Minutes from MATC General Membership Meeting 6/26/2008

Board Members Present:
Hirak Parikh (President)
Aleric Soans (Vice President)
Solveig Heinz (Treasurer)
Anjali Purkayastha (Director of Operations)
Rahul Mhaskar (Registration Officer)
Andrew DeOrio (Webmaster)
Elizabeth Garcia (Secretary)

No Board members were absent.


Meeting was called to order at 9:30 pm

Proposed Agenda:
1. Introduction of the Board
2. Officer Reports
3. Introduce proposed changes to the constitution to the Club.
4. Questions from Members/Users

1. Board Member introductions.

2. Officer Reports

a) Solveig presented Treasurer's report.
   - Solveig reviewed this year's financial report.
   - Total expenses are just over half of the year's budgeted expenses and this amount includes room reservations for the rest of the year.
   - The amount in the Club's account as of now is exactly what it was when Solveig took the position as treasurer at the beginning of this year. Given that this is also the first year that the new membership structure has been in place, this is positive news.
   - Solveig responded to a question from Ramji regarding the possibility of purchasing a portable wooden floor. Solveig would like to wait a bit longer before that purchase in order to ensure that the finances will be secure given that this is the first year that the new membership structure has been in place.
b) Elizabeth presented Secretary's report.
- All minutes from Board meetings held thus far are on the website for anyone to view.

c) Andrew presented Webmaster's report.
- The website continues to run smoothly.

d) Anjali presented Director of Operations report.
- All rooms are booked for the rest of the year.

e) Aleric presented Vice President's report.
- We've had a lot of help from everyone on the Board and other members of the Club for the Educational Programs.
- Teaching report. Currently we have 14 teachers (Ciro, Maria, Heather, Anjali, Ramji, Bo, Elizabeth, Aleric, Avik, Yelena, Jamaal, Emine, Patricia, and Patrick).
- TA program has been very successful. This is a great avenue for advanced dancers to both advance their dancing skills and also contribute to the Club by teaching and helping less advanced dancers. Currently we have 3 TAs (Solveig, Kim, Andreas).
- We welcome advanced dancers who wish to work on their dancing and help teach the classes to join the TA program. However, please note that we: 1. maintain high standards and 2. we would like to offer it as a privilege to those who contribute to the Club.
- DJs: We have a few new as well as some experienced DJs including Ramji, Aleric, Joe, Patrick, Patricia, Avik, Hirak (5)
- Thank you to all volunteers of the Club.

f) Hirak presented President's report.
- Rahul is leaving for Boston and thus the Registration Officer position will be vacant. Anyone interested in filling this position can contact the Board.
- None of the Board members have had a conflict of interest during their time in office.

3. Introduced proposed changes to the constitution to the Club.

a) First proposed change:
V.1-e Limitations

An officer may serve on the Board two (2) years, irrespective of the position they may have held on the Board. A maximum of one partial term does not count against the two-year limit. If more than one partial term is served, then any partial term after the first will be considered a full term. A Board member's appointed position officially begins with the first Board meeting held after the appointment is made.

b) Second proposed change:
VIII. Amendments to the Constitution

Amendments shall be ratified on the second General Membership Meeting following the request. A majority vote of two-thirds (2/3), with no less than thirty-six (36) of the Club Members present at the General Membership Meeting shall be required to ratify an
amendment to the Constitution.

These will be voted on at the next General Membership meeting.

4. Hirak opened the floor for questions.

- Maria suggested that a survey be created and provided for Users and Members to evaluate people's opinions of the Club and what could be done to improve it.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 pm.