

Minutes for SUNDAY, Aug 7, 2016, 3PM PDT, 5PM CDT, 6PM EDT

In attendance: Eddie Alba (Competition Committee Co-chair), Lee Fox (Treasurer, Finance Committee Co-Chair), Pat Hogan (Vice-President, GLISA Representative, Membership Co-Chair), Daphna Locker (Secretary), Kalin Mitov, Benjamin Soencksen (President, FGG Delegate, and Scholarship Chair), and Barbara Zoloth

Apologies: Garret Gerritsen (Election Committee Chair, Membership Co-Chair, Finance Committee Co-Chair & Promotion Committee Chair) & Andrew Pueschel (Competition Committee Co-chair),

Meeting called to order @ 6:05 PM EDT

A. Standing Items

1. Polls since last meeting to be recorded – none
2. Minutes & Notes 160612 approved

B. Committee Reports

1. Financial: – General funds \$4,742.80, Scholarship funds \$1,527.20
2. Membership:
 - a. Membership update – no update
 - b. Newsletter – no update
3. Scholarship Committee:
 - a. Follow-up report - 4 scholarships awarded to participants of North American Championships held at Glitz & Glitter Ball
4. Same-Sex DanceSport Promotion Committee: – no update
5. Board Election Committee:
 - a. Updated election manual on Yahoo Group – to be finalized for next election
6. Website Committee:
 - a. Responses from Committee Chairs to master task list? – no update
 - b. Report on status of website development – Still waiting from Kathy to see about the migrating of the information from one site to the new site, no specific time-line ready or mentioned.
7. Competition Committee:
 - a. Adjudicator application(s)? – an application is currently considered by the committee
 - b. Sanctioning application(s)? – no new applications at this time
 - c. Title authorization application(s)?
 - i. Application for Canadian Championships at Montreal Rainbow Dance Challenge – provisionally approved, if physical application received prior to event
 - ii. Applications for 2017 Championships (see also under New Business)? – see below
 - d. Suggested revisions of or additions to Competition Rules? – no changes at this time
 - e. NASSPDA member's registration discount at sanctioned competitions – policy to be included in procedures for competition liaison

C. Old Business

1. Request for explanations of rules and procedures (for eNewsletter) – reference NASSPDA's Competition Rules in every eNewsletter
2. Coordination with other organizations:
 - a. FGG/ESSDA & GLISA: – Eurogames had the smallest number of competitors (160) since offering Dancesport at these games; some Russian couples, 1 couple from the US (male from Chicago in Standard B); no semi- or quarterfinals, all events were straight finals; majority from Germany or the Netherlands; at ESSDA meeting, subsequent talks about how to increase participation and members.
 - i. World Championship titles at Gay Games 2018? – NASSPDA voiced again concerns to ESSDA regarding licensing demands by ESSDA made in connection to the 2018 Gay Games, possibly preventing these to be World Championships. Response awaited.
 - b. IFSSDA:
 - i. WDSF interested in talks about membership – Question posed to WDSF what the benefit to NASSPDA would be. Response not expected until September.

3. Upcoming/recent competitions
 - a. Glitz & Glitter Ball, Columbus, OH, NA Championship, July 23, 2016 – see above and eNewsletter for report
 - b. Delaware Valley Equality Ball, Woodbury, NJ, August 21, 2016 – no entries yet; an invitational and proficiency event
 - c. Montreal Rainbow Dance Challenge, Canadian Championships, September 3, 2016 – see above
 - d. Provincetown Dance Trophy, Provincetown, October 1, 2016 – no entries yet, but inquiries; a proficiency event in only single dances plus social dancing and showcases
 - e. April Follies, California State Championship, Oakland, CA, April 29, 2017 – no update
Floorplay in the Desert, Palm Springs, CA, January 14, 2017 – added to the list of events
 - f. World Outgames, Miami, FL, 2017 World Championship, Week of Memorial Day 2017 - will include annual IAGLCWDC Convention on a separate day
– registration has opened on-line; registration fee is \$250 (not including sport fee); early bird special by September 1: \$100 discount; individual sport fee for Dancesport is \$75; IAGLCWDC sanctioned event will be held on Sunday, NASSPDA sanctioned event on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Gala will be held on Friday
 - g. Gay Games 10, Paris, France, 2018 World Championships, Summer 2018 – see above

D. New Business

1. Approval requirements of adjudicators from non-NA regions? – to be added to NASSPDA's Competition Rules requiring proof of qualification similar to NASSPDA approved judges
2. Queer Dance Cruise (Brian Miller)? – after Board's input, proposal expected
3. Which event will host the 2017 USA, Canadian & North American Championships? – Board approved NA Championships to be held at Floorplay in the Desert in January 2017 and USA Championships at Boston Open in September/October 2017

E. Schedule next Meeting(s) – Sunday, September 11, 2016, at 3PM PDT, 5PM CDT, 6PM EDT

Meeting ended at 7:21 PM