

Meeting of NASSPDA Board on October 7th, 2012

MINUTES:

Conference call meeting started on Sunday, October 7th, 2012, at ~4:03 PM EDT.

In attendance: Lee Fox (Treasurer), Pat Hogan (GLISA Representative & Communications Director), Christopher Kelleher (Vice-President), Benjamin Soencksen (Secretary & FGG Delegate), Mario Spenard & Barbara Zoloth (President)

Apologies: Sonja Furiya (Membership Chair)

The President posted the following agenda on October 1st, 2012:

A. Standing Items

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

B. Old Business

1. Proposed changes in NASSPDA Board Policies and Procedures —remaining questions
 - a. Definition of quorum and “super majority”
 - b. Committee to review and “rationalize” policy and procedure documents
 - c. Election of Board members/officers
2. Adjudicator application process update
 - a. Judges required to be active members?
3. Coordination with other organizations
 - a. Gay Games 2014: FGG/ESSDA/GLISA
 - i. Report on searching for local organizers
 - ii. Coordination with Rob Smitherman, Sports Director for Gay Games 9 Cleveland + Akron
 - iii. Confirmation of Renaissance Hotel in Cleveland as venue
 - iv. Scope of competition (Country Western? Argentine Tango?)
 - v. Invitation of GG 9 organizers to April Follies 2013?
 - vi. Reconciliation of team rules between IAGLCWDC and NASSPDA?
 - vii. Coordination of CW competition with Rodeo organizers
 - viii. MC, scrutineer, judges—who will be responsible for hiring them?
 - b. IFSSDA update
4. Website
5. Membership initiatives
 - a. Newsletter report
 - b. Membership renewal
6. Upcoming/recent competitions
 - a. Blackpool in October (not NASSPDA sanctioned)
 - b. The Quake, San Francisco, 2nd weekend in November (not NASSPDA sanctioned)
 - c. Dancing In The River City, January 20th, 2013
 - d. Philadelphia Liberty Dance Challenge, March 30th, 2013 (?)
 - e. April Follies, Oakland, April 27th, 2013

- f. Boston Open, September 21st, 2013
- 7. Non-Board committees
 - a. Dance Camp committee
 - b. Queer Youth Outreach committee
- 8. Newsletter classified ads
- 9. Request for additional rules/regulations for Argentine Tango
- 10. Report from Scholarship Committee
 - a. Application Procedures
 - b. Application Form
 - c. Criteria suggestions

C. New Business

- 1. Request for written history of same-sex ballroom dance; judging rules; grading criteria; how judges are selected; why are men and women judged separately; what is equality dance; how are formation team and show dance judged; etc.

D. Schedule next Board meeting(s)

A. Standing Items

to A.1.: N/A

to A.2.: Approved

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to A.3.:

NASSPDA's current account balance: \$6,409.04

B. Old Business

to B.1.a. & b.: Postponed

to B.2.:

Three adjudicators' applications are being processed to date. NASSPDA approved adjudicators are required to carry an active membership with NASSPDA at the time of the event they are invited to judge and are asked to sign the application to verify that they have read, understood and agreed to follow NASSPDA's Competition Rules. The approval won't have to be renewed. All organizers of currently NASSPDA sanctioned competitions had been notified in June 2012 of this new rule (the 6th Amendment) taking effect on January 1st, 2013.

to B.3.a.i. through viii.:

The Sports Director for Gay Games 9 has been in continued contact with IAGLCWDC and NASSPDA working out details and language for the website page for DanceSport. Both organizations decided to combine all styles and both sets of rules for formation teams. Neither the venue in Cleveland nor a local organizing team for the competition have yet confirmed.

to B.3.b.:

No Update

to B.4.:

No Update

to B.5.a.:

The e-Newsletter was opened by 37.8% (usually hovering above 40%). The Board considers in 2013 switching from “Constant Contact” to “Vertical Response,” which is free for up to 10,000 e-mails per month for non-profit organizations.

to B.5.b.: Postponed

to B.6.a. through e.:

No updates, except the “Quake” will be asked and might seek sanctioning.

to B.6.f.:

A new competition the “Boston Open” will be held on September 21st, 2013, and will be seeking sanctioning by NASSPDA.

to B.6.:

The “Montreal Open” on September 22nd, 2012, was converted to a Ball due to a lack of registrations and in the evening.

to B.7.a.:

No Update

to B.7.b.:

No Update

to B.8.:

The e-Newsletter in October will feature for the first time classified ads by members.

to B.9.:

After some more revisions the Board will soon respond to the inquiring member.

to B.10.:

The Scholarship Committee presented the Board with an outline of application and approval procedures. The Board agreed to focus for 2013 on giving out scholarships for that year’s North American Championships held in Oakland at the April Follies, and to publish procedures and an application form as soon as possible.

C. New Business

to C.1.: Postponed

D. Schedule next Board meeting

The next conference call meeting has been scheduled for Sunday, November 11th, 2012, at 4:00 PM EST.

This meeting adjourned at approx. 5:50 PM EDT.