

# **Old Farmers Ball**

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

Minutes of the September 10, 2012 meeting of the Board of Directors

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Able Allen, at 6:35 pm with a quorum present. The Vice President presided at the entire meeting.

PRESENT Board Members: Able Allen, Allen Bergal, David Stalnaker, Dennis Merritt, Diane Silver, Heather Tinnaro, Jonathan Gilbert, Nick Coker, Owen Shaffer, Stefanie Wilkins

ABSENT Board Members: Danaan Henry, Joe Karpen, Laura Lengnick, Robyn Blakely, Terry Doyle

GUESTS: Charles Lord, David White

The minutes of the August 13 meeting were approved by acclamation.

## **Old Business**

none

## **New Business**

David stated that he is having trouble getting Board members to fill Dance Host slots. Doodle is being used to allow for sign ups, and a 2 month period is currently posted. By consensus, it was decided that following a 5 day period where new dates are posted online, David will assign to unfilled slots Board members who have not signed up. If the indicated Board member cannot fill that slot, it would be their responsibility to fill the slot with another Board member.

Jonathan requested that the Board authorize him to investigate the idea of interviewing via MAIN Radio bands who are playing for the Thursday Dance. It was agreed to by consensus. Jonathan will report back with a proposal prior to implementing the idea.

David White requested that the Board provide support for a fund-raiser dance in support of autistic persons. The dance would not be one of our regularly-scheduled dances. In keeping with current policy, the web site will list the dance and promote it based on material provided by David to Dennis. By unanimous vote, second-level sound equipment will be provided as requested, with Weogo making a determination of what will be lent. The following resolution passed unanimously: "The Board expresses approval of financial support for the dance to a maximum of \$250, and the Executive Committee will handle the approval process following submission of a request via a Mini-Grant."

The following recommendation from the Board Process Committee was discussed.

The committee recommends that a Governance Committee be appointed to

1. examine and make recommendations on any changes that may need to be made to the current committee structure;
2. to review the Policy Manual, the Handbook, and the relationship between them;
3. to review past meeting minutes to ensure that policy and other important decisions are correctly recorded in the Policy Manual and Handbook; and
4. to ensure there is an appropriate procedure in place to ensure that future policy and other important decisions are recorded in appropriate documents.

Following discussion, the Vice President created an ad-hoc Governance Committee, and appointed the following Board members to the committee: Owen (chair), David, Able, Jonathan.

## **Other**

It was reported that Wayne Scank has resigned as Volunteer Coordinator. Able will fill in while a search for a replacement takes place.

The search for a Booker has yet to succeed. Announcements for both positions need to be made at dances.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Minutes submitted by Owen Shaffer, Secretary.

## Appendix A - Previously-submitted Committee Reports

### English Country Dance Committee

All is going very well with ECD. Still averaging between 35 to 40 dancers each time. One of our new musicians is Atossa Kramer, retired from Berea College Music Dept. and always a big part of the Berea Christmas School each year. Excellent pianist and clarinetist. Really fine addition to the live music.

We've started a "pre-ECD dance" each Sunday of schottisches, hambos, waltzes. 3-3:45. ....with live music.

Submitted by Karen Gaughan

### Splash Dance

The initial financial reports are in and it looks like we'll have receipts in excess of expenses (not profit, since we're non-profit) of over \$1000, which is better than last year, despite having increased our expenses this year.

The dancers, musicians, callers all seemed to have a really good time.

Everything came off smoothly to the credit of all those on the committee, and some of the ubervolunteers. The spirit of volunteering among the dancers was strong as well, with people jumping in and fixing things when/if there was a need.

Check out the videos, including a music video made from a sound track recorded live on Sunday by the sound guys:

[www.oldfarmersball.com/SplashDance](http://www.oldfarmersball.com/SplashDance)

Submitted by Dennis

### Membership

40 Membership Directories were printed. Submitted by Dennis

### Sound Committee

We have failed to get a response from 2 different professional acoustic engineers. It appears that Warren Wilson College is very interested in improving the acoustics in Bryson. We have decided to put together a proposal for sound attenuation panels to be built and installed by volunteers. Submitted by Owen