

GREAT LAKES SWING DANCE CLUB

Board Meeting Minutes

October 10th, 2011

Call to order at 7:40 p.m.

Officers Present: Stuart Rogers, Ernie Callard, Matt Kelley, Jim Vroman, Jim DeVoe, Leo Brennan, Becky McGinnis, Diane Kopec

Members Present: None

Accept Minutes: Motion: M.Kelley Second: S.Rogers
Yes: 8 No: 0 Abstained: 0

Treasurer's Report by L. Brennan

A. Checking \$2695, Savings \$3200, YTD \$4200 on low side.

Business Discussed

A. Options to cut expenses

- a. Club to stop buying pop. Members buy their pop. If this happens then might consider RRink to sell their own water.
- b. Appreciation Dance charge of \$5/person.
- c. Increase weekly door cost from \$7 to \$8.
- d. Raise price on shirt night to \$5.
- e. Newsletter surcharge of \$5/address to cover cost of yearly postage.
 - i. Put in renewal/new membership form for 2012.
 - ii. Possible check into lowering assembly cost- revisit later.
 - iii. Possible group email of newsletter.
 - iv. Encourage subscribers to go online.
- f. Raise membership dues \$5 (now \$20, \$25 past due, \$35 November thru February).
- g. Birthday cakes cost \$500/year.
- h. Increase the Members of the club.
- i. Pizza on 5th Wednesday removed.

B. Options Motioned on and confirmed:

- a. *Motion to raise shirt night to \$5 for Members effective January 1st, 2012:* S.Rogers, 2nd M.Kelley, Yes:7, No:0, Abstained: 1
- b. *Motion to implement surcharge of \$5 for Newsletter at time of renewal/new membership, effective November 1st:* M.Kelley, 2nd E.Callard, Yes: 8, No: 0
- c. *Motion to raise membership dues \$5 effective November 1st:* J.Vroman, 2nd L.Brennan, Yes:8, No:0
- d. *Motion to discontinue all pizza effective immediately:* E.Callard, 2nd L.Brennan, Yes:8, No:0

C. Picnic

- a. – Will be Free Appreciation Dance – Appreciation Dance is now renamed Spring Fling and will be a charge for members.

D. Club Lessons

- a. Club opens at 6:00, if lessons are given 15 minutes earlier it's at the digression of the instructor.
- b. Discussion on ½ hour beginner, ½ hour intermediate – at digression of instructor.
- c. Assess if T.Sweets attempt at ½ & ½ is successful or not at end of month.

- d. Vote on policy of how lessons should be given after month's end.
- E. DJing
 - a. Suggest to DJ's making an emphasis on lesson 3 to 4 times throughout the night.
 - b. Suggestion to not publish DJ's due to lack of attendance based on DJ – this would create a huge amount of unnecessary calls to board members.
- F. Desk
 - a. Keep to ½ hour, 45 minutes is too long.
 - b. Board members to count money.
 - c. At membership time, hire extra people to check over membership forms.
- G. ABA Meeting Mid January
 - a. E.Callard volunteered not to go to save cost.
 - i. Will get minutes in email & agenda.
 - ii. Give vote to another club to vote on.
 - iii. Will miss getting some very good information from ABA that you don't get in Cincinnati.
- H. Board Fees
 - a. Eliminate Board Members getting in free – Will have to amend the By-Laws to Standing Rules.
 - i. Wait till next year when elections go on.
 - ii. NY's dance pay ½ price.
 - iii. Board Members are making donations at the present time.
- I. Gordon's Food
 - a. Fill out form and put letter on stationery to Gordon's – Leo volunteered.
- J. 50/50
 - a. Remember on shirt night.

Next Meeting- TBD

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Move to adjourn the meeting: 9:22 p.m.

Motion: M. Kelley Second: L.Brennan Yes: 8 No: 0

Respectfully submitted by D. Kopec