

Swing 'n' Country Board Meeting

May 24, 2011

Meeting was called to order at 7:07 p.m..

Present: Jerry Kieras, Don Moeller, Rich Cooper, Deborah Sitter, Ingrid Dubman, Karen Saunders, Leah Noparstak, Holly Hayek, Tom Kostoff and Alisa Winkler.

Absent: Gary LaForte

Mission Statement was read by Tom Kostoff.

Member Presentations

- ❖ None

President's Report

- ❖ Jerry presented to the board the Swing 'n' Country Committees' list. Data and spelling accuracy were addressed.

Treasurer's Report

- ❖ The checking account has a balance of \$22,000.00. Rich recommended that we transfer \$15,000.00 to a Certificate of Deposit (CD) until December, 2010 when we will need to have funds available for expenses of Dance Camp Chicago (DCC). Deborah moved and Ingrid seconded that \$15,000.00 be moved into a CD. Vote was unanimous and the **motion carried**.
- ❖ The renewal fee for the annual report to the Secretary of State's Office is \$39.25.
- ❖ Rent is being increased from \$250 to \$300 for rental of the room for Friday dances. At our October or November meeting, we will discuss the possibility of raising the cost of lessons on Friday night dances to recoup the extra expense.
- ❖ Leah moved and Karen seconded that we accept the report. Vote was unanimous. **Motion carried**.

Secretary's Report

- ❖ Karen moved and Alisa seconded that we accept the report. Vote was unanimous. **Motion carried**.

Committee Reports

Dance Camp Chicago

- ❖ The first meeting for 2012's DCC was held on May 19th, 2011. Next year's DCC is the 24th thru the 26th of February. This is the 4th weekend of the month.
- ❖ There will be no Saturday night buffet.
- ❖ The cost of the workshop pass will increase by \$5.00 (\$50 to \$55), after early-bird price (\$75 to \$80), and week-end pass (\$65 - \$70).
- ❖ No video passes will be sold. Everyone will be able to video without paying. Becky Larson will still be DCC's official videographer.
- ❖ Cha-Cha is being added as an additional lesson, along with the existing classes of WCS, 2 Step, and Hustle.

- ❖ Pro-am strictly will be divided up by age groups: 40 and under/ 41 and over.
- ❖ Pro-am routines will be offered again.

Happenings

- ❖ Currently 3 people are reviewing Happenings monthly releases: Roger Peterson, Deborah Sitter and Alisa Winkler. Leah volunteered to be the 4th person which fills up the 1 opening.
- ❖ Judi Troemel attended the Constant Contact seminar to understand Social Networking in combination with Con/Con promotion. It was very enlightening and produced the idea to increase our presence on Facebook with photos and fun information. Alisa Winkler was also given Judi's seminar notes.
- ❖ There is some concern that there is no official back-up person for Happenings. Thoughts on this are encouraged at the next meeting.

Special Events

- ❖ The Christmas dinner dance will be the 1st Friday in December, the 2nd of the month.

Operations

- ❖ The microphone is still out being repaired. Don will check out the cost of purchasing a new one.
- ❖ The suggestion of purchasing colored lights was discussed and voted upon on via email. Ingrid motioned that the club purchase the colored lights. Leah seconded and the vote carried with 9 yes, 1 no, and 1 no response.

Website

- ❖ Roger Peterson has reported that there are gaps in the history of our Archive Report. Leah will send last year's lesson archiving to Roger. Jerry will find out what flyers Roger needs and get them to him.

Marketing

- ❖ Judi has printed our 3 month calendar, comprised of the months of June, July, and August.

Education

- ❖ Proposed instructors and dates for the upcoming year of 2012 were discussed with a few adjustments made.
- ❖ It was decided that there will be a Pre-Dance Camp dance on February 17th, 2012 run by the Dance Camp committee. There will be no lesson.
- ❖ Discussion of having 5th Friday dances was tabled until the June meeting.

Life Membership

- ❖ Julie Hein, Roger Peterson and Tom Kostoff are the committee members. Questions were raised as to what is the criteria for nominating someone for Life Membership to the club. Tom will go back in the minutes to search out the answer.
- ❖ Merry Chapman's induction went well. Merry appreciated the whole evening and all those along the way that contributed to the club's success!
- ❖ We will give it 2 months' time to hopefully locate the missing award plaque.

Hospitality

- ❖ We are under budget for hospitality expenses due to DCC and also Karen's shopping and budget skills!
- ❖ Ingrid, Karen and Alisa will get together and discuss possible themes for up-coming dances.

Music

- ❖ Our DJ Matt has indicated that he will not be available during the entire year due to day job requirements. Leah rescheduled Ken and April to cover the rest of the 2011 calendar year.

Membership Drive

- ❖ Leah passed out the new SNC Membership Schedule for all board members to review and comment by email. All memberships will end on August 31st and begin on September 1st, 2011.
- ❖ In order to get everyone changed over, memberships will be pro-rated.
- ❖ The cost of the annual membership will not change.

Volunteers

- ❖ Holly Hayek has joined Deborah Sitter to help round up volunteers to assist in the taking down after the dances. Our list of volunteers has diminished from 11 to 8. We will be asking around!
- ❖ Volunteers receive 2 points for helping after the dance.

Dance Angels

- ❖ Suggestions and comments were discussed regarding the recruitment of more angels.
- ❖ We will again start announcing and introducing them at the beginning of the dance.
- ❖ Board members are NOT allowed to be Dance Angels because we already are supposed to act like Dance Angels!
- ❖ The purpose of Dance Angels is to seek out first-time attendees and other individuals sitting on the side-lines. They are not to dance with long-time members nor those with advanced skills.

Community Outreach

- ❖ We have been asked by Rose Simone, a staff member of Victory Centre of Bartlett, to entertain its members with a demonstration of our dancing skills for 30 to 60 minutes. It is a supportive living and senior apartment community. A date has not been set nor have our dance members and board members committed to this event. Discussion was tabled until the next meeting.

For the Good of the Club

Our last dance of May 20, 2011 had a great turn-out and excellent music!

Next meeting is June 21st, 2011.

Adjournment

Don moved and Rich seconded that the meeting be adjourned at 10:04 p.m.. Vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

Respectively submitted,

Deborah E. Sitter