

Ballroom Dance Club of Fairbanks Inc.
General Business Meeting
August 20, 2004

Directors Present: Terri Babers, Patty Davis, Richard Kemnitz, Judy Kreith, Michael Smith, Sue Trabke, Don Turner

Directors Absent: Jerry Blemke, Mary Christensen

General Members Present: Elyse Guttenberg, Luke Hopkins, Angel Ramos

Call to Order: Meeting convened at 6:40 p.m.

Previous Meeting Minutes: Patty moved to accept May 21 minutes, Sue T 2nd. Motion carried

Treasurers' Report: Patty provided a copy of the bank statement and checks that have been written. Informed us that the Golden Days Dance has not yet been reconciled.

Committee Reports:

Membership:

- 25 p.m.
- Richard reported 155 members.
 - Noted that we will shortly have zero members as annual dues are due this month.
 - Discussion about this difficulty not having been foreseen by board when membership was changed from January-December to September-August. Be sure to send out notice with Ballroom eNews re membership renewal.
 - Reported 341 names on list serve. Discussed moderators and administrators as well as recent difficulties with website.

Programs:

- Rulon, Stephani, Jerry will not be available for instruction.
- Wade and Tonya, Judy, and Angel will provide instruction
- Jeff and Nevada Bovee will be available to give lessons prior to some dances this fall. We will be able to discuss having them as instructors in the spring.
- Patty suggested that we ask Jerry to provide some instruct-the-instructor pointers to Wade and Tonya to help make them more effective. Patty agreed to contact Jerry and ask him to do so.
- **Lesson Schedule:**
 - **Monday:** Wade and Tonya
 - 6 pm Social Ease II
 - 7 pm Social Ease I
 - 8 pm East Coast Swing
 - **Wednesday:**
 - 6 pm Lindy Hop—Judy
 - 7 pm Salsa—Angel
 - 8 pm Salsa—Angel
- Note that Salsa Classes will include some ChaChaCha and Bachata

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- Richard raised possibility of WCS classes sponsored by Swing Club at the Silver Spur.
- Some discussion re American Tango vs Argentine Tango.... Although Argentine Tango is the style most dancers in Lower 48 are enjoying, Wade and Tonya teach American so we will continue with American. Michael will check to see if Hall is available for 1 ½ hour prior to dance practice for Wade and Tonya to teach American Tango

Social Activities:

- Discussed Autumn Community Prom to be held in Dance Hall; a collaboration with Borough High Schools, the University, and the BDCF to provide a formal venue for younger Fairbanksans.
 - Michael will see if hall is available,
 - Terri will contact Stephani and Jeanne.
- Will hold Harvest Moon Ball on November 13 at the Princess Hotel

Communication: (no report)

Facilities:

- Sue T requests that we NOT dispose of plastic containers as they can be reused for food storage.
- Also reminded us to be VERY AWARE of street shoes for our dances. Golden Days dance resulted in some major scuff marks. Patty pointed out the Golden Days dance had lots of non-dance community attendees so that was to be expected.
- Suggestion that we take a break half way through dances to do a floor sweep which will emphasise the need for care and will help keep floor clean.

Don put in a plea for new board members.

- Patty said she has spoken to Vita about coming on as Treasurer

Terri brought proposal to discuss creating a position of Managing Director to help ease the burden for board and committee members. She suggests that our club continues to grow, but our volunteers are getting burned out.

- Board agreed to an ad hoc committee to investigate the possibilities of a Managing Director and put forth a proposal. The following agreed to participate in the ad hoc committee
 - Luke and Elyse
 - Terri Babers
 - Richard
 - Sue
 - Don
 - Judy
 - Michael

Meeting adjourned at 7:58 pm