

Minutes of the NASSPDA Board meeting on SUNDAY, March 7, 2021, 11:00 AM PST, 1:00 PM CST, 2:00 PM EST

Present:

1. Benjamin Soencksen (President, FGG Delegate, Scholarship Committee Chair)
2. Lee Fox (Treasurer, Finance Committee & Membership Chair; Competition Committee Co-Chair)
3. Erik Jaeger (Secretary)
4. Horace Luong (Webmaster)
5. Emma DiFrancesco (Board Member)
6. Kalin Mitov (Promotion Committee Chair)
7. Debbie Esparza (Vice President)
8. Susie Hoskins (Board Member)
9. Eddie Alba (Competition Committee Co-Chair)
10. Jo Popadynetz (Board Member) joined at 14:18 EST, left 14:30

Meeting called to order at 14:06 EDT

Meeting ended 15:53 EDT

1. Standing Items

1.1. Polls since last meeting to be recorded

- Board unanimously approved via online poll the application for an activity grant by Alexis Massey prior to online workshops in February

1.2. Approve minutes & notes from last meeting

- Board unanimously approved.

2. Committee Reports

2.1. Financial:

- General Fund balance: \$2,919.78
- Scholarship Fund balance: \$2,596.35
- Stripe account: \$2,760.65
- No payments since last meeting.

2.2. Membership:

2.2.1. Membership update

- 90 Total Members: 64 Individual Members, 8 First Partners, 7 Second Partners, 2 Teams, 3 Organizations, 6 Honorary Members, 0 Students

2.2.2. Registration discount reimbursements

- No updates

2.3. Scholarship Committee:

2.3.1. Scholarship applications for 2021? (6x \$400)

- No new applications

2.3.2. Scholarship for GG11 in 2022? (part of circuit of sanctioned events?)

- Board will decide at the October or November meeting regarding the number and dollar amount of the GG11 scholarships.

2.4. Promotion Committee:

2.4.1. eNewsletter

- February eNewsletter: 398 delivered, 31% opened, 2.4% click-thru rate

2.4.2. Activity Grant

2.4.2.1. Report on approved activity grant(s)

- No decisions taken

2.4.2.2. New application(s)?

- Board unanimously approved Julianne DiBacco Daniells' online Standard and Latin workshops on April 3, 10 and 17 under the theme "take pride in your dancing."

2.4.3. Ambassadorship(s) applications

- No applications

2.4.4. Report on use and effect of Google Adwords grant

- No decisions taken

2.4.5. NASSPDA sponsored workshops

- No decisions taken.

2.5. Website Committee:

2.5.1. Website/Archive updates

- No decisions taken

2.5.2. Website/Domain Hosting Costs

- No updates. Topic will be tabled until the renewal time comes closer (2023)

- 2.6. Board Election Committee:
 - 2.6.1. Up for election in 2021: Benjamin, Emma, Erik, Jo, Susie
 - 2.6.2. **Election timeline?**
 - Applications/Nominations will be sent out April 1, due back to the committee April 18
 - Ballots will be sent April 23, voting ends May 7
 - Confirmation of election results and voting of officers in May or June Board Meeting
 - 2.7. Competition Committee:
 - 2.7.1. Adjudicator application(s)?
 - No new applications
 - 2.7.2. Sanctioning application(s)?
 - No new applications
 - 2.7.3. Title authorization application(s)?
 - No new applications
 - 2.7.4. Suggested revisions of or additions to Competition Rules?
 - 2.7.4.1. **Circuit of NASSPDA sanctioned events**
 - No new information
 - 2.7.4.2. **Changes to rules based on IFSSDA Competition Rules**
 - No decisions taken.
3. **Old Business**
 - 3.1. Coordination with other organizations
 - 3.1.1. FGG/ESSDA (Benjamin)
 - 3.1.1.1. **Who will be hired** to organize Dancesport at GG11 hosted in Hongkong?
 - 3.1.1.2. **Upgrade membership?**
 - No updates
 - 3.1.2. IFSSDA
 - 3.1.2.1. **Progress report on IFSSDA's website**
 - No updates
 - 3.2. Upcoming/recent competitions
 - 3.2.1. **CANCELLED: April Follies, California State Championship, Oakland, CA, April 24, 2021**
 - 3.2.2. World Dancesport Pride Cup (IFSSDA sanctioned), Orlando, FL, June 2021 as part of Pride Cup (sports event organized by One Magical Weekend; organizers Sergh Aliev & Michael Chapman)
 - 3.2.3. New England. Greater Boston, MA, September 2021
 - 3.2.4. San Francisco, CA, November 2021 [Photis & Jeff]?
 - Tabled for next meeting
 - 3.3. **Use of Google Suites to edit and comment on language/documents in development (proposal by Jo)**
 - Tabled for next meeting
 - 3.4. **Update on NASSPDA's community and Covid-19**
 - 3.4.1. **Contingency plan for sanctioned as well as titled events**
 - Tabled for next meeting
 - 3.5. **USA, Canada and North American Championships in 2021?**
 - Since 'New England Open' will be the sole NASSPDA sanctioned event in September of 2021, whether held virtually or in-person, part of this competition will therefore be hosting NASSPDA's 2021 North American Championships.
4. **New Business**
 - 4.1.1. **Annual Membership Meeting (if, when and how)**
 - Will be held April 11, 2021, via Zoom at 3pm - 4pm EDT, setup by Horace and referred to as "Annual Meeting" instead of "Annual Membership Meeting, in order to be also welcoming to non-members."
 - 4.1.2. **Discussion on 'Representation'**
 - Tabled for next meeting
5. **Schedule next Meeting(s)**
 - April 11, 2pm – 3pm EDT before the NASSPDA's Annual Meeting