

# Swing 'n' Country Board Meeting December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2014

Meeting was called to order at 7:06 pm

Present: Leah Noparstak, Reike Moskal, Gary LaForte, Marcia Emmett, Ingrid Dubman, Karen Saunders and Susie Kaplan (via phone)

Absent: Don Moeller, Rich Cooper and Susan Higgins

Mission Statement was read by Reike

**Member Presentations** – None

## **President's Report**

- Rich's surgery went well! He'll be back in time for Dance Camp Chicago

## **Treasurer's Report**

- The month of November was another strong performance with both Dances & Lessons combining to produce positive revenue in excess of \$800. **It should be noted that Holiday Dance revenue collected in November was not included in this report Total Holiday Dance revenue and expenses will be reported in the December report.** Year over Year, SNC continues to show improved performance over 2013 which was a successful year.
  - Attached please find the November P&L and Balance Sheet for review and comment.
  - Leah motioned/Reike seconded that we accept the November Treasurer's Report. Vote unanimous – motion passed.

## **Secretary's Report**

- Reike motioned/Ingrid seconded that we accept the November Secretary's report as amended.

## **Committee Reports**

### **Hospitality**

- The donation boot continues to assist in funding treats.
- Last few danced have had very little by way of leftovers.

## Dance Camp Chicago

- Gary contacted our Insurance Company regarding event insurance and they haven't gotten back to him yet.
- Leah has gotten to the bottom of the ACH fees!!!! First Data was shut off on May 2<sup>nd</sup> as directed.
  - Authorize.net was the culprit of the \$9.95 ACH fee. Leah found out that we already pay First Data for the Authorize.net service (and that she didn't need to be paying all this time anyway)
  - Authorize.net is working on a refund.
- Due to a scheduling snafu Colleen Uspensky will not be available to teach our WCS Beginner Track – the committee voted and decided on Beverly Solazzo as her replacement.
  - Beverly was told on Saturday, December 13<sup>th</sup>. She was ecstatic!
  - Beverly will be given 1 room night at hotel.
  - Lori Rousar will be given Colleen's judging assignments as Beverly was already judging for us.
- Facebook was updated with DCC 2015.
  - A message was posted to all Rising Star competitors that a limited number of spots are open and that they need to contact Leah ASAP in order to reserve a spot. (7 out of 8 are full).
  - A message in the next week will be sent to all ProAm routine competitors with the same message as above (limited # of spots).
- On-line registration will open by Monday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- Don M may still be recuperating from his January surgery – we may have to find someone else to teach his Country classes (he'll still judge).

## Operations

- Marcia will take over purchasing water.
- Marcia/Leah **still need** to make up new staffing sheet
- Leah needs to update member/non member listing for the cash box (print 2 sets – one for cash box and 1 for membership book)
- Leah to **edit** 3-month calendar (Jan-March)
- Inclement Weather Policy needs to be resurrected:
  - Will need to be put on the top of the home page of website
  - Will list Marcia and Franklin Park's numbers as contact people.
  - Backup DJ disks need to be found and we need to learn how to use the Wednesday system in order to play them.
    - DJ's will be paid IF the disk is used.

## Happenings

- Still need to get a Board proofreader.

## **Marketing** – No report

### **Education**

- Committee needs to meet again to rearrange the year due to complications in the early months.
  - January – Angie Cameron – West Coast Swing
  - February – Julie Hein – Two Step (was Don M – he is having surgery)
  - March - ???
  - April - ??

### **Archive Report**

- None

### **Website Report**

- None

### **Volunteers**

- Susan H. has taken over (our list is at 6 people)

### **Dance Angels**

- Karen helped at the last 2 dances.
- She is willing to take over – YEAH!

### **Special Events (Holiday Dance)**

- Holiday dance was a success! We broke even!
  - We had 65 for dinner (60 was the minimum)
  - We had 50 upstairs for dance only
  - We collected \$2770
  - The computer has been updated and balanced with dinner and dance only people.

### **Membership**

- Need to catch up on new members that Ingrid found

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- Gary presented 2015 budget. Questions were asked for clarification
  - Motion was made to raise support for Chicagoland to \$1500 (from \$1000 from last year). SNC had a good year.
  - Marcia motioned/Susie seconded. Motion passed with a margin of 4 Yes to 3 No.
- Lesson track spreadsheet – Gary may have figured out why the size jumped – Leah to try to replicate and finalize.
- Roger needs lesson tracks from previous months.

- Susie spoke to Marlene regarding hotline – Marlene suggests ending the hotline (in its current format). She does not get many calls at all. Affected areas that will require editing:
  - 3-month calendar
  - Website
  - Monthly flyers
  - Membership form on website (paper copy is not necessary as they do not take it home with them)
- Election
  - Marcia filled out the form that Judi sent for Happenings blast.
  - Ballot will need to be closed at January dance.
  - Susie is willing to run for Secretary.
  - More than likely there will be no election due to lack of contested positions.

Future meeting dates: Jan 26, March 23, April 23, and 4/27 (this will be the turnover meeting)

### **Adjournment**

Gary motioned and Reike seconded that the meeting be adjourned at 9:09 pm. Vote was unanimous - Motion carried.

Respectively submitted,  
Leah Noparstak