



# Ballroom Dance Club of Fairbanks, Inc.

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES February 22, 2007

Meeting was called to order at about 6:00 p.m. at Fairbanks Resource Agency

Directors Present: Steve Nelson, Patty Nelson, Sue Waryas, Rae Dinsmore, Scott Luper, Mary Lindahl, Scott Bates, Jack Schmid, Holly Stack, Stan Justice

Absent: Lorrie Rea

Staff: Sydney Seay

Guests: Tom Duncan

A quorum was present.

**Connect and Hellos:** Pizza!

**Agenda Review and Additions:** Agenda was approved.

### Presidents Report

- Working Together:** Steve discussed the good teamwork that is making the board effective.
- Public Image:** Steve pointed out activities that helped our image in the community.
- Time Constraints:** The time slots on the agenda should not be viewed as being hard and fast. If we are on topic and working towards a decision we should keep going.

### Treasurers Report

- Monthly Treasurers Report:** Mary provided a written report and went over it. Moonlight ball cost us almost \$600 which was considered good.

### Minutes

- Sue moved and Mary seconded that we approve minutes of the last meeting. Vote was unanimous in favor.

### Committee Business

#### Programs:

- Continuing Education:** Steve gave some background and Scott, Holly, and Rae reported on information they have gathered. The concept is to bring up an instructor that would teach our instructors and also provide classes to students. Two instructors have been contacted. We discussed certification but the general feeling was that we did not want to go down the lock step mold of ballroom scripture. We want to help our instructors advance.

Scott and Holly will continue to pursue this with input from our instructors. Discussed having it in August, just before our fall dance season

- Last Term:** Scott will be working on setting up the final spring term.

### **Social Activities:**

- Moonlight Ball:** While the event was a smashing success the Princess was not great to work with – late getting room ready, dirty floor, dirty plates, out of water, poor food, no vegetarian food. We have asked them to buy more dance floor and they did buy some but need more. Talked about alternate venues.

- Lathrop Swing Club Fundraiser:** This event was also a great success – Jose was a good DJ, lots of great dancing and they did a good job of clean-up.

- March 3<sup>rd</sup> Social Dance:** Jeanne Daniel and others will host the March 3<sup>rd</sup> Social. It will be a Blues Brothers theme. They asked for \$100 for snacks. Jack moved and Rae seconded and \$100 was approved for the 3/3/07 dance snacks.

### **Facilities:**

- Floor Marks:** Tennis ball on a stick works for removing scuff marks. We are on the hunt for the shoes that leave a green/blue/black mark.

### **Membership:**

- Status:** Scott B. reported 154 members. He will get the list to Isabel for insurance. Discussed our current lack of sending membership reminders – no decision. Discussed having a couple or family membership – some felt it would add complexity – no decision.

### **Publicity:**

- Status:** Lorrie and Holly split up the duties and got the advertising out. Discussed summer schedule (July and late August dances). Discussed theme of dance for health. Fairbanks Square will be added to advertising.

- Business Cards:** Latest draft was circulated. Holly will complete.

### **NLCD:**

- Stove got cleaned, new garbage disposal installed, furnace fixed, refrigerator repaired (by Steve)

### **Adm. Asst.:**

- Classes:** Sydney reported things are going well with session wrapping up. She has started taking pre-registration for the next classes which is working well. Looks like new Sat. classes will go.

- Class Limit:** In the past board set a limit of 36 people per class. With a spot dance a larger number might work. Discussed going up to 50 with if it is ok with instructor.

- Megan to 1 Hour** Megan requested her class run 1.5 hours each. The result is late nights and some students have trouble with long classes. Sydney suggested going with 1 hour classes. No decision.

- Angels:** Sydney has been trying to get Angels more organized. There is an angel policy in the manual. Rea the school she attended that had a system of assistant instructors with special training and a defined role.

### **New Business**

- Chena Greenbelt:** Jack explained the project to keep a greenbelt along the base of Chena Ridge. He asked for dance lessons to auction off for the project. Rea moved and Mary seconded that we donate a 6 week series of lessons (1 hour lessons) for 2. Approved

- Non-Profit Status:** Some 5 years ago we began the process of getting non-profit status. We have been in a

probationary period. Jack will pull together the data needed to complete our submittal to IRS.

- FNSB Annual Party:** Tom Duncan asked the club to provide dance demos at the FNSB annual party in the civic center March 3. Rae agreed to organize this.
- E-News:** Mary will be out of town so asked for a volunteer to put out the e-news to the ballroom list. Scott B. agreed to take this on.
- April 29 International Dance Day:** We decided to pass this idea on to NLCD

### **Old Business**

- The **Trifold Brochure** is still “in the works”.
- The NP **Rotary** lunch was discussed and tabled.
- Exit Poll:** Scott presented the first data from exit polls. Students are happy giving high marks to Wade and Tanya. Possible additional questions:
  - What time of the week is best for you to take classes? Was the class size too big?**
- **Music Computer** Moved it to the counter but then others want to play with it. It will get a sign that says DJ only or some such. Started listing the play list on the board so people can see what is coming.

### **Member and Public Comment**

- A new addition to the agenda. Some were concerned that there are things we discuss that should be board only. Steve wants our proceedings to be transparent and open. No decision.

### **Meeting Review and Wrap up**

- Next meeting: FRA conference room Thursday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> at 5:30 pm** (if room available)
- The meeting was adjourned at about 8 pm.