

Swing 'n' Country Board Meeting

April 5, 2011

Jerry called the meeting to order at 8:40 p.m..

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

Absent: None

Mission Statement was read by Gary LaForte.

Member Presentations - None

Treasurer's Report – None

Secretary's Report - None

Committee Reports

Dance Camp Chicago

Next year's DCC will be held February 24th thru 26th, 2012. Some general rules for DCC were gone over for the benefit of the new board members:

- ❖ Board members are welcome to work the week-end to get in free. The DCC meetings are open to the board but it is not a requirement to attend them.
- ❖ Saturday night dinner is a cost to ALL.
- ❖ V8 positions are positions for those that volunteer 8 hours of their time

DCC 2011 had the best attendance ever!

Happenings

Currently Roger, Leah and Deborah review Happenings. Alisa Winkler volunteered to be added to the group.

Operations

Jim Minard is looking into the purchase of gel caps for the lighting at the dances. The goal is to have them in place for our anniversary dance in May.

Gary LaForte volunteered to be in charge of the Dance Angels

Deborah Sitter has been in charge of rounding up volunteers to help take down after the dances on Friday nites. Holly Hayek has volunteered to assist in recruiting more members to assist with the job.

Special Events Committee

Tom Kostoff has volunteered to join the committee.

Marketing

Alisa Winkler has volunteered to take over making the flyers. She also will take ownership of the marketing board.

Education

The current approved SNC Teacher list was read to the board. It was decided to remove Jim Becker from the list. Also, Leah volunteered to join the committee.

Hospitality

Karen Saunders is the chair for the committee. She voiced that she has enough volunteers to assist her with the preparation of the refreshments.

Music

Gary LaForte volunteered to head the committee. He will be the liaison to the three (3) D.J.'s that we work with. Leah will find and send the D.J. guidelines to the members of the board.

Membership Drive

Previous to the meeting tonight of April 5, 2011, it was decided to have all SNC members pay their annual membership dues at the same time, that being the month of September. In order to convert everyone to the new time frame, membership dues will need to be pro-rated. Julie and Leah are currently working on this tedious project and will email the board by April 12, 2011 with a more finished procedure to complete the transition. A letter will be prepared along with a bill for each SNC member that will explain the pro-rating and the amount each member will owe in September. Leah will then do the mail-merge and Jerry will print them. Single memberships are now \$20.00 and \$35.00 for couples.

For the Good of the Club

- ❖ Ingrid Dubman passed out a copy of a letter from a SNC member encouraging and bringing to our attention the lack of young adults attending our dances and lessons. After some discussion, the matter was tabled until our next meeting. All board members are encouraged to come with some suggestions regarding attracting the young crowd to come to SNC.

Brian Wong approached the SNC to sell tickets to his Thursday lessons. A vote was taken and unanimously all opposed the proposition.

All Board members were asked to bring suggestions to our next meeting at Anyways for restaurant locations for future meetings.

Next meeting is May 24th, 2011, with the June meeting being June 21, 2011 and the July meeting being July 19, 2011.

Adjournment

Leah moved and Rich seconded that the meeting be adjourned at 10:30 p.m. Vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

Respectively submitted,

Deborah E. Sitter