

Old Farmers Ball Board Meeting

09/08/2003

Board Members Present: Paula Bishop, Bruce Black, Beth Molaro, Andra Cagle, Jonathan Gilbert, Bob Hileman, Bill Hufnagle, Audrey Davis

Board Members Absent: Megan Cadwall (on leave-of-absence for Spring Semester 2003), Mark Lagner, Laurie Fisher, Deborah Swanson

Guest: Hank Morris

Old Business

New Year's Eve/New Year's Day:

Beth has booked the Reckless Ramblers to play the New Year's Day Dance. At the August 2003 Board Meeting, Jackie Hall volunteered to organize the New Year's Eve Dance; Bruce will call Jackie and follow up on this offer.

Sound:

At the August 2003 Board Meeting, it was decided that Brian Kitner and Bill would create racks for the sound system and standardize the system. Bill reports that Brian has offered to forego the sound pay raise the Board voted for in August 2003, if this financial situation would make the Board more amenable to funding the sound system Brian had first proposed in January 2003 and which the Board voted against in May 2003. It is suggested that it may be prudent for the Board to find a sound person more amenable to how the Board has voted to have the sound system done. Weego is suggested by several board members; Bruce will call Weego and discuss this possibility. A Board Member suggests Alan Phillips, no action was taken on the suggestion at this time.

Escrow Account for New Zealand Trip:

Board largely feels too much liability in this idea. Seven votes to deny proposal presented by Ron Arps at the July and August 2003 Board Meetings, one abstention.

Board Host/Volunteers/Volunteer Coordinator:

It appears that the sweeper volunteers have not been officially notified of the change in admission policy that the Board voted for in June 2003; responsibility had been taken for this in June, no new delegation of responsibility was made at this time. Jonathan has taken the position of Board Host Coordinator (Thank You Jonathan!). The position of Volunteer Coordinator has still not been filled. Bill notes that we need to get back to a regular rotation of volunteers; Bill will be out of town until October, but says he would be willing to step in as Volunteer Coordinator when he returns.

New Business

Attendance Cap:

Jonathan raises the question, as the dance hall can become crowded, particularly on evenings that popular bands are playing, would the Board like to place a cap on attendance? The possibility is also suggested that chairs could be removed from the edge of the floor on especially crowded nights. Overall Board consensus is that the dance works as it is now, and should be left alone.

Booking of Out-of-Town Bands:

Jonathan reports that Laurie has expressed dissatisfaction with the proportion of local to out-of-town bands booked, her concern being that not enough local talent is being invited to perform for the Old Farmers Ball. Beth reports that Laurie has expressed this discontent to her as well, and that after reviewing the booking for 2003, the break-down of bookings is as follows (local being considered within a one-hour radius of Asheville):

11 bands of entirely out-of-town members, 7 bands blended of local and out-of-town members, 24 bands of entirely local members, 3 weeks of Swannanoa Gathering, 2 spots still open. Overall Board consensus is that Beth is doing a wonderful job (Thank You Beth!), and her system as it stands now should not be interfered with.