

# Swing 'n' Country Board Meeting

November 26, 2012

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Leah Noparstak, Don Moeller, Rich Cooper, Ingrid Dubman, Suzanne Saxer and Gary LaForte,

Absent: Karen Saunders, Jerry Kieras and Deborah Sitter.

Mission Statement was read by Don Moeller.

## Member Presentations

- ❖ None

## President's Report

- ❖ None

## Treasurer's Report

- ❖ P&L Report for October presented by Rich Cooper.
- ❖ Discussion ensued.
- ❖ Leah motioned and Gary seconded to accept October 2012 P&L as presented. Vote was unanimous. **Motion passed.**

## Secretary's Report

- ❖ Leah moved/Rich seconded that we accept the report. Vote was unanimous. **Motion passed.**

## Committee Reports

### Hospitality

| <u>November 2<sup>nd</sup> Dance</u>  |                     |                          |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------|
| Attendees – 64                        | Expenses - \$68.40  | Cost per person - \$1.07 |
| <u>November 16<sup>th</sup> Dance</u> |                     |                          |
| Attendees – 77                        | Expenses - \$59.30  | Cost per person - \$.77  |
| <u>Total for November 2012</u>        |                     |                          |
| Attendees – 141                       | Expenses - \$127.70 | Cost per person - \$.91  |

### Dance Camp Chicago

- ❖ Passed out flyers at Cash Bash dance weekend in Ohio and mailed to other locations. Group from Canada will be given "student" rate (they get the "International Rate" for the Classic).
- ❖ Returning instructors have shirts from prior Dance Camps. Will ask new instructors to wear black and red. Probably only Dawn Lara, Julie Hein and Ronnie DiBenedetta don't have DC shirts. Will ask them to wear a black shirt for "Meet the Instructors."

- ❖ Board must decide whether SNC is suspending all sponsorships. If Board decides to suspend or lower sponsorships then DCC will be working at a negative budget because of loss of the \$600 reciprocating sponsorship from Swing City Chicago.
- ❖ New for divisions:
  - If division Jack & Jill's and Strictly's are under the minimum of five true couple (e.g., 5 follows AND 5 leaders), the division will be canceled.
  - In the past, Two Step strictly got the same prize money as WCS, but had substantially less participants. This year, prize money will be based on participation numbers.

### **Operations**

- ❖ No report

### **Happenings**

- ❖ Judi emailed Don a report.

### **Marketing**

- ❖ No committee chair found yet. Angei Swem is still willing to help remotely. She updated the cover photo on the FB page and did a few other updates.

### **Education**

- ❖ Ingrid has signed contracts from all but Angie Cameron and Don Leynes.
- ❖ Dance dates for 2013 are finalized.
- ❖ Attendance varies depending on weather and which month it is.
- ❖ We seem to have more true beginners now. Since we are a social club we can't really patrol the lessons and tell attendees they are not "qualified" to take intermediate lessons.
- ❖ Do we need instructor's corner and/or another list from the instructors that specifies which moves are required before they move up to the next level? How do we come to a consensus on which moves belong in each level? Each instructor could give a punch list on which moves that dancers should know before moving up to next level?

### **Archive Report**

- ❖ Archive is updated.

### **Website Report**

- ❖ Website is still behind. Need a photo from Suzanne.

### **Music**

- ❖ Gary will listen to the disk in the sound suitcase.
- ❖ Several people commented positively on the music. Deferring discussion of changing music rotation until December meeting.

### Life Membership Committee

- ❖ None

### Volunteers

- ❖ No report. Deborah informs the board of the volunteer responsible for takedown via email prior to each dance.

### Special Events – Holiday dinner Dance

- ❖ 48 registered so far.
- ❖ Nine centerpieces are made (enough to 72 people if 8 per table), menu is finalized, several prizes have been purchased.
- ❖ Need to push to get more people so we meet the minimum required of 60 for dinner and/or push for attendees upstairs
- ❖ Dessert will come out of Hospitality budget and will be served upstairs.
- ❖ Wednesday night workers will help Ingrid decorate after the lessons.

### Membership

- ❖ New total is 177 compared to 316 last year.
- ❖ If people sign up midyear, then they still have to pay the full amount unless they are new members, who will be pro-rated.

### Budget

- ❖ Discussion of 2013 proposed budget.
  - Remove 2<sup>nd</sup> dance per quarter
  - Add back reciprocating donation to Swing City Chicago.
  - Updates to be made available before the December meeting but after the Holiday Party.

Next meeting is Monday, December 10, 2012.

### Adjournment

Rich moved and Gary seconded that the meeting be adjourned at 9:27 p.m.. Vote was unanimous. **Motion carried.**

Respectively submitted,

Suzanne Saxer