

## **Meeting of NASSPDA Board on June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2010**

### **MINUTES:**

Conference call meeting started on Sunday, June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2010, at ~6:32 PM EDT.

In attendance: Lee Fox (Treasurer), Sonja Furiya (Membership Chair), Pat Hogan (GLISA Representative & Communications Director), Christopher Kelleher, Richard Lamberty (Vice-President; joined ~6:35 PM EDT), Benjamin Soencksen (Secretary & FGG Delegate) & Barbara Zoloth (President)

The agenda was posted on June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2010:

#### **A. Standing Items**

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

#### **B. Old Business**

1. Rules and structure requirements for sanctioned competitions and authorized titles
  - a. What else is needed before we can publish?
  - b. What is the ETA for publishing these and requesting comments/feedback from members? From others?
  - c. How do we want to publish? Suggestion: Send PDF file by email to all our (active?) members and ask for comments. Let others know they can comment, if they join.
2. Update on a mechanism that allows Board to send emails to members and possibly also non-members.
3. Update on Membership renewal.
4. Having Affiliate Memberships expire annually -- update
5. Communication with competition organizers:
  - a. Update on communications with "April Follies."

#### **C. New Business**

1. Request from April Follies to host 2011 U.S. Championship.
2. Update on website.
3. "California Dreaming" next competition.
4. Scholarship fund for new memberships
5. Update on coordination with FGG/ESSDA/GLISA and Gay Games attendance.
6. How to resolve disputes when someone says another couple is one in which one dancer is paying the other.

#### **D. Schedule next Board meeting**

##### **A. Standing Items**

**to A.1.:** Approved: ONE TIME authorization of all NASSPDA Titles for the first US NASSPDA Championships to BASSDA for April Follies in 2011

**to A.2.:** Approved: Minutes & Notes 100515

**to A.3.:**

Account balance at \$2,440.17.

##### **B. Old Business**

**to B.1.:**

The Secretary posted a new draft version of NASSPDA's Competition Rules for review of the Board of Directors, which incorporated all changes and edits discussed at the previous meeting as well as comments and suggestions made since then by Board members via an e-mail discussion. Some issues were still unresolved and/or of concern, and after some discussion consent on a solution on all issues was found.

**to B.1.a.:** Approved: Pending the implementation of the changes agreed upon this draft of NASSPDA's proposed competition rules.

**to B.1.b. & c., & B.3.:**

A reminder will be send out to all former members, whose memberships have lapsed this year, as well as to affiliate members, who might want to consider upgrading to full membership, so that they would have access to the proposed rules and the right to comment. All current active members will have until September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010, to submit any comments via e-mail to [rules@nasspda.org](mailto:rules@nasspda.org).

**to B.2.:**

Research to be done into possibly utilizing a "social networking" site, called "Ning," which is a system that features various mechanisms to communicate to one's membership not yet possible with the functionality of NASSPDA's current website.

**to B.4. & 5.:** Postponed

### **C. New Business**

**to C.1. & B.5.a.:** Postponed

Discussion on a suggested change of NASSPDA's one-time authorization for "April Follies" organizers to host the 2011 US Championships into a recurring authorization, citing the experience of the organizers and the consistent larger numbers of participants, which would set an exception to the current already published policy on National title authorization, has been postponed due to lack of time and urgency.

**to C.2.:** (see "to B.2.")

**to C.3.:**

This year, different organizers plan "California Dreaming" in Southern California, who will have to apply for a separate sanction by NASSPDA. For 2011, the plan seems to bring "California Dreaming" back to San Francisco again by the previous organizers.

**to C.5.:**

NASSPDA's delegate to the FGG reported on a teleconference meeting of the Sports Committee, which focused on presented proposals for new formats of the Red and the Blue Books. The Red Book sets the required standards for each sport presented at the Gay Games, whereas the Blue Book is a compilation of feedback after the Gay Games.

**to C.4. & 6.:** Postponed

### **D. Schedule next Board meeting**

The next two conference call meetings are scheduled for July 11<sup>th</sup>, 2010, at 6:30 PM EDT, and August 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2010, at 6:30 PM EDT.

This meeting adjourned at approx. 8:05 PM EDT.