

Meeting of NASSPDA Board on February 17th, 2013

MINUTES:

Conference call meeting started on Sunday, February 17th, 2013, at ~4:06 PM EST.

In attendance: Lee Fox (Treasurer), Benjamin Soencksen (Secretary & FGG Delegate), Kathy Wildman & Barbara Zoloth (President)

Apologies: Pat Hogan (GLISA Representative & Communications Director) & Christopher Kelleher (Vice-President)

The President posted the following agenda on February 13th, 2013, with important sections to address highlighted in red:

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
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. Cleveland Public Hall will be the venue
 - iv. Scope of competition (Country Western will be included; Argentine Tango?)
 - v. Invitation of GG 9 organizers to April Follies 2013?
 - vi. MC, scrutineer, judges
 - b. IFSSDA update: NASSPDA Board to discuss draft of Constitution with Delegate
4. Website: **report from President after talk with former Membership Chair about options**
5. Membership initiatives
 - a. Membership Committee Chair: Pat Hogan after February 2013
 - b. Newsletter report
 - c. Membership renewal: **update on renewal e-mails**
6. Upcoming/recent competitions
 - a. Dancing In The River City, January 20th, 2013
 - b. Philadelphia Liberty Dance Challenge, March 30th, 2013 (?)
 - c. April Follies, Oakland, April 27th, 2013

- i. **Secretary to bring medals, ribbons & stickers for North American Championship**
 - d. Boston Open, September 21st, 2013
- 7. Non-Board committees
 - a. Dance Camp committee
 - b. Queer Youth Outreach committee
- 8. Scholarship Committee
 - a. **Update on responses and recommendations**
- 9. 2013 Board Elections
 - a. Up for re-election: Benjamin Soencksen, Kathy Wildman & Barbra Zoloth
 - b. Board members whose term doesn't expire: Lee Fox, Chris Kelleher & Pat Hogan
 - c. Nominations: Garrett Gerritson from San Francisco is interested in running
 - d. Election Committee: Lee Fox, Pat Hogan & Chris Kelleher

C. New Business

- 1. Request for history of same-sex ballroom dance and explanations of rules and procedures
- 2. **World Championship vs. North American Championship in 2014?**
- 3. **Ad in program of April Follies?**

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: \$8,132.58 (\$1,650 earmarked for scholarships)

B. Old Business

to B.1.a. to c.: Postponed

to B.2.:

The list of "Approved NASSPDA Adjudicators" is now posted on NASSPDA's website. Organizers of NASSPDA sanctioned events will be informed of this posting and reminded to renew their organizational dues with NASSPDA for 2013.

to B.3.a.i. to vi.:

All attempts to connect with dancers from Cleveland and surrounding areas have failed, which is why the Board will be looking elsewhere to build an organizing team for the Gay Games 2014. The organizing team from April Follies, BASSDA, has indicated interest in being part of such a team, which makes sense to the Board, since they have years of experience. The Board therefore will ask BASSDA to confirm this interest and create a list of "what needs to be done," and then contact then Rob Smitherman, the Event & Operations Director of GG9, asking to help coordinate and find local volunteers. This newly formed team needs to also decide whether it seems feasible to include Argentine Tango as an additional category in the competition. The venue for this event is confirmed as the Public Hall in Cleveland, a very spacious facility with additional side rooms.

Additional news are that GLISA is in the process to vote on the bids of Miami, USA, and Reykjavik, Iceland, for the Outgames 2017 and the city of Orlando, Florida, is considering a bid for the Gay Games 2018.

to B.4.:

To revamp NASSPDA's website, the Board was advised to separate the membership database and its functionality from the actual website contents, the informational data. The current website incorporates both as well as social networking. It was suggested to look into "Wordpress" for hosting the website content and check into cloud based service for the membership database. The Board seeks more concrete recommendations on the issue.

to B.5.a. & c.:

Another reminder for members to renew their membership will be send out.

to B.5.b.: Postponed

to B.6.a.:

This year's DITRC, which hosted this year's US Championships, showed the lowest participation ever. No conclusive speculation as to why had been presented.

to B.6.b.:

The organizers of the PLDC regrettably decided to suspend this competition for 2013, due to scheduling conflicts with the venue, this year's date of the Easter holiday and not wanting to compete in April with April Follies.

to B.6.c.:

April Follies is on track with the organization for this upcoming competition.

to B.6.c.i.:

Medals for the North American Championships, hosted this year by April Follies, will be awarded for the first time to all first three placed couples in each graded event, from C to A.

to B.6.d.:

The website for the competition is now up and running under www.bostonopendancesport.com.

to B.7.a. & b.: Postponed

to B.8.a.: Approved

The Board unanimously approved the one and only application for scholarship to the North American Championships this year, held at April Follies. This scholarship awards this year \$200 in addition to reimbursement of registration fees.

to B.9.a. to c.:

The deadline for nominations to the 2013 Board Elections is February 28th, 2013. One nomination is in process, and the Board identified other possible nominees, who will be contacted.

C. New Business

to C.1. to 2.: Postponed

to C.3.: Approved

The Board approved unanimously the placement of a half page ad in April Follies' program.

D. Schedule next Board meeting

The next conference call meeting has been scheduled for Sunday, March 24th, 2013, at 4:00 PM EDT.