



Ballroom Dance Club of Fairbanks, Inc.

Annual Membership Meeting
November 1, 2008 Minutes

Meeting was called to order at about 7:30 p.m.

Directors Present: Sue Waryas, Jack Schmid, Stan Justice, Janet Thorpe, Holly Buzby, Tom Duncan, , Nam Joen, Sydney Seay, Mike Leonard

Absent: Holly Stack, Scott Luper

Staff: Scott Bates

Members: 23 members were present including board members. We also had 14 proxies from members that could not attend. In attendance (as best I could read): Don Turner, Renner ?, Anne Foster, Mark Kraft, Anna Berge, Carmen Moelders, Gerhard Kramm, Harold Woody Woods, Chris Matthews, David Webster, Daniele Thompson, Irina Mueller.

Proxies on hand: Margo Matthews, Terri Babers, Jeff Walters, Elizabeth Kane, Roger Chenoweitt, JoAnne Chenoweth, David Carroll, Jamie Carroll, Richard Kemnitz, Nina Tartakoff, Pam Oleson, Jim Oleson, Gail Johnson, Anton Johansen

A quorum of members was present or proxied.

Location: Pioneer Park Dance Hall

Jack called the meeting to order and gave a short overview of club activities for the year and said our finances are in good shape. He also introduced the board members and listed the tasks they work on.

Jack then opened the meeting for member input.

Anna Berge pointed out that the club accounts have grown to over \$40,000. She suggested that we spend the money bringing up instructors for workshops for dancers that have taken all the lessons we offer locally. This idea seemed to have general support from those in attendance

Don Turner said that the number of workshops seems to have dropped off. He pointed out that Stefani brought up ? Roberts and perhaps we could have had her do some workshops for us. He suggested we work closely with Stefani.

Don also asked for details of where our accounts stand. Janet listed off various accounts but the only number the Secretary got was that our total balance is about \$49,000.

Nicole gave her opinion that Richard Powers workshops were a disaster – she wanted cool moves not a history of swing dancing. Others said they like Richard's classes.

Someone pointed out that we raised class fees to cover cost of an administrator but then Sydney and others worked as volunteers so we banked a savings. With Scott being hired we won't make as much money on lessons.

Holly Buzby pointed out that our board meetings are open and members are encouraged to come and provide input.

Sandy Owen said that there are people willing to help but don't know what to do or how to do it. Dona said there were past plans to have a volunteer coordinator and everyone looked at Scott to perhaps do some of that.

Tom Duncan related that he is commonly the voice of caution when it comes to spending our savings. He went on to list some of the other things we have talked about spending money on such as training our teachers, holding review sessions, live music, paid administrator. He said we have no budget projections.

Renner suggested we participate in Midnight Sun demos and other events around town to get exposure for the club.

Daniele asked how instructor are paid. It was explained they get a base for any class that goes and so much per student for classes with higher attendance.

Chris Matthews suggested we work arrangements where we donate lessons to a company's Christmas party in exchange for services from the company. He works for Wright Air and suggested we could probably get tickets to anywhere Wright's flies in exchange for lessons the company could raffle off at the party. This was put into a motion a second was found and it passed unanimously.

Nominations were taken for the board. The following names were advanced.

Mike Leonard

Irina Mueller

All the expiring board members

Kara Hoover

Mark Kraft

Later Don called to nominate Jan ? (dances with Galen)