

Old Farmers Ball

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

Minutes of the May 14, 2012 meeting of the Board of Directors

The meeting was called to order by President Allen Bergal at 6:45 pm with a quorum present.

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

ABSENT Board Members: Able Allen, Danaan Henry, Joe Karpen, Jonathan Gilbert, Laura Lengnick

GUESTS: Joseph Howard

The minutes of the April 9 meeting were reviewed and approved by acclamation.

Old Business

Purchase of a defibrillator - Allen - tabled.

Process for Board decision-making - Jonathan - tabled.

Reports from the Board Retreat - tabled.

New Business

The Board acknowledges receipt of correspondence from a member of the community concerning a survey to solicit suggestions of bands, musicians, music, and callers for the Advanced Contra Dance. Several discussions occurred between the member and Owen, Allen, and Beth Molaro (a member of the Advanced Dance Committee). The member seems satisfied with the response, and the Board took no action.

A member of the community submitted a complaint about how a matter was handled at a previous Thursday Dance. A dancer was loudly cursing during a dance. Three Board members noticed this, and approached the individual. They determined that no further action was warranted after giving a warning to the individual. It appears that the cursing was directed at the individual submitting the complaint, who felt that the dancer should have been removed from the dance. The Board decided that the three Board members acted appropriately. Recognizing that new Board members may in the future be faced with similar situations, the Board has asked David to initiate a discussion online with the goal of establishing guidelines for handling deviant behavior at dances. A motion for a group hug failed due to a lack of a second.

We have received a request from Warren Wilson to contribute towards the refinishing of the floor at Bryson Gym. Allen will followup on this.

Upon motion from Diane and second by Dennis, the following motion passed 8 in favor, 0 opposed, and 2 abstentions. "Items placed on tables or the bulletin board at OFB dances will strictly be dance-related." Concerns centered around political and commercial announcements.

An email was received from Asheville Movement Community, Inc. about establishing a joint dance facility for use by multiple organizations. Owen will initiate an online Board discussion to form a response.

Other

The Y Dance last Saturday had 12 attendees. The Y Dance Committee is considering modifications to the dance.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:49 pm.

Minutes submitted by Owen Shaffer, Secretary.

Appendix A - Previously-submitted Committee Reports

Advanced Dance

We met on 2 May 2012. The following decisions were made.

1. Bands that are booked for the AD will generally have 2 or 3 members, and on rare occasions have 4. We will continue to use the same payout formula that is used for the Thursday Dance.
2. Starting in September we will encourage dancers to bring snacks to be eaten at the break. This will be done informally, without signing up.
3. We will get input on future callers, bands, musicians, and music at the May dance. The survey is attached.

Reminder: There will be no Advanced Dances during June, July, and August.

Submitted by Owen.

Splash Dance

We had a meeting on May 1st.

- The musicians leading the bands are well in place, with pretty much the same talent as last year.
- Changes to parking and traffic flow were discussed.
- We're purchasing new lights and photo booth equipment and splitting the expense with the New Year's committee.
- The nature of the afternoon dances, barn, family, old time, were discussed, without making a final decision.
- Some Reorganizing of the afternoon beach, swing activities was discussed.
- Cut off was decided to remain at 250, although with a little slop depending on how close we are to the dance itself.
- The button party was expanded to include signs and t-shirts.
- Registration was noted to be 20% full, which is ahead of last year.
- Sound is booked and committed for the dance.

Submitted by Dennis.