

# CENTRAL COAST COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY

## Board of Directors Meeting

May 6, 2010

The meeting was held at the Odd Fellows Hall in San Luis Obispo with the following members present:

Phil Curnow	Keith Gorrindo	Judy Ellis
Diana Novak	Chad Noland	Harold Hallikainen
Barbara Bowden, Guest		

President Phil Curnow opened the meeting at 6:39 P.M.

The minutes of the March 10, 2010 meeting were approved as read.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Harold distributed copies of financial information. Our net worth currently is \$21,358.61; cash in the bank is \$18,357.36.

**DATA BASE:** Harold indicated the post card mailing cost is approximately \$100. If it gets higher, he will review the data base list and delete people's data who have not attended a dance in the last year. He will give these names to Judy for deletion on the attendance list. Judy needs any immediate deletions by June 1 as new attendance lists will be typed beginning with the June dance.

**DOOR COVERAGE REPORT:** Ann Parker was unable to attend the meeting; however, door coverage was discussed including efforts by Board members to enroll more people to take on responsibility of covering one entire dance. Barbara Bowden volunteered to work on this project. Barbara will contact Ann to find out specific needs.

The consensus was directions for new people should be more visible and the signs used in the past for this purpose will again be introduced and hung behind the table.

Despite our efforts to have new people PRINT their information, some are written and illegible. Diana will make a concerted effort to either write the information for them or check it before they leave the table for legibility.

**CALLERS AND BANDS:** The band schedule for the next three months is as follows:

May 8	Band: Foggy Bay, Caller, Jean Gorrindo
May 29	This is our first Zesty Dance. Band: Chopped Liver from LA, Caller, Jean Gorrindo
June 12	Band: Michael Gutin, Caller Warren Blier
July 10	Band: TBA, Caller, Robin Steen
July 31	2nd Zesty Dance. Band Bonfire from LA, Caller Susan Michaels, LA

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

**WALTZ WORKSHOP WITH SUSAN PETRICK:** Judy will contact Susan and see if she is available for our October 9 dance for calling and leading a waltz workshop for beginners. SLO members would attend free of charge. Judy will ask Susan what fee she would want and how long the session should be. It would be held before the dance.

In the meantime, Diana Novak, a former dance instructor, will invite people to learn waltzing during the breaks at our dances. Chad will assist her when available.

**BEGINNER'S WORKSHOP:** Not working on this project currently.

**PUBLICITY FOR ZESTY DANCES:** It was felt that publicity for our first zesty dance on May 29 was important. Phil will contact Monterey and Santa Barbara people to see if announcements can be made in those areas. Board members are encouraged to make personal calls to experienced dancers who have not been attending our monthly dances. Reasons for having a zesty dance is to test having two dances a month and also bring experienced dancers back. Judy will write text for Harold to use with his radio and newspaper contacts.

**ODD FELLOWS DINNER/DANCE:** Phil reported this will not be happening soon. He will work with members of the Odd Fellows to find out possible upcoming dates.

**CONTRA CARNIVALE 2011 UPDATE:** Keith reported he has the check for the rental of the SLO Vets' Hall and will present it to the County as soon as the insurance certificate is received. The County has given us another extension on due date.

Judy reported that all staff contracts have been mailed except for Bill Gaines. The Syncopaths and Lisa Greenleaf have already returned their signed contracts. Keith is currently negotiating with Bill Gaines.

**ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING:** A potluck and election of officers are included in this meeting. Slate of officers is: President, Phil Curnow; Vice President, Keith Gorrindo; Treasurer, Harold Hallikainen; and Recording Secretary, Barbara Bowden.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

**REVIEW 2 TERM LIMIT OF OFFICERS IN BY-LAWS:** In reviewing the wording of the by-laws, Harold pointed out they state "Terms of office are two years and Officers should not serve more than two consecutive two-year terms." The interpretation of "should" in this case per Board members is that an officer can actually run for a third consecutive term. If the wording was "shall," then legally only two consecutive terms could be sought.

**REVIEW HAYWARD POLICIES:** Much of the philosophy of the Hayward dance community was appreciated by the Board, especially the emphasis on community. Diana will create a "welcome letter" to be taken home by new dancers. This will be in addition to the letter mailed to them with the free dance coupon enclosed.

**OTHER:** Chad asked if we could schedule higher quality bands for our monthly dances in order to increase our dwindling attendance. It was explained that several years ago the Board became under obligation to schedule at least two dances per local band of which there are three; The Growling Old Geezers, Foggy Bay, and Paddy O'Furniture. Discussion included the frustration of some dancers with the musical repetition of some local bands. With local bands required for six dances, that leaves five dances a year for other bands. Other limitations are

the cost of really great bands who might be traveling through California and whether their schedule falls within our dance dates.

**DATE OF NEXT BOARD MEETING:** The next Board meeting will be held on Thursday, August 12, at the Odd Fellows Hall. Phil will reserve a room. The August 14 dance will include a potluck with BBQ chicken and veggie burgers for participants.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:41 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Ellis

Recording Secretary