 1015 1ST AVENUE NORTH GREAT FALLS, MT 59401-2657		
	Check if self-employed	☐ ☒		
		EIN	73-1637959	
		Phone no	(406) 454-8988	

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? See instructions

☒ Yes ☐ No

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Part II Fundraising Events. Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' to Form 990, Part IV, line 18, or reported more than \$15,000 on Form 990-EZ, line 6a. List events with gross receipts greater than \$5,000.

REVENUE		(a) Event #1 <u>Fair</u> (event type)	(b) Event #2 <u>Lutefisk</u> (event type)	(c) Other Events (total number)	(d) Total Events (Add col. (a) through col. (c))
	1 Gross receipts	55,154.	8,895.		64,049.
	2 Less Charitable contributions				
	3 Gross income (line 1 minus line 2)	55,154.	8,895.		64,049.
DIRECT EXPENSES	4 Cash prizes				
	5 Noncash prizes				
	6 Rent/facility costs				
	7 Food and beverages				
	8 Entertainment				
	9 Other direct expenses	6,603.	5,454.		12,057.
	10 Direct expense summary. Add lines 4- through 9 in column (d)				12,057.
	11 Net income summary. Combine lines 3, column (d) and line 10				51,992.

Part III Gaming. Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' to Form 990, Part IV, line 19, or reported more than \$15,000 on Form 990-EZ, line 6a.

REVENUE		(a) Bingo	(b) Pull tabs/Instant bingo/progressive bingo	(c) Other gaming	(d) Total gaming (Add col. (a) through col. (c))
	1 Gross revenue				
DIRECT EXPENSES	2 Cash prizes				
	3 Non-cash prizes				
	4 Rent/facility costs				
	5 Other direct expenses				
	6 Volunteer labor	☐ Yes _____ % ☐ No	☐ Yes _____ % ☐ No	☐ Yes _____ % ☐ No	
	7 Direct expense summary. Add lines 2 through 5 in column (d)				
	8 Net gaming income summary. Combine lines 1, column (d) and line 7				

9 Enter the state(s) in which the organization operates gaming activities _____

a Is the organization licensed to operate gaming activities in each of these states?

b If 'No,' explain

10a Were any of the organization's gaming licenses revoked, suspended or terminated during the tax year?

b If 'Yes,' explain

11 Does the organization operate gaming activities with nonmembers?

12 Is the organization a grantor, beneficiary or trustee of a trust or a member of a partnership or other entity formed to administer charitable gaming?

	YES	NO
9a		
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13 Indicate the percentage of gaming activity operated in:**a** The organization's facility**13a** %**b** An outside facility**13b** %**14** Enter the name and address of the person who prepares the organization's gaming/special events books and records

Name ▶ _____

Address ▶ _____

15a Does the organization have a contact with a third party from whom the organization receives gaming revenue?**15a****b** If 'Yes,' enter the amount of gaming revenue received by the organization \$ _____ and the amount of gaming revenue retained by the third party \$ _____.**c** If 'Yes,' enter name and address of the third party

Name ▶ _____

Address ▶ _____

16 Gaming manager information

Name ▶ _____

Gaming manager compensation ▶ \$ _____

Description of services provided. ▶ _____

☐ Director/officer☐ Employee☐ Independent contractor**17** Mandatory distributions**a** Is the organization required under state law to make charitable distributions from the gaming proceeds to retain the state gaming license?**17a****b** Enter the amount of distributions required under state law to be distributed to other exempt organizations or spent in the organization's own exempt activities during the tax year ▶ \$ _____

Sons of Norway
Lodsen Lodge 4-128

81-6033521

Statement 1
Form 990-EZ, Part I, Line 16
Other Expenses

total expenses

Total \$ 58,176.
\$ 58,176.

Statement 2
Form 990-EZ, Part II, Line 24
Other Assets

Miscellaneous

	<u>Beginning</u>	<u>Ending</u>
	\$ 167,394.	\$ 167,394.
Total	\$ 167,394.	\$ 167,394.

Statement 3
Form 990-EZ, Part III
Organization's Primary Exempt Purpose

To promote and maintain knowledge of NORwegian heritage to the members and the general public.

Statement 4
Form 990-EZ, Part III, Line 28
Statement of Program Service Accomplishments

The organization's primary exempt purpose is to promote and maintain knowledge of Norwegian heritage to the members and the general public. The lodge presents classes in Norwegian handcrafts, such as hardanger embroidery and woodcarving. It presents demonstrations for making Norwegian foods; such as lefse, lutefisk, rumigrot and pastries. The Lodge has an ethnic booth at the state fair where volunteer members sell Norwegian meatballs (aka "Vikings") and lefse. The Lodge supports the Sons of Norway Foundation, Norwegian Cent-a-day Foundation and Vinland Rehabilitation with both time and money. It contributes to various local charitable organizations. The Lodge supports individuals in need of assistance. The Lodge members celebrate their Norwegian heritage by inviting the general public to an open house for purposes of imparting Norwegian information to the public.

Statement 5
Form 990-EZ, Part V
Regarding Transfers Associated with Personal Benefit Contracts

(a) Did the organization, during the year, receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract?

No

(b) Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract?

No