Minutes from MATC Board Meeting 1/7/09

The President declared this meeting to be a “closed session.” See Article V.1-g(iv) “Attendance” of the Constitution.

Board members present:
Katherine Mitroka (President)
Elizabeth Garcia (Vice-President)
Claire Ryan (Treasurer)
Denzil Bernard (Director of Operations)
Blake Charlebois (Registration Officer)

Tracey Rosen

All Board members were present. Quorum was met.

Meeting was called to order at 6:40 pm.

Proposed Agenda:
1. Approve Agenda
2. Appoint Tracey Rosen as Secretary for the Board
3. Chacarera class with Randy Fisher
4. Definition of a student member
5. Plan board meetings
6. Options for Webmaster position
7. Teacher confirmation for Jan 7 series
8. Winterfest
9. Open officer comments
10. Financial review
11. Discussion of Festival and Workshop Structure
12. Discussion of Classes and Teaching system
13. Discussion of recruitment
14. Discussion of potential bylaw changes
15. Protocol on Board decisions in exceptional circumstances
16. Announcement of non-club events
17. Additional concerns

1. Motion to approve this meeting’s agenda.
   Consent unanimous.
   Motion passed.

2. Motion to approve Tracey Rosen as the Secretary of the 2009 MATC Board.
   Proposed by: Elizabeth
   Seconded by: Blake
   Vote: Unanimous
3. Motion to approve the following regarding the Chacarera Class with Randy Fisher:
   - Class is to take place on Jan 12 at Pittsfield Grange
   - Kate, on behalf of the board, will offer Randy payment.
   - If Randy accepts payment, the board may choose to charge a fee of $5 per person at the door.

   Proposed by: Tracey
   Seconded by: Claire
   Vote: Unanimous
   Motion passed

4. Motion to approve the consideration of all part-time UM students as eligible for student pricing at all events and student Board positions:

   Proposed by: Elizabeth
   Seconded by: Claire
   Vote: Unanimous
   Motion Passed

5. Motion to approve the following regarding open and closed board meetings:
   - Open board meetings will occur monthly on a Wednesday at 7pm, the first of which will occur on January 21.
   - Closed board meetings will occur monthly on a Tuesday at 9:15pm, the first of which will occur on January 13.

   Proposed by: Tracey
   Seconded by: Claire
   Vote: Unanimous
   Motion Passed

6. Motion to approve Gloria Murillo as Webmaster for the 2009 MATC board.

   Proposed by: Elizabeth
   Seconded by: Blake
   Vote: Unanimous
   Motion Passed
7. Motion to approve the following teachers for the next series of classes beginning January 7, 2009:

Beginner: Aleric & Solveig
Advanced Beginner: Bo & Emine
Intermediate: Andreas & Maria
Structured Practica: Jamaal

Proposed by: Denzil
Seconded by: Blake
Vote: Unanimous
Motion Passed

8. Regarding 2009 Winterfest, which occurs on January 13, the following actions will be taken:
   - Elizabeth will call for volunteers to sit at the MATC table during the event and also recruit volunteer performers to dance.
   - Kate will get approval to play music at our table and confirm our performance time slot and the size of the stage

9. The following was discussed during Open Officer Comments:
   - Claire: concerns about breaking even at festivals
   - Denzil: Students must sign SOAS related documents. We should have 3 student signers on the account...Our locker access was terminated at the beginning of Sept, Solveig is sorting out the issue...The facility housing our external locker is going bankrupt, so we need to find a new facility. A 5'x10' locker averages $40-60/month and $8-10/month in insurance, and some places are only open until 9 or 10pm, a concern for access during late milongas...classrooms are rented through April 29, Grange rental expires at the end of January, milonga rooms are booked through June....Kelly will be making changes on the flyers to be distributed for next class series.

*Blake left at 7:15. With the addition of Tracey as Secretary, 5 board members remain. Quorum is maintained.

-Denzil continues: When receiving emails on behalf of the board, we should acknowledge our receipt of the email and let them know the board will discuss the situation...We need to figure out the use and maintenance of the forums.

10-17. Motion to table rest of agenda until the next board meeting
Proposed by: Elizabeth
Seconded by: Claire
Vote: Unanimous
Motion Passed

Meeting adjourned at 7:25pm.