

Swing'n'Country Board Meeting

January 27, 2011

Present: Rich Cooper, Ingrid Dubman, Julie Hein, Jerry Kieras, Leah Noparstak, Karen Saunders, Deborah Sitter

Absent: Don Moeller

The meeting was called to order at 7:19 pm by Leah.

Rich read the Mission Statement...with feeling.

Treasurer's Report

- Rich presented *colorful* graphs indicating
 - Income
 - DCC 40%
 - Lessons 28% (~\$16,900)
 - Dances 21.5% (~\$13,000)
 - Membership 6%
 - Expenses
 - Lessons 22% (~\$12,000)
 - Dances 21% (includes Friday lesson) (~\$11,000)
 - Julie moved and Karen seconded that the December report be accepted. Vote was unanimous. **Motion carried.**
- Ingrid moved and Jerry seconded that the 2011 budget be accepted. Vote was unanimous. **Motion carried.**

Secretary's Report

- Rich moved and Deborah seconded that the report be accepted. Vote was unanimous. **Motion carried.**
- Action items carried forward:
 - **Leah** will check with Doug/John and Rich to see how to handle DCC pre-registration/on-site registration money.
 - **Leah** will send Mayl's WCS syllabus to board members for their consideration in adopting it (with Mayl's permission)

Committee Reports

Dance Camp Chicago

- Early Bird registration deadline is today (1/27)
 - 99 weekend passes (goal was 95 by today)
 - 12 student passes
 - 49 members/39 non-members
- Competition
 - 37 WCS J&J
 - 11 Two Step J&J
 - 15 Pro Am WCS
 - 6 Pro Am Two Step
- Dinner
 - Cost of dinner is <\$20 inclusive (thanks to Karen's hard work)
 - 25 dinners ordered

Happenings

- Kudos to Judi for her releases which are brief, attractive and informative.

- We are happy to have Deborah back on the Happenings review team.

Operations

- Elections
 - Nominations will be closed at the dance on February 4
 - Although nominations will be closed, members may be appointed to the Board once the new board is in place.
 - Current slate
 - President: Jerry (in place)
 - Vice President: Don Moeller (running)
 - Secretary: Deborah Sitter (running)
 - Treasurer: Rich (in place)
 - Board Member at large: Ingrid Dubman (2-year term)
 - Board Member at large: Leah Noparstak (2-year term)
 - Board Member at large: Karen Saunders (2-year term)
 - Board Member at large: Bob Vondrash (1-year term)
 - It appears that it will not be necessary to have an election
 - Qualities sought in Board Members
 - Trustworthiness
 - Honesty
 - Discretion
 - Ability to play well with others

Website

- Julie will submit approved Dec Board minutes to Roger for inclusion on the website.
- Committee lists should not be included on the website at this time. They may be included once the new Board creates them.
- Board Members were urged to include the Board Plus list on their personal address lists: Bill Dortch, Marla Rohlfing, Tobi Oberman, Roger Peterson, Judi Troemel
- Date for the next Board meeting is Monday, February 21, Anyways at 7:30 pm

Marketing

- Shirts with SNC logo are too expensive to use as a marketing tool at this time.

Education

- Schedule is set though June for both lessons and Friday dances
- Schedule from Sept-Nov is set for dances; Ingrid is working on lining up teachers for Friday dances during this period
- In general, the annual schedule includes the following monthly lessons
 - 2 Two Step
 - 2 West Coast
 - 1 Double Two
 - 1 Nightclub
 - 1 Hustle
 - 1 Waltz
 - 1 Cha
- Dance Masters has asked if SNC would like to host the Mario Friday dance again next year (January 20, 2012), in order to “even up” the two years that X-Dance hosted. Vote to accept (moved by Leah, seconded by Rich) was instantaneous, spontaneous and almost unanimous (with Ingrid and Julie abstaining). Motion carried.

Hospitality

- Karen will submit a December report.

Music

- Leah will get a disc containing April's suggestions for tempo of selected dances and distribute it to the Board for their comments.
- There were no complains received regarding the amended music rotation at the Mario dance.

For the Good of the Club

- Mario dance was spectacular!
 - 110 people attended the lesson
 - 182 people attended the dance (This includes complimentary admission.)
 - More than 20 new memberships were received.

Next Meeting: Monday, February 21, 7:30 pm, Anyways

Motion to adjourn was made (Rich) and seconded (Jerry) at 9:40 pm. Vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Julie Hein
Secretary

Action Items

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