Metropolitan Chicago Association of Square Dancers-MCASD

Special Executive Board Meeting Minutes-via Zoom

Saturday, November 19, 2022

**Attendance:**  Janice Cha, Darlene Kulpa, Marilyn Heinemann, Larry Campbell, Christine Steffy, Jules Heinemann, Pat Semple, Bill Neurauter, Janice Harris, Ken Davies, Sue Davies, Pam Berg. Quorum was met. Guest: Jennie Gutmann, GVS.

Meeting called to order at 10:02AM. Janice Cha, Vice President, led the meeting in absence of President.

**Agenda Approval:** Motion by Christine S, second by Pam B to approve agenda with additions of Newsnotes discussion and NDD guidelines discussion. Motion Approved.

**Minutes Approval:** Motion to approve minutes of October 1 Special Meeting by Pam B, second Sue D. Motion passed. Motion to approve minutes of August 20 Regular Meeting by Christine S, second Sue D. Motion passed.

**Treasurer’s Report:** Reports were sent via email prior to meeting. Larry C reported that we have $11,977.38 in checking with CD balance of $7,825.99 totaling $19,803.37. All bills from the Pumpkin Ball have been paid. PB Income $1580, Expenses $623.56, Totaling a profit of $756.44. Treasurer’s Report was filed for audit.

**President’s Report:** Frankie Terry was traveling and unable to connect on internet for meeting. She sent a report by email. Thanks to everyone that planned and worked to make the PB successful.

**VP Report:** Janice will provide input later in the meeting.

**Secretary:** NR

**Insurance:** Some clubs needed certificates for their venues. That was resolved. Bill will send updates of club information. Bill and Janice are developing a new Change of Information form.

**Webmaster:** Christine reported that clubs are entering their dance information. Southside Squares had difficulty entering information. Christine will contact Brian Robinson. The PB flyer will be removed and a SweetHeart dance flyer will be added.

**SCISDA:** NR. Janice received information on a potential site for convention. She will forward it to Ken Davies.

**News Notes:** Discussion concerning News Notes being outdated and too time intensive to be added to the website. Motion by Pam B to dissolve News Notes and encourage clubs to use Square Dance Chicago to publish breaking news. Second by Sue D. Yea=10, Nay=0, Abstention=1. Motion passed. Janice C will send a note to Robert B and a copy to Frankie T.

**Friendship Awards:** Discussion of need for Friendship awards. Details on Friendship are in Chapter 13 of MCASD Handbook. It was suggested to ask for a group to evaluate Friendship Awards at the General Meeting.

**Historian:** NR

**Sweetheart Dance 2023:** With absence of Frankie T, chair of Sweetheart Dance, only details available at meeting were Caller: Curt Braffet and date of February 19.

**Publicity:** Ucansquaredance committee reported on progress. Names and contact information from inquiries have been sent to clubs in the area. Clubs with lessons need to send in January ’23 information to be posted on site. Christine will send Darlene K an email to be forwarded to clubs as a reminder. Report attached.

**Pumpkin Ball:** Report attached. Other observations: Announcements and S the Pot should be held until all dancers have arrived in gym; Balance out rounds and plus squares; Small gym – talking on sidelines while caller was calling; Need Nametags for new dancers; Need more programs printed; Callers sometimes called above level in SSD room; Resale was okay; Snack and water table needed more signage.

Discussion on suggestions for future: No food – it is difficult to organize and get volunteers and takes people away from dancing; Vendors – need suggestions; Raffle Baskets – people enjoyed them and it made money; Room locations – need to discuss; Sound Equipment – need to discuss.

**New Business**

Changes to NDD Guidelines proposed (document attached). Specific change listed below.

“New dancer dances should be specially tailored for current students. A NDD should not include any other dance level (Plus, Rounds, Lines, Contra). A NDD should not be a regularly scheduled club dance. The intent is to

cater to current students from multiple clubs. The intent is for new dancers to have an evening of non-stop dancing at their level. No workshopping, no teaching should take place during a NDD.”

Motion by Christine S to accept changes as proposed, second by Sue D. Yay- 10, Nay- 0, Abstention – 0. Motion passed.

Motion to adjourn by Pam B, second by Sue D. Meeting adjourned at 11:54.

Minutes submitted by

Marilyn Heinemann, Co-Secretary