

Meeting of NASSPDA Board on April 18th, 2010

MINUTES:

Conference call meeting started on Sunday, April 18th, 2010, at ~6:35 PM EDT.

In attendance: Lee Fox, Pat Hogan (GLISA Representative), Christopher Kelleher (joined ~6:45 PM EDT), Richard Lamberty (Vice-President), Benjamin Soencksen (Secretary) & Barbara Zoloth (President)

Apologies: Sonja Furiya (Membership Chair)

The agenda was posted on April 11th, 2010:

A. Standing Items

1. Record polls since last meeting
2. Approve minutes from last meeting
3. Financial Report

B. Old Business

1. Welcome to Christopher!
2. Annual Meeting in Philadelphia—report back, suggestions, feedback
3. Rules and structure requirements for sanctioned competitions and authorized titles
 - a. Clarifying pro-am restrictions
 - b. Are men and women required to be graded separately in all sanctioned competitions?
4. Update on coordination with FGG
 - a. Identify a NASSPDA delegate to FGG
 - b. What committee(s) do we want NASSPDA to serve on?
5. Update on coordination with ESSDA
6. Create a mechanism that allows Board to send emails to members and possibly also non-members- -update
7. Update on Membership renewal
8. Communication with competition organizers:
 - a. Update on communications with Oakland competition.
 - b. Update on communication with GLISA (Outgames)

C. New Business

1. Montreal competition
2. Re-assigning Kieren's responsibilities: Treasurer, website maintenance, Facebook site management
3. Do we need a new policy for replacing resigning Board members, or is existing policy language sufficient?
4. Community meeting in Oakland, April 25, 2010
 - a. Venue, topics, logistics
5. Having Affiliate Memberships expire annually.
6. Collecting, storing, and making available competition results
 - a. Results for which events
 - b. What level of detail
 - c. Exclusive listing (meaning the comp website has a link to nasspda.org for the results)?
7. What links to put on our website—establish criteria

8. Scholarship fund for new memberships
9. Soliciting / receiving Donations

D. Schedule next Board meeting

A. Standing Items

to A.1.: Approved All

- A. Change of next Board meeting from April 11th to April 18th, 2010, at 6:30 PM EDT.
- B. The person who received the next highest number of votes in the recent election to fill the vacancy on the Board, created by the resignation of the Treasurer.
- C. Award for the annual NASSPDA Showdance Championship not to be separated into a Men's' and Women's category. It is a combined title, unlike the graded events.

to A.2.: Approved All

- A. Minutes & Notes 100314
- B. Minutes of General Meeting 100328

to A.3.: Unreported

Due to the resignation of the Treasurer no current financial report was presented.

B. Old Business

to B.1.:

The Board skipped introductions, due to the delayed arrival of its newest member.

to B.2.:

Regretfully, attendance was low, but the issues raised were very valid and important.

to B.3.a.:

After some further prolonged discussion on the "Inclusion and Definition of Pro/Am Couples" (see also "Minutes of General Meeting 100328"), it was concluded that NASSPDA's point of view might be best expressed in a "value statement," which will eventually help to further define an all binding set of rules..

to B.3.b.:

Having approved the requirement of separate grading for male and female couples for NASSPDA's annual championship, the Board considers this step for all authorized titled events and sanctioned competitions. Generally, the Board is in agreement that a separation is desired and leads to better results. But much of the feasibility of such a requirement depends also on the numbers of registered participants. It was therefore proposed that the organizer and/or head judge should therefore make such a decision. Also, if a competition offers additionally an age restricted senior level, it was agreed that separate grading rounds shall definitely be required.

to B.4.a. & b.: Approved

NASSPDA is now an associate member of the FGG. Annual dues are paid until June 30th, 2011. The Board accepted by acclamation the nomination of Benjamin Soencksen as the delegate to the FGG.

to B.5.:

The "Red Book Committee" is still missing one member of ESSDA. A preliminary discussion on the jurisdiction of an organization for this sport at any Gay Games started.

to B.6.:

This item has already been addressed (see C.2.C.).

to B.7.:

An update on “membership” in general was not available, since the Membership Chair was absent from this meeting.

to B.8.a.:

NASSPDA’s liaison with the competition held in Oakland at the end of the month, April Follies 2010, reports that everything seems to be “right on track.”

to B.8.b.:

NASSPDA’s representative to GLISA reports that a major sponsor for the upcoming 2011 North American Outgames in Vancouver had been lost, but a new sponsor is on the horizon and Vancouver offered financial support.

C. New Business

to C.1.: Approved All

NASSPDA’s Board approved a recurring sanction of “La Fiesta de Montreal,” always to be held within the 2nd to 4th week of May, and granted a one-time authorization of holding the National Canadian Championships in Women’s & Men’s International Standard and Latin as well as Showdance (combined).

to C.2.: Approved All

A. Christopher Kelleher, who was elected to fill the vacancy, volunteered to assist with the tasks of website and Facebook updating, but declined the position of a treasurer.

B. Lee Fox was affirmed by acclamation as the Treasurer of NASSPDA.

C. Pat Hogan was affirmed by acclamation for the position of Communications Director.

to C.3.:

The existing rules of NASSPDA’s By-laws as well as the Board Governance Rules in filling a vacancy on the Board are sufficient.

to C.4.a.:

The community meeting, scheduled for Sunday, April 25th, 2010, from 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM, at the Allegro Ballroom in Emeryville, shall follow the outline adopted for the recently held annual membership meeting in Philadelphia.

to C.5.:

Affiliate membership will now also be flagged as expired, and these members will be notified to renew as well as encouraged to possibly upgrade.

to C.6.:

The Board agreed to make it a requirement for all organizers of NASSPDA sanctioned competitions to submit to the Secretary of NASSPDA a report on all competition rounds held including the applicable scores and the functioning judges, which will then be posted on NASSPDA’s website.

to C.7.:

The Board decided to handle requests and/or suggestions for adding a link to NASSPDA’s website on a case by case.

to C.8.: Postponed

This agenda item was skipped again, since the Board though desires to have “scholarship funds,” for various purposes, but NASSPDA is not yet in that position.

to C.9.:

NASSPDA’s website will feature on its homepage a “Donate Now” button.

D. Schedule next Board meeting

The next conference call meeting is scheduled for May 15th, 2010, at 3:00 PM EDT.

This meeting adjourned at approx. 8:00 PM EDT.