

MINUTES
FINEST CITY SQUARES BOARD MEETING
SEPTEMBER 11, 2007

PRESENT

Richard Bass, President
David Spence, Co-Vice President
Jim Blair, Co-Vice President
Diana Barrows, Secretary
Mike Neiheisel, Treasurer
Terri O'Barski, Assistant Treasurer

ABSENT

David Goodsell, Newsletter Co-Editor
Bill Grimm, Newsletter Co-Editor
John Griffin, Class Representative
Dana Hooper, Caller Coordinator

The meeting was called to order at 6:28pm. A quorum was present. The minutes of the August meeting were approved.

Mike N. gave the financial report. August was a good month; we only lost \$70.62. He has submitted the request to the Petersen fund for \$700+ reimbursement for gay pride expenses.

Richard B. had nothing specific for the president's report.

Other business

- Diana gave the SDSDA meeting report
 - The floor in the WMB will be replaced during the month of October. All dancing has been relocated.
 - Clubs should go over their facilities check list and make sure their facility is still the same. Give report to jholiver@san.rr.com
 - New dancer classes are only covered by insurance for NINE MONTHS. They must be brand new dancers, not recycled dancers. The roster of new dancers must go in immediately on the 3rd week when the new class enrollment closes. Send the list of names THAT NIGHT to John Oliver at the above e-mail address. There is NO grace period when the class graduates. They must join a club to maintain insurance coverage.
 - Club "members" who have not paid dues do not have insurance. They should sign in as guests (not members) so our club is covered liability-wise.
 - Suggest members put their name and contact information on the back of their badges, since we often don't dance with purses or wallets. In case a person becomes unconscious/dead, the badge will identify them.
 - October 3rd Saturday round up has 9 craft tables sold thus far.
 - Clubs are encouraged to sell 2008 State Square Dance Convention raffle tickets.
 - Caller/Cuer ballots should be returned by December 2007 meeting.
 - No clubs must ever schedule any event to conflict with the 3rd Saturday Round-Up or Fiesta.

- Club visitations: Richard proposed a visitation to Single Spinners, John Marus' club on Tuesday, October 9, 8pm, after the board meeting (their theme is Teddy Bear Night.) Also a visitation on Friday, September 28, to Circulators (theme is Flamingo Fling Party Night/pink and black colors.)

- New Club Banner: Jim B reported the banner is pinned together and needs to be sewn.
- Community recruitment: An ad for our new class appeared in the gay paper. Posters are up in Kickers. Jim announced the class on two nights at Kickers. E-vites were re-sent to everyone. The list was divided up among several board members to personally 'phone people about the new class.
- Fly-in update: Jim reported that it will not be possible to combine a fly-in with the gay rodeo.
- Silver vests: since the Cleveland Convention in 2008 is the 25th annual convention, it will be the SILVER anniversary. The board voted to resurrect the silver vests for members attending the convention and wear them at one dance. We will find out who made the vests in the past and recommend that Cleveland attendees get a vest. Mike N reported that the club has several vests to loan.
- Poor show rate: Richard B. and David S. lamented the poor show rate at the September 2nd Saturday dance. We discussed options (every other month, fewer advanced tips, price break (\$5 for the first 16 dancers). Jim B suggested we cancel the dances during the hot summer months of July and August. There is no dance scheduled for July 2008 because of convention. However, the August 2008 dance already has a caller scheduled. Richard B will ask caller Rick Giddlewear if he would cancel the August date without charging us; we will reschedule him in 2009.
- Board Elections: Richard will send an e-mail/make an announcement at the weekly dance for possible candidates. Several names were suggested as people to approach personally. Most present board members would maintain their positions, albeit reluctantly.

From the Floor

Jim B opined he was tired of pot lucks and asked if we could have one dance catered. The board decided to have the November dance catered; Darren Galina is calling. Theme is undecided, possibly harvest/cornucopia. Suggestions for caterer included Pat and Oscars, or Oriental food.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30pm. The next meeting is Tuesday, October 9 at 6:30pm, at the Lumberjack Restaurant.

Respectfully submitted, Diana Barrows, M.D., Secretary September 11, 2007