

SWING 'n' COUNTRY BOARD MINUTES

MARCH 23, 2015

Meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm

Present: Rich Cooper, Leah Noparstak, Susan Higgins, Gary LaForte, Reike Moskel, Marcia Emmett, Ingrid Dubman, Susan Higgins, Don Moeller, Karen Saunders, Susie Kaplan

Mission Statement was read by Reike Moskel

Member Presentations – None

President's Report - None

Treasurer's Report

- For the month of February 2015 Swing 'n' Country had a successful month in dance and a exceptional month in lesson performance resulting in a revenue surplus vs actual expense as well as the 2015 budget. Swing 'n' Country is on track for another successful financial year.
- Please note: Dance Camp Chicago 2015 operated during 2 of Swing 'n' Country's reporting months, on February 27th, 28th & March 1st. Accordingly, all revenue and expense will be reported in the March 2015 financial reports. Preliminary results indicate Dance Camp Chicago 2015 was also a very successful event.
- Reike motioned/Marcia seconded that we accept the February Treasurer's Report. Motion passed.

Secretary's Report

- Ingrid motioned/Karen seconded that we accept the Secretary's report as amended. Motion passed

Committee Reports

Hospitality

- We continue to receive donations in our "boot" that is used for the next month's hospitality treats.

Operations

- Marcia distributed the staffing sheets
- Volunteer pool has shrunk significantly therefore Susan Higgins will be announced as Volunteer Chairperson on Happenings. Requests for volunteers will be made.

Education

- Maren will be back for the final lesson in February. (Thanks to Britney Bartler-Valdez for subbing for Maren due to a foot injury).
- The Jeffries have been contacted via email to teach at the second dance in either September, October, or November 2015.
- Instructor updates/reminders:
 - Monthly classes in April - Brittney teaching waltz
 - Don McDonald teaching 2-step at 2nd dance in April – our birthday dance

- Nancy Tuzzolino is teaching West Coast Swing at May 2nd dance.
- Jon Serletic is teaching East Coast Swing at 1st dance in June
- April and Clayton will be teaching West Coast Swing at 2nd dance in June

Happenings

- No report

Marketing

- None

Dance Camp Chicago

- This was a very successful year for Dance Camp. Attendance was huge (@500). Dance Camp was the first event in 2 years to run a successful Newcomer Division on the Country Two Step Tour. Many positive comments were heard regarding the Saturday Night Show.
- The Board of Swing 'n' Country would like to thank Leah (and crew) for their efforts in creating Dance Camp 2015.
- E-mail motion for Dance Camp Chicago 2016 to be held on February 26-28, 2016 was made by Leah and seconded by Don Moeller/Richard Cooper. Motion passed.

New Business:

- Maren Oslac would like to borrow the balloon towers for Heart n Sole's Medal Ball. Don will contact Maren to coordinate the transfer of the balloon towers.
- Granite City in Schaumburg has been chosen for the April 27 transitional meeting. Marcia will send out address to current as well as new Board members.
- Random emails to the board should be answered by appropriate committee members (i.e, Ingrid will respond to questions regarding lessons/instructors). Responders should hit "reply all" when responding so the board is aware that the email has been answered.
- Hospitality table will be moved so it is not located under the heat vent (overly dried carrots and guacamole!). Joanne will be contacted to keep the soccer players from eating SNC food. A sign will be created designating the food for SNC participants only.
- Marcia will discuss the many scheduling conflicts that have occurred with the HiView Restaurant (use of the back room).

For the good of the club:

- SNC received acknowledgements at the Chicago Classic for the club donation.
- Sylvia Berman (an attendee from New York) credited SNC-Dance Camp on Facebook.

Next meeting: April 27, 2015 at Granite City, Schaumburg, IL

Adjournment

Marcia motioned/Reike seconded that the meeting be adjourned at 8:46 pm. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Susie Kaplan