

**Western Star Dancers**  
**MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING**  
**January 9, 2013**

**Board Members Present:**

Gary Cohn, Louis Dorsey, Elise Everett, Paul Gonyea, Tony Procter-Lambe

**Board Members Absent:** Bob Brundage

**Club Members Present:** Steve Scott, Lorenzo Taylor

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 7:42 p.m.

**II. READING OF THE MINUTES**

The minutes for the 11/5/12 meeting were approved.

**III. FINANCIAL REPORT**

The Treasurer's Report as of December 2012 was presented and accepted.

- A. Income: \$149.75
- B. Expenses: \$0.00
- C. Balance: \$9,096.49

The Treasurer's Report as of January 2013 was presented and accepted.

- D. Income: \$100.00
- E. Expenses: \$55.29
- F. Balance: \$9,142.02

**IV. OLD BUSINESS**

- A. Installation of Board Members.

Louis was seated on the Board in the position of Dance Coordinator.

- B. WSD Banner.

The banner had been loaned to Diablo Dancers for display at the Dan Seberger Memorial Dance. Russ King has returned it to WSD storage.

- C. Holiday season celebration 2012.

Tony and Paul produced the event at HMRC on December 6, 2012, featuring Steve as The Elf.

- D. Insurance coverage.

We have answers to Frequently Asked Questions about club insurance.

- E. Scheduling:

Calendars –

Google calendars are on the website but not populated. Peter Camarda has volunteered to be Calendar Clerk. Steve Huggins will teach Peter the Google Calendar system.

Monthly Update –

The board will consider different ways to contact club members to keep everyone informed, and will also ask Peter if he'll participate in creating and sending a Monthly Update.

## V. **NEW BUSINESSES**

### A. Proposal from *Weave Your Heart* by Lorenzo.

Lorenzo gave an update on the status of planning and preparations for the July convention and presented a request that WSD volunteer to help out with the proposed Family Reunion Picnic on Saturday, July 6, 2013 from noon to 1:30 p.m. Steve plans to approach Alistair to request his help in coordinating the WSD volunteers.

### B. Club Nights and Dances: various proposals.

#### 1. 3rd Wednesday Club Nights.

Foggy City proposed to continue paying half the cost of HMRC Dance Studio rent as long as 50% of evening involves square dancing as long as there are at least 8 people present to square dance. There would be no caller but people would dance from CallerLab records. The Board agrees to try this arrangement for the Winter Quarter with the option to continue in the Spring, as long as, rather than a collection for the event, there is a discrete donation box made available for contributions from charitable attendees.

#### 2. Hiring a cuer for the Saturday dances on February 16 and March 23.

Foggy City proposed hiring cuer John Flora and paying half the price (rate: \$80; WSD cost: \$40) to add Rounds to both dances to call 1/2 hour of Pre-Rounds at 7:00 p.m. and a Single-Round at 8:30 p.m. and a Single-Round at 9:30 p.m. Board agrees to this proposal.

#### 3. 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday at Harvey Milk Center.

An anonymous donor proposed paying 100% of rental cost until further notice with the intent of promoting and attracting new dancers to the club, with the programming completely at the discretion of the club. The Board tabled this proposal for further discussion at the next meeting.

### C. Dance February 16 with Darren Galina and John Flora.

Foggy City is the lead club for the joint dance.

D. Dance March 23 with Hunter Keller and John Flora.

WSD is the lead club for the joint dance. A bunnies, baskets and bonnets theme is under consideration.

E. Membership renewal.

January is the month to renew membership. Rick has volunteered to coordinate the membership renewal drive. The board has agreed to this.

F. Paul formed a Special Events Committee (Paul [Chairman], Tony, Louis) that plans to hold a committee meeting, then will present a report at the next Board Meeting.

G. Paul has proposed an Angel Appreciation Night. Tabled for future discussion.

## **VI. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS**

Class Coordinator Tony reported that:

- an outstanding suggestion from the November 2012 meeting regarding changing the class start time can be discarded since the status quo start time seems to be working well.
- Steve Huggins donated instructional square dance booklets to WSD. Both Mainstream and Plus booklets have been distributed to the current students and extras are now in storage.
- the dance studio rent has been increased by \$1/hr to \$16/hr effective immediately.
- the dates covered for the Winter Quarter are: Jan 10, 17, 24, 31, Feb 7, 14, 21, 28 & Mar 7
- there is a need to come up with ways to get more "Angels" to attend the class nights in order to support the current students
- Paul and Louis will substitute for Tony and Steve at the February 14 Valentine-theme class night.

## **VII. NEXT BOARD MEETING**

Scheduled for Tuesday, February 5, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. at Tony's house.

## **VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 10:33 p.m.