

**Ballroom Dance Club of Fairbanks Inc.
General Business Meeting
February 19, 2004**

Directors Present: Don Turner, Richard Kemnitz, Michael Smith, Patty Davis, Bruce Loughheed, Judy Kreith, Mary Christensen, Sue Trabke

Directors Absent: Jerry Blemke

General Members Present: Terri Babers, Jeanne Daniel, Terry Daniel

Call to Order: Meeting convened at 6:33 pm

Previous Meeting's Minutes: approved. Noted that we are missing minutes from December 2003.

Committee Reports:

Membership:

- Richard Kemnitz reported total of 145 members as of January 18
- Total of 300 individuals on list serve. "70-ish are crossovers with swing club list serve." Richard once again requested of Terri Babers (board member for UAF Good Time Swing Dance Club) that he be added as a co-moderator to swing club list serve to make this investigation easier.

Council Representative:

- Michael Smith reported that Terry Daniel is looking into the cost of Mirrors on behalf of the NLCD.
- The Tai Chi group is interested in assisting the NLCD with cost of mirroring walls. They will provide a cost estimate to NLCD.

Programs:

- Salsa Workshop financial report by Mary Christensen (see attached).
- Dance Practice: In response to Don's repeated concern that we need more volunteers to run Saturday dance practice, Richard raised issue of complicated process of practice music selection.
 - It was noted that Kurt had supplied excellent practice CDs but that there seemed to be a complication with using them.
 - After discussion, Don volunteered to create several new CDs that will eliminate the problem.
 - Judy offered to supply him with appropriate music for practicing various dances.
 - Suggestion was made that 4 people could volunteer and rotate Saturdays. No volunteers came forward.
- Partner rotation: Don raised issue of establishing a club policy on voluntary partner rotation during dance lessons.

- After a spirited debate, consensus (without a formal vote) was reached that all dance instructors would be asked to explain the benefits of partner rotation (emphasizing that rotation is NOT a requirement for taking the classes) to students and that a call for rotation will be made at 10 minute intervals at a time consistent with the instructional goals.
- Don reports subsequent conversation with all instructors. They all agreed.

Community Outreach: (see two attached proposals)

- Bruce and Patty reported arrangements to teach WCS at Silver Spur during Dance 4 Fun's regular Thursday evening lesson.
 - Jerry Blemke, Holly Busby, Terry and Jeanne Daniel will all participate in the lesson.
 - Terri B. raised issue of Club paying fee to instructors who are providing lessons to a for-profit organization such as Dance 4 Fun as this does not seem consistent with the club's desire to reach out to community clubs and organizations who are not-for-profit.

Communication

- Committee Report by Terri Babers (see attached)
- Terri B. announced that Kurt Byers had tendered his resignation from the Communication Committee. He has not ruled out offering his services for special events or coming back on the committee at a future date.

Social Activities:

- Starlight Ball report by Jeanne Daniel (see attached)
- Decision was reached to provide volunteer desk captains to collect admission fees at dances.
- Discussion regarding funds spent on food for social dances (currently \$40.00)
- A review of past minutes revealed a previous board decision to set the maximum allowance for food at dances at \$40.00.

Treasurer's Report:

- Report by Patty Lougheed (see attached report)

Facilities

Board Decisions Between February and March Meetings

- Bruce Lougheed volunteered to chair Social Activities Committee.