

Swing 'n' Country  
Board Meeting  
August 25<sup>th</sup>, 2008

Leah called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Ann Clark, Roger Peterson, Tina Reitz, Jerry Kieras, Penny Rusch, Rich Cooper, Leah Noparstak, Tobi Oberman, Alfred Dahma,

Absent: Julie Hein

The Mission Statement was read by Roger.

Member Presentation
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- Don Bright, Co-Event Director of Dance Camp Chicago presented the preliminary budget to the board for discussion. Action: All board members to review DCC budget and comment to Don
- Don was very pleased to announce that the brochure and registration form is available now and that this is the earliest that it has ever been out.
- Don brought up the follow topics for group discussion:
  1. PayPal issues – does SNC want to use PayPal again? Last year there was some confusion about the complex manner that Pay Pal charges; this was not a problem, however, extra bookkeeping was required. There was a discussion regarding whether Dance Camp should just pay the PayPal fees rather than charge the purchaser. No decision was made. Does SNC want the ability to use PayPal through the year? Action – Roger
  2. Bob Bahrs was unaware of the dates for DCC as of a week ago. Action: Leah to create action plan for the DCC floor.
  3. SNC credit card – does SNC want to look into getting a credit card? Action – Richard
  4. Happenings Promotion – Dance Camp Chicago would like the ability to use Happenings liberally (announce new flyer & registration form, announce website & on-line registration). Special blast regarding New! And Improved!
  5. Event Insurance – does SNC want to look into getting event insurance for Dance Camp Chicago? Action – Richard
  6. Advertising – Need Chairperson

#### Treasurer's Report

- It was moved (unknown) and seconded (unknown) that we accept the report. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed
- The club may be able to save money by getting tax exempt status as a not-for-profit organization. Action: **Richard** to investigate whether this is possible and what the benefits would be.

#### Membership Committee

- Part of Treasurer's report. No questions.

#### Secretary's Report

- It was moved (unknown) and seconded (unknown) that June's minutes be approved with changes. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.
- July's minutes will be approved via e-mail. Please take a look at the rough outline sent by Julie from California to fill in any blanks. Action – **entire Board**

#### Education Committee

- Need Lesson/Instructor for 2<sup>nd</sup> November dance

#### Operations Committee

- Roger presented a historical look at our dance attendance as well as the staffing chart with peoples' abilities.
- Merry Chapman has requested that someone more active in the club take over responsibility for the Hotline. Marlene had suggested that she may be able to do this. Action: **Roger** to call Marlene Kenney ("with a K")

#### Marketing Committee

- Roger put a flyer program into place with flyers being dispersed to all clubs.
- Board was asked whether or not we thought it would be appropriate to do research on SNC "give a ways". Board is interested in: hand towels, water bottles, key chain w/pen & jackets. Action – **Susie**
- It was moved (Roger) and seconded (Susie) that the SNC 2008 approved budget be modified to include an interim marketing budget of \$20 per month to copy flyers. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

## Music Committee

- Leah still working on music guidelines and committee will need to meet before guidelines are brought before board for approval.

## Website

- Any Board Member who would like to stop having their SNC e-mail address forwarded to their personal e-mail to lower amount of spam needs to tell Roger so he can set that person up to check their e-mails through the web host.
- Dance Camp Chicago website is: [www.dancecampchicago.swingncountry.net](http://www.dancecampchicago.swingncountry.net)

## Special Programs Committee

- Nothing to present at this time.

## Happenings

- Report (if needed) will be presented via e-mail.

## Dance Camp Chicago

- Taken care of during Member presentation

## New Topics

- 2008 – 2009 calendar looked at for accuracy of dances, lessons & board meetings
  - September work schedule passed around
- Hospitality Committee Planning
  - Themes presented for October 2008 through June 2009.  
Following motions were presented by Susie:
    - October 3<sup>rd</sup> 50/50 raffle with proceeds going Juvenile Diabetes Association. Prizes list will be done via email if it has a monetary value. Seconded by Roger. Vote unanimous. Motion passed.
    - Sadie Hawkins Day Dance (November 7<sup>th</sup>) - Men will get in for half price. Seconded by Jerry. Vote unanimous. Motion passed.
    - 50/50 raffle (April 17<sup>TH</sup>) – seconded by (Ann) with proceeds to be determined by committee and brought to the board for approval. Vote unanimous. Motion passed.

- Food drive (June 19<sup>th</sup>) with a maximum of 6 food items for ½ off. Seconded by Rich. Vote unanimous. Motion passed
- JNJ at January dance was discussed and tabled for further discussion. (Issues: we do not have 2<sup>nd</sup> dance in January, JNJ is “special” activity?, should we do it (if at all) in February as a Dance Camp Chicago “warm up”?)
- Kristin and Monty Ham will be in town during October (weekend of the 10<sup>th</sup>). It was moved (Roger) and seconded by (Susie) for SNC to sponsor \$200 towards facility rental at the Center at North Park for Saturday workshops. As well as on SNC website and Happenings blast. Vote not unanimous. Motion passed.
- Database - Need additional help with database. Discussion tabled until we find Access Master. Action: Roger and Alfred to search for someone who can take the database to the next level.
- Elections: Roger has the action to get the elections organized per the guidance in our By-Laws.

For the Good of the Club:
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- Bob and Paula greatly appreciated the winnings for the Masters Competition.
- Swing N Country Dance Club at Framingham, MA has dances with 60 people. One of their house DJs does a play list for the dance. Mixers are done in an interesting fashion.

Roger motioned seconded by Jerry to adjourn at 10:05 pm. Motion passed

Meeting was adjourned.