

# Old Farmers Ball

*“The Old Farmers Ball cultivates traditional folk and social dance in our community”*

Minutes of the April 9, 2012 meeting of the Board of Directors

The meeting was called to order by President Allen Bergal at 6:49 pm with a quorum present.

PRESENT Board Members: Able Allen, Allen Bergal, David Stalnaker, Dennis Merritt, Diane Silver, Joe Karpen, Nick Coker, Owen Shaffer, Robyn Blakely, Stefanie Wilkins, Terry Doyle

ABSENT Board Members: Danaan Henry, Heather Tinnaro, Jonathan Gilbert, Laura Lengnick

GUESTS: none

The minutes of the March 12 meeting were reviewed and approved by acclamation.

## **Old Business**

Purchase of a defibrillator - Allen - tabled.

Process for Board decision-making - Jonathan - tabled

Upon the recommendation of the Sound Committee, the public sound decibel meter light will not be purchased at this time. By consensus.

## **New Business**

The responsibility for the assignment of Dance Hosts to dances have been transferred to individual dance committees. If a dance committee is not able to fill all slots prior to a Board meeting, time during the Board meeting can be allocated for the task. By consensus.

Committee Reports will be collected by the Secretary and distributed via email to all Board members a few days prior to the Board meeting each month. Objections to actions recorded in the reports can be raised at that Board meeting. If the Board does not act to change a decision of a committee, then the decision stands. Committee Reports are then included as an appendix to the minutes of that Board meeting. While other topics can be included, Committee Reports should be focused on decisions taken by the committee. By consensus.

The English Country Dance Committee requests that the level of support for their dances be raised to \$2400 annually to allow for summer dances. Owen moved and Terry seconded a motion to change the annual amount of support for English Country Dances in the budget to \$2400. The motion passed unanimously.

Owen moved and David seconded a motion to allow Habitat for Humanity to have a booth at the 19 April dance and to recognize a local dancer receiving a home. The motion failed with 1 ye and 10 nays.

Upon motion by Joe and second by Able, the following resolution was passed unanimously: "The OFB will continue to promote regional dances as we have been doing."

Discussion concerning the use of key tags to identify OFB members at the door resulted in no action being taken.

Discussion about allocating funds to purchase T-shirts to resell resulted in no action being taken. It was felt once an individual or committee stepped forward to take on the project, the issue could be reconsidered.

It was moved by Joe and seconded by Allen to increase the amount of cash maintained in the cash box to \$80. The motion passed unanimously. It was further noted that Dance Hosts should inform the Board via email if less than \$40 in ones is in the box to allow the next Dance Hosts the opportunity to bring extra ones.

## **Other**

The Volunteers Committee will begin training Board members and volunteers starting in May. Training will be for Dance Hosts and door volunteers.

Dance hosting was scheduled and the meeting was adjourned at 7:52 pm.

Minutes submitted by Owen Shaffer, Secretary.

## Appendix A - Previously-submitted Committee Reports

### English Country Dance

ECD is thriving and growing. We average 40 dancers each Sunday dance.

\$6 at the door; \$5 for OFB Members

\$50 for two musicians and one leader; some regular musicians prefer to play with no pay. If we have extra gate money, we may pay a third musician \$50. ECD expense per dance paid for with gate money: \$150.

OFB Budget pays \$100 rent for each Sundays dance.

REQUEST TO OFB: We request an additional \$600 per year in order to have dances during the summer months of June, July and August, making a yearly total of \$2400. We are gaining momentum and want to continue during the summer months.

ECD Evening Ball, Mar. 30, 2012

\$10 at the door with no discount

\$300 to Jacqueline Schwab, who lead and played for the dance

App. 70 dancers for the evening.

Hall fee \$160 and paid for with gate money

The remainder gate money was deposited into OFB account.

We did not need for OFB to contribute to the Ball finances.

submitted by: Karen Gaughen

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### Sound Committee

The Committee has asked Weogo to locate a sound engineer and secure a quotation to develop a proposal for sound attenuation in Bryson.

Weogo is researching some options in inexpensive ear plugs to be made available for dancers, as a temporary measure.

The Committee voted 5/0 to advise the Board to not purchase a sound level alarm (public sound decibel meter with a flashing light). It was felt that sound attenuation should happen first.

Weogo knows of someone who has a sound level alarm which we might be able to borrow. The Committee intends to use it at some dances as a test.

The Committee has begun the process to develop a policy for the lending/renting of equipment, as charged by the Board. As part of that effort, we will update the inventory. We are planning to do this before a Thursday dance soon.

submitted by: Owen Shaffer

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### Thursday Dance Committee

Attending: Allan Bergal, Able Allen, Nic Coker, Wayne Scank, David Stalnaker and Heather Tinnaro. Robyn Blakely sat in a little bit later.

Discussions:

Owen Shaffer's asking about having a recognition of Habitat for Humanity volunteers and employees who are building a house for an OFB member. Decision to send this agenda item to executive committee.

Should we take membership enrollment at the dance table, or only online. Discussion of whether to do membership registration 4x/year or 2 weeks prior and two weeks after memberships are due. Submitting to board membership signup two weeks BEFORE September 1 and 2 weeks AFTER September 1 each year. Discussion on whether to have volunteers at dance table - separate from volunteers who are handling cash, raffle tickets and free-dance cards - who would accept applications and take cash for dance memberships.

Reviewed announcements done at dances. Heather is reworking announcement suggestion sheet.

Discussion of on how much oversight the board should have over volunteers.

Discussed cut-off time for cash count. We decided to request of the board that this time be within the range of 10:15 to 10:30 p.m.

Discussed the amount of cash to be left in the cash box at the end of the dance. We discussed the ongoing issue of running low on ones and/or fives. Proposed is \$80 - 40 ones, 4 fives and 2 tens.

Discussed the necessity of members' keychains to receive discount. T

The cash balance sheet is being updated to correct percentage.

Discussion of training for board hosts and volunteers. It is hoped this training will happen in May 2012. It was suggested that a trainer training should be scheduled before the next board meeting. It was decided training should be Every Thursday in May @ 6:30 p.m. prior to dances and on 1 Sunday.

Allen discussed the lost and found. He stressed the importance of not letting anyone, other than board members, hosts or volunteers into the closet - bring bins out of the closet. He wants the bins brought out when they fill..

submitted by: Able Allen