

Meeting of NASSPDA Board on May 31st, 2015

MINUTES:

Conference call meeting started on Sunday, May 31st, 2015, at ~1:07 PM EDT.

In attendance: Eddie Alba, Lee Fox (Treasurer, Finance Committee Co-Chair & Judges Committee Chair), Garret Gerritsen (Membership Co-Chair, Finance Committee Co-Chair & Promotion Committee Chair), Pat Hogan (Vice-President, GLISA Representative, Membership Co-Chair & Communications Director), Andrew Pueschel (joined 1:22 PM EDT), Benjamin Soencksen (Secretary & FGG Delegate), Kathy Wildman (Website Committee Chair) & Barbara Zoloth (President)

Apologies: Michael Winward

The President posted the following agenda on May 22nd, 2015, with important sections to address highlighted in red:

A. Standing Items

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

B. Committee Reports

1. **Financial Report**
2. **Membership Report**
 - a. Newsletter report
 - b. **Membership renewal report for 2015**
 - c. Student membership report
3. **Adjudicator Application Report**
 - a. **3 received applications and 1 expected for final approval**
 - b. **Creation of approved disciplines**
4. **Scholarship Report**
5. **Same-Sex Dancesport Promotion Report**
6. **Board Election Report**
 - a. **Board Officers election**
7. **Website Report**
 - a. **Test update and estimated implementation**

C. Old Business

1. Items temporarily on hold.
 - a. Proposed changes in NASSPDA Board Policies and Procedures —remaining questions
 - i. Definition of quorum and “super majority”
 - ii. Committee to review and “rationalize” policy and procedure documents
 - iii. Election of Board members/officers
 - b. Request for history of same-sex ballroom dance (for website) and explanations of rules and procedures (for eNewsletter)
2. Coordination with other organizations
 - a. FGG/ESSDA/GLISA
 - b. IFSSDA
3. Upcoming/recent competitions
 - a. April Follies, Oakland, CA, North American Championship, April 25, 2015

- i. Confirmation NASSPDA memberships
- b. Glitz & Glitter Ball, June 19-21, 2015, Columbus, OH
- c. Delaware Valley Equality Ball, Woodbury, NJ, August 29, 2015
 - i. Organizer submitted sanctioning request
- d. Montreal Rainbow Dance Challenge, Canada, August 29, 2015
 - i. Organizer intends to seek sanctioning
- e. Boston Open, Provincetown, MA, US Championship, September 18+19, 2015
- f. Floorplay in the Desert, Palm Springs, CA, January 15-17, 2016
- g. April Follies, Oakland, CA, April 23, 2016
 - i. Organizer request authorization for 2016 USA Championships
- h. NA Outgames, St. Louis, MO, NA Championships, May 27 – June 4, 2016
 - i. Organizer needs to request sanctioning
- i.. World Outgames, Miami, FL, 2017 World Championship, Week of Memorial Day 2017 (incl. annual IAGLCWDC Convention plus combined competition?)
- j. Gay Games 10, Paris, France, 2018 World Championships, Summer 2018
- 4. Non-Board committees
 - a. Dance Camp
 - b. Queer Youth Outreach
- 5. 2016 Board elections

D. New Business

- 1. Membership structure: categories, dues, etc. (proposal)
- 2. Sanctioning request by Delaware Valley Equality Ball, formerly PLDC, in NJ
- 3. Competition sanctioning committee?
- 4. Pro/Am Championship titles

E. Schedule next Board meeting(s)

- 1. Next Board meeting

A. Standing Items

to A.1.: n/a

to A.2.: Approved

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B. Committee Reports

to B.1.:

NASSPDA's balance of the operating account is \$4,834.44 and savings account \$1,298.45.

to B.2.a.:

There were no updates or discussions on this agenda item.

to B.2.b.:

Currently, NASSPDA has 92 active memberships, 73 individual, 7 affiliated, 1 student, 4 team, 6 organizational and 1 honorary.

to B.2.c.:

There were no updates or discussions on this agenda item.

to B.3.a.: Approved

Applications by Christie Cote (for Argentine Tango only), Jason Jacob, Larinda McRaven, Kimberley Mitchell, Gabriel Monte (for Argentine Tango only), Andrew Pueschel have been unanimously approved.

to B.3.b.:

Due to the need of specialty judges, such as for adjudicating Argentine Tango, a column titled “Accredited only in” had been added to the published list of NASSPDA approved adjudicators.

to B.4.:

The Scholarship Committee had nothing to report, since the next North American Championships, for which scholarships will be awarded, will be held at the 2016 North America Outgames in St. Louis.

to B.5.:

The recipient of the first awarded promotional grant has been prompted to submit a “post activity report,” including proof of that activity having taken place, at which time the grant will be paid. Competition organizers had inquired about the grant, hoping to help defray some of the overhead costs. The intention though had been to foster activities that bring newcomers to same-sex Dancesport, which conceivably could be incorporated within a competition. Clearer guidelines are being developed.

to B.6.: Approved

The President, Barbara Zoloth, stepped down from the office, effective as soon as another President has been elected, and nominated the Secretary, Benjamin Soencksen. Board member, Kathy Wildman volunteered for the position of Secretary. Elected by acclamation:

President - Benjamin Soencksen

Vice-President - Pat Hogan

Treasurer - Lee Fox

Secretary - Kathy Wildman

to B.7.a.:

Due to lack of time, the completion of the new website hadn’t progressed. A different plug-in from Member Mouse (Word Press) is currently being considered for managing membership data as well as switching from Constant Contact to another mass mailing company, such as Ready Response.

C. Old Business

to C.1.a.i. through iii. & b.: Postponed

These agenda items were skipped due to lack of time and are temporarily on hold.

to C.2.a. & b.:

These agenda items were skipped due to lack of time.

to C.3.a. & b.:

These agenda items were skipped due to lack of time.

to C.3.c. & d.: Approved

Both sanctioning requests from the organizers of Delaware Valley Equality Ball and Montreal Rainbow Dance Challenge, both held on August 29, 2015, have been approved with the stipulation that both organizers will coordinate their dates in the following years. In view of a growing number of sanctioning requests and issues relating to sanctioned competitions, a Competition Committee has been formed.

to C.3.e. & f.:

There had been no further updates on these competitions at the time of this meeting.

to C.3.g.:

The organizers of April Follies have requested to host the 2016 USA Championships. The Board asked the newly formed Competition Committee to make a recommendation by the next

meeting, taking into account that this championship is desired to be in a different geographical location each year as well as possibly a different season (Eddie & Andrew to propose).

D. New Business

to D.1.: Postponed

This agenda item was postponed due to lack of time.

to D.2.: Approved

(see above under “to C.3.c. & d.”)

to D.3.:

(see above under “to C.3.c. & d.”)

to D.4.: Postponed

This agenda item was postponed due to lack of time.

E. Schedule next Board meeting

The next conference call meeting has been scheduled for Sunday, June 21st, 2015, at 1:00 PM EDT.