

OLD FARMER'S BALL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MONTHLY MEETING

Monday, August 2, 2004

Grey Eagle Tavern ~185 Clingman Avenue Asheville, NC 28801

Board Members in Attendance: Bill Hufnagle, John Combs, Deborah Swanson, Audrey Davis, Paula Bishop, Andra Cagle, Laurie Fisher, Jonathan Gilbert, Beth Molaro, Hank Morris, Diane Silver

Board Members Not in Attendance: Jesse Edgerton, Jackie Hall

Guest(s): Phil Jamison

1) Meeting was called to order by President Bill Hufnagle, 2nd by Hank. Guest Phil Jamison was acknowledged.

2) Bill moved that Minutes from the July meeting be accepted as submitted. Laurie 2nd-ed. Minutes from the July meeting were accepted as submitted by unanimous consent.

3) Treasurer's Report - Deborah Swanson:

- \$17,330.34 currently in account.
- \$2518.00 has been received so far from Reunion dance registrations, above expenses, so far.
- About \$2000 more in checks is pending processing.

Recent expenses for OFB have included amp repairs and rentals; exact numbers are not available yet.

John Combs moved that the Treasurer's report be accepted; Bill 2nd-ed. The Treasurer's report was accepted by unanimous consent.

4) Discussion with guest Phil Jamison of recent misunderstandings regarding dances during the Swannanoa Gathering:

Phil is a founding board member of the Old Farmer's Ball, and has served as the liaison between OFB and Warren Wilson College (WWC) since the OFB dance moved to the current location at Bryson Gym.

There was general discussion aimed at clearing bad feelings that had developed from misunderstandings of e-mail that had been exchanged regarding the division of revenues at dances during Swannanoa Gathering weeks. (See attached series of e-mails). Phil was concerned about expressions of distrust and felt that he would prefer to resign his role as liaison, rather than continue to operate in such a climate.

There was general affirmation for Phil and the role he has played over the years, assurance of desire of both parties to maintain a friendly and trusting relationship, and an effort to clear the slate of bad feelings. There was a voice vote of affirmation for Phil to continue as liaison.

Phil also mentioned that WWC freshman orientation will take place in two weeks, and in the past, OFB has welcomed new freshman to the dance during that week for free. In previous years, WWC has reimbursed the band and caller for diminished revenue when a large percentage of dancers that evening were admitted for free. This year, the band and caller are Phil and WWC students.

Diane moved and Bill seconded that this year, WWC freshman be admitted for free on August 19, and the band and caller will work out any agreement for additional compensation from WWC among themselves. The motion passed unanimously. It was agreed that, in order to prevent anyone else from getting in for free, Phil will provide a list of freshmen, so they can give their names and be checked off at the door.

Old Business

5) Reunion report – John Combs

150 are registered so far. Everything is looking good. There is a great list of musicians registered. Cut-off is 250. The goal of 100 registrants has been met and exceeded.

6) Floor Report – Hank Morris

Re-cap from the June report: Erosion of the floor looks ok for now. Screw-cap covers for the belay holes in the floor have been custom made by a machine shop. We can leave them in until school starts; then we will have to put them for in each dance during set-up, and take them out again during clean-up.

Floor finish – there is not much left – it has all been worn off. We sweep before and after our dances. There is no need to re-finish the floor.

Mats and mops – Jonathan reported that there has been a problem with mop-heads (and sometimes handles too) disappearing from the gym. Currently we replace mop-heads every two weeks (we are billed for them), but they don't seem to always be there. There is also a need for walk-off mats, to help reduce dirt being brought onto the floor. Jonathan is pursuing both mats and mops. There was discussion of labeling the mop handles to indicate that they should not be removed from Bryson gym. Paula will make stickers. There was discussion of the condition of the floor under and around the stage. There is no coating. No decision for action was made. There was discussion of getting shoe-brushes for the door. It was decided not to pursue them.

7) Volunteer Policy - tabled

8) Timeline for OFB business – Bill Hufnagle

The timeline was discussed briefly – it has been available for review for several months now. Diane moved and Hank 2nd-ed that the timeline be accepted for operation as it currently reads, with the understanding that it may be amended any time as necessary. The motion passed unanimously.

9) Schedule January Annual Meeting with Snow Date – Waiting to hear back from WWC re. availability of Bryson Gym.

10) Board Retreat – Bill moved and Diane 2nd-ed that a Board retreat be held on the scheduled snow date for the annual meeting, unless the annual meeting is actually snowed out, and that it be added to the calendar as such. The motion passed unanimously.

11) New Year's Dance - It was agreed that we will ask Jesse to submit a report on progress on the New Year's dance via e-mail. Bill will e-mail Jesse to request it.

12) Board host schedule. Diane has offered to assist with or take over the board host scheduling. Jonathan will work out with Diane whatever level of assistance he wants.

13) Board host buttons – Laurie.

There is no new progress. Host buttons have been available for several months. They are kept in a small tin in the sound closet, near the basket of flyer. Whoever is host should wear a button. Laurie will create Board Member buttons for board members to be identifiable on nights when they are not hosting.

14) Insurance - Deborah received our insurance policy. She turned it over to Audrey to inspect and confirm that all is in order.

15) Volunteer poster – no progress. When the Volunteer committee meets, they will create a list for Paula to know whom to photograph.

16) Volunteer appreciation picnic – tabled.

17) Newsletter – Beth

Everyone should submit ideas, or let Beth know if you have a general idea for a submission; she should not be the sole author of the newsletter. She is aiming for the end of October for the first issue.

18) OFB laptop

Bill reported that the OFB laptop is back in his possession. It has been evaluated and determined to be unreliable. There was discussion about whether we should get it fixed or get a new one. Discussion included what the laptop is used for and how much need there is for it. The main function of the laptop has been for taking minutes and for keeping the membership database. David Dietrich is currently managing the database, so the laptop has not been used for that purpose for several years, and is not needed for that use at this time.

Beth offered to donate an old Toshiba laptop, once she is able to retrieve her personal data from it. It should be sufficient for simply taking minutes.

John moved and Paula 2nd-ed that we accept Beth's offer for the Toshiba for now. The motion passed unanimously.

John moved and Beth 2nd-ed that the old laptop be donated to MAIN. The motion passed unanimously.

New Business

- 19) Dance Center Dream in Boulder – removed from Agenda
- 20) OFB Endowment - tabled
- 21) Liberty Dollars - tabled
- 22) Improvements to Bryson Gym – Bill suggests Sound Attenuation with hung quilts. Toilet facility changes mentioned. Further discussion slated for September meeting.
- 23) Sound Board – Suggested that Sound Board be relocated to closer to door. Further discussion slated for September meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 08:45 P.M.

Next meeting will be Monday, September 13, 2004 @ 7:00 P.M. @ The Grey Eagle Tavern.

****BOARD MEMBERS: Please plan for all socializing to occur prior to 7:00 P.M. or after the meeting has adjourned.****