

Swing'n'Country Board
Meeting
2/9/09

Present: Ann Clark, Rich Cooper, Alfred Dahma (by phone), Julie Hein, Susie Kaplan (by phone), Tobi Oberman,

President Leah Noparstak called the meeting to order at the Spaghetti Warehouse at 7:35 pm.

Mission statement was read by Ann.

Treasurer's Report

- ASCAP renewal is in the works (and forthcoming) as well as possible late fees for the last two years. Rich will see if our DJs are members of ASCAP. If they are, we don't need to join. The sense of the group is that if we belong to ASCAP, we don't need to belong to BMI.
- Public Storage is still in limbo. (Person who is supposed to be our contact person seems never to be available.)
- Other public facilities are located on Rte 83, which might be closer to the Waterford (assuming that we keep DCC at the Waterford).
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Secretary's Report

- Under Operations, line item four should read: "SNC owns a wireless, hand-held mic, which may be used for announcements. Roger will investigate whether this is a viable option for announcements."
- Under Chicago Classic, it should be noted that the motion to offer \$500 to the Youth Scholarship Program was voted on. Vote was unanimous. **Motion passed.**
- Moved (Roger) and seconded (Rich and Ann!) that the minutes be approved as amended. Vote was unanimous. **Motion passed.**

Operations

- Bose unit was purchased; it has gotten rave reviews at lessons from Maren. We got a great deal from Circuit City and Roger's financial acumen!
- Bill videotaped for Roger at lessons.
- Shure wireless mic price is not going to change; Don/Julie have offered to loan one of their mics to use at DCC in the third workshop room. We will delay purchase for a month or two

Database

- Registration of attendees at lessons and dances via the Excel spreadsheet seems to be going well. We will expand this file to include all information needed for membership.
- Quickbooks will be maintained for accounting purposes.
- Julie will send the mailing list from the DCC/Mario mailing to Leah for inclusion, as appropriate, in the new database.

Website

- Roger will include contact information for instructors on the website.

Marketing

- Roger will create the March flyer. Jerry will pick up the responsibilities for future flyers.

Hospitality

- There was involvement of new, non-Board members in the last dance. This is the start of something good!

Music

- Ken announced the dances as they were played.
- Several comments were received about this new feature but not enough to form a consensus.
- Committee will discuss length of songs played
- Music at the last dance was improved.

Education

- Susie and Penny will remind instructors to see if bios/contact information is up to date. Collection of this information will imply consent.
- Numbers at lessons and dances continue to be high

Special Events

- April: 50-50 Who will work?
- May: Used clothing – Ann will contact Judi, Kathy and Susie about working on the committee
- June: food drive
- Summer “non-picnic”

Happenings

- Compliments received from DDC Chair Don B about publicity in Happs

Dance Camp

- Four vendors
- Many fishbowl prizes
- Julie will e-mail list of fishbowl prizes to Leah and Tobi for organizational purposes

- Julie will ask Ballroom City for floor time for fishbowl drawing

Elections

- Because of the number of people running for contested positions, bios are limited to half a page.
- Top three vote-getters will be appointed to one-year positions.
- Roger will finalize list of those eligible to vote
- Roger will generate letter to five people on the one-year list, explaining item number two above

Chicago Classic

- Moved (Rich) and seconded (Ann) that we amend our offer of support to the Classic as follows: At this time, purchase a one-page ad at prevailing rate and, pending the results of Dance Camp Chicago, donate funds not to exceed \$500. Penny (by phone) and the rest of the Board voted yes.
Motion passed.

On-Line Feedback

- Reminder to Board members who agreed to write responses: get with it!

By-Laws

- We will schedule a special Board meeting to address this issue...*after* Dance Camp!

For the Good of the Club

- Good buzz regarding Dance Camp

Motion (Roger) and second (Rich) to adjourn at 10:24 pm

Next meeting is March 23.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie