

Minutes of the NASSPDA Board Meeting from SUNDAY, September 12, 2021

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. Kalin Mitov (Promotion Committee Chair)
6. Debbie Esparza (Vice President)
7. Susie Hoskins (Board Member)
8. Rufi Oswald (Board Member)
9. Jo Popadynetz (Board Member)
10. Eddie Alba (Competition Committee Co-Chair)
11. Emma DiFrancesco (Board Member) joined at 14:30 EDT

Absent:

1. Jo Popadynetz (Board Member)

Meeting called to order at 14:07 EDT

Meeting ended 15:40 EDT

1. Standing Items

- 1.1. Polls since last meeting to be recorded
 - No polls
- 1.2. Approve minutes & notes from last meeting
 - Board unanimously approved the notes and minutes of the 8/1/21 Board Meeting.

2. Committee Reports

2.1. Financial:

- General fund: \$6,804.78
- Scholarship fund: \$2,596.48
- Stripe \$28.83
- Expenses: No expenses since the last meeting

2.2. Membership:

2.2.1. Membership update

- 72 total members, 50 individual, 5 first partner, 5 second partner, 2 Teams, 3 Organizations, 6 Honorary Members, 1 Student

2.2.2. Registration discount reimbursements

- No reimbursements

2.3. Scholarship Committee:

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

- No applications

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

- Board decided unanimously that scholarship money could be made available for future Gay Games and IFSSDA World Championships.

2.4. Promotion Committee:

2.4.1. eNewsletter

- August newsletter sent to 402 people, 160 opened, 14 clicks to links about N.E. Open and the Partner Search, as well as the Dance Fiesta.

2.4.2. Activity Grant

2.4.2.1. Report on approved activity grant(s) and payments made

2.4.2.1.1. Alexis's Workshop Series

- Board unanimously agreed to pay the activity grant.

2.4.2.2. New application(s)?

- No new applications

2.4.3. Ambassadorship(s) applications

- No new applications

2.4.4. Report on use and effect of Google Adwords grant (hire consultant?)

2.4.5. NASSPDA sponsored workshops

2.4.6. NASSPDA on Instagram?

- No updates on 2.4.4-2.4.6.

- 2.5. Website Committee:
 - 2.5.1. Website/Archive updates
 - 2.5.2. Report on revamping/redesigning website
 - No decisions taken.
- 2.6. Board Election Committee 2022:
 - 2.6.1. Appoint Election Committee Chair in November/December 2021
 - 2.6.2. Up for election in 2022: Debbie, Eddie, Horace, Kalin, Lee
 - No updates on 2.6
- 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. Approval of revised NASSPDA Competition Rules (based on IFSSDA Competition Rules)
 - No decisions taken.
- 3. **Old Business**
 - 3.1. Coordination with other organizations
 - 3.1.1. FGG/ESSDA
 - 3.1.1.1. Updates on Dancesport at GG11 hosted in Hongkong
 - No decisions taken.
 - 3.1.1.2. Response to 'Political Climate' concerns regarding GG11
 - No decisions taken.
 - 3.1.1.3. Upgrade membership with FGG in 2022 (allows vote for next site election)?
 - 3.2. IFSSDA
 - 3.2.1. Progress report on IFSSDA's website
 - No decisions taken.
 - 3.3. Upcoming/recent competitions
 - April Follies will be canceled for 2022 due to uncertainty surrounding the pandemic.
 - 3.3.1. New England. North American Championships, Needham, MA, October 9, 2021
 - No decisions taken
 - 3.3.2. Gateway West (non-sanction event), Palm Springs, CA, October? [Sandra & Daphna]
 - No updates
 - 3.3.3. San Francisco, CA, November 2021 [Photis & Jeff]?
 - No updates
 - 3.4. Use of Google Suites to edit and comment on language/documents in development
 - No updates
 - 3.5. Update on NASSPDA's community and Covid-19
 - No updates
- 4. **New Business**
 - 4.1. Discussion on 'Representation'
 - No discussion
- 5. **Schedule next Meeting**
 - Sunday, November 7, 14:00 EST, 13:00 CST. 11:00 PST: **NOTE THIS IS THE FIRST DAY OF STANDARD TIME**
 - FOLLOW-UP NOTE: Meeting moved to DECEMBER 12, 14:00 EST, 13:00 CST. 11:00 PST