

MINUTES
FINEST CITY SQUARES BOARD MEETING
August 12, 2008

PRESENT

Richard Bass, President
Diana Barrows, Secretary
Bill Grimm, Newsletter Co-Editor
Mike Neiheisel, Treasurer
David Spence, Co-Vice President
Jim Blair, Co-Vice President
Jason M., Class Representative

ABSENT

Terri O'Barski, Assistant Treasurer
Dana Hooper, Caller Coordinator
David Goodsell, Newsletter Co-Editor

The meeting was called to order at 6:33pm. A quorum was present. The minutes of the July meeting were approved.

Mike N. gave the financial report. Overall we lost \$112.39 in July, all Pride related. Mike reported that he received the letter from the IRS granting our club a 501C7 tax exempt status. We are a non-profit "social club." No more than 35% of the club's income can come from outside the membership. If the yearly gross income exceeds \$25,000, different tax forms must be filled out. Mike is now pursuing a tax exempt non-profit status designation from the State.

Regarding reimbursement from SDSDA for the float repairs: we will **NOT** pursue this.

SDSDA 3rd Saturday Round Up: **We have refreshment duty** on September 20. Theme is "Sports Time." Diana suggested hot dogs, popcorn, peanuts and cracker jacks. Diana will purchase food, condiments, and specialized paper products (popcorn and peanut bags, hot dog plates). David agreed to help with cooking the hot dogs. We will need help with serving. Diana will prefill the peanut and popcorn bags.

SDSDA Bylaw changes. Our board voted yes on both proposed bylaw changes: (1) have 7 meetings per year instead of 12; (2) redefine Fiesta as the first SAT in Nov and its surrounding weekend.

Diana gave the SDSDA July meeting synopsis. President LPaul thanked us for repairing the float. The tax exempt number and a copy of the IRS letter of each club should be sent to SDSDA. Bill G. agreed to attend the meeting at 6:30pm in the Santa Fe Room (Balboa Park Club) on August 17 in Diana's stead.

Fly-in Status: Jim and David presented a printed budget. Two scenarios have us losing \$2864 or \$2360. Discussion ensued. There are 84 full time paid dancers and 2 partials. Two free admissions that were given out are both attending. Fifty-six of the dancers are A2 or above. Eliminating a Sunday morning snack will save \$504. Jim will ask the rodeo if they will waive \$840 in fees (no guarantee). If additional dancers sign up, the loss will be less. Mike suggested that we have a yard sale afterwards to recoup some of the loss.

Anniversary Party, January 2009: Proposed theme of "Alice in Winterland" was accepted by all. Ed has agreed to do the food. Bob Swee agreed to solicit raffle prizes. Richard B volunteered to oversee it all.

Recruitment: John G has converted the sign-ups from Pride to an Excel spread sheet. Those with e-mail addresses will be e-mailed and everyone with phone numbers will be called to remind them of the starting class. Board members and other volunteers will make the calls. We will put on an “Intro to Square Dancing” at the Gay Rodeo. Richard will place a press release about the new class in the gay newspapers.

Retiring board dining out: The outgoing board would like to dine out together some evening (November?) This would NOT be a business or board meeting. [Redactions for web posting]. Richard, Jim, and David stated that proposed restaurants were too expensive. They suggested Pizza Nova, which may not take reservations. The item was tabled.

Fiesta Brunch: Richard will be attending the Fiesta meeting next week. We will plan the same menu as last year. Hopefully we can use oven(s) in Balboa Park.

New Board: Richard will put an article in the upcoming Fine Lines appealing for board volunteers. He will also start making announcements at dances and sending out reminder e-mails. He also suggested that all board members approach people personally about volunteering for the board.

Richard read a letter from caller Rick Gittelman, thanking us for the “gas surcharge” money we paid him when he called for us on Saturday, August 9 at our party dance.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:28pm. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, September 9, 6:30pm at the Old Mill Restaurant.

Respectfully submitted, Diana Barrows, Secretary. August 12, 2008