

Old Farmers Ball Board Meeting

08/04/2003

Board Members Present: Paula Bishop, Laurie Fisher, Beth Molaro, Deborah Swanson, Audrey Davis, Bob Hileman, Bruce Black, Jesse Edgerton, Bill Hufnagle

Board Members Absent: Jonathan Gilbert, Andra Cagle, Megan Cadwall, Mark Lagner

Guests: Mark Richards, Brian Kitner, Jackie Hall, Ron Arps

Old Business

Volunteer Coordinator/Dance Manager:

Laurie will go through the OFB files, keep things organized and ensure there are copies of necessary forms (ie., serve as our “stuff” coordinator), in exchange for not having to host.

Swannanoa Gathering Sound Person Pay:

On Thursday, July 22, 2003, Deborah had sent an e-mail to the Board conveying a discussion she had had with Phil Jamison regarding the pay for the sound crew during Swannanoa Gathering. This e-mail, in part, stated that “It turns out that the Swannanoa Gathering has contracted with the sound person (Mark Richards this year) for the entire week, including the Thursday night dance. Phil says that this was also the case last year. He doesn't feel that we should be paying the sound person anything, because they are already paying him for that night. He feels we should take our cut and turn the rest of it over to them.” E-mail discussion followed over the next two days; all who responded concurred that the best course of action would be to (1) explain to Mark, with our apologies, that there had been a misunderstanding with regards to who would be paying him, and (2) take our cut from the Thursday night dances during Swannanoa Gathering, then turn the rest of the till over to Phil for him to pay the band, caller, and sound crew from.

At tonight's Board Meeting, Mark approached the Board regarding his and Brian's pay from the Swannanoa Gathering Thursday night dances. Mark was under the impression the OFB dance was separated from

Swannanoa Gathering and that the OFB was responsible for the sound on Thursday night, the Board was under the impression, per Phil Jamison, that sound was part of the Swannanoa Gathering contract. There was discussion between Mark and the Board, with the end impression that Jim McGill had been giving Mark and the Board differing reports before, during, and after the Swannanoa Gathering, Deborah's conversation with Phil, and the Board's e-mail conference. It was agreed that the Board would need to sit down with Phil and Jim to work these discrepancies out, and Bruce agreed to set up this meeting. Beth, Bob, and Deborah will compile a list of the components of organizing a dance so that there can be an agreement of who will be responsible for what at future Swannanoa Gatherings, and Mark will write a letter of his understanding of the sound crew pay agreement.

Christmas, New Year's Eve, and New Year's Dance:

As we had earlier agreed there would be no cancellations of OFB dances, we will have a dance both Christmas Day and New Year's Day, which fall on Thursdays this year. We will also aim to have a New Year's Eve dance, as this has been a success in the past. Christmas Day will possibly be community band/open mic. New Year's Eve Brian said he will do sound, contingent upon his wife okaying that, and Jackie volunteered to organize. New Year's Day we might have the Reckless Ramblers, Beth will check back with them and see if they are still available; they had contacted her earlier and she had turned them away because it has appeared we were not going to have a New Year's Day dance.

OFB Escrow Account for Ron's Trip:

Ron had approached the Board at the July meeting regarding the possibility of the Board holding an escrow account for the dance trip to New Zealand he is trying to coordinate. Participants in the trip would deposit funds into this account, the funds would then be paid back out to cover trip expenses, and no money would be left in the account at the end of the month. It was suggested that Bill Whalen and CDSS be asked regarding liability to the OFB in this venture, although who would be responsible for the asking was not settled. Audrey offered to ask two attorneys she knows, regarding liability in this as well.

Old Business Revisited

Sound Crew Pay:

Unanimous agreement to raise net pay to sound crew to \$100. Bruce will talk to Mark regarding the finances of this.

Sound System:

Brian Kitner and Bill will create racks for the sound system and standardize the system.

New Business

WNC Alliance:

WNC Alliance will be holding an event at Warren Wilson 7/27/03, for which we unanimously agreed to rent our equipment for \$75. The Alliance will be responsible for hiring and paying their own sound person.

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE THE **SECOND MONDAY IN
SEPTEMBER (09/08/2003, 6:45 P.M.), DUE TO LABOR DAY.**