MATC Open Board Meeting 2/17/10

Board Members Present:
Denzil Bernard, Vice-President
Faissal Sleiman, Treasurer
Mehreen Kakwan, Secretary
Vijay Ramprasad, Registration Officer
Mani Kashanianfard, Webmaster
Peter Sotherland, Director of Operations

Absent:
Gloria Murillo, President

1 Board member was absent. Quorum was met.

Meeting was called to order at 7:10pm.

Proposed Agenda
1. Interim Approvals
2. Update on March Workshop
3. May Madness
4. Haiti Tea Milonga
5. Graduation Milonga
6. Flyering Event
7. Strategies to have regularly updated memberships
8. Subcommittee for Instructors
9. Call for EOs for July and Sept.
10. Member concerns

Motion to approve agenda
Proposed by: Mani
Seconded by: Peter
Vote: Unanimous
Motion passed.

1. Interim Approvals
Peter is approved as Director of Operations.

2. Update on March Workshop
   - Elizabeth says the budget needs to be approved by co-EOs, all else prepared.
   - Mani will help with putting up the workshop banner on the webpage along with that for the new lesson series.
3. May Madness
- Instructors have agreed to come, need clarification regarding taxation. Need to approve the list of instructors that have been provided and should be complete by the end of the week.
- Start an email thread on the subject of approving the instructors and fixing the criteria.
- Faissal and Peter will prepare a list of the instructors with videos. A google page will be started, where everyone can post on that page. A final decision will be made by Sunday.

4. Haiti Tea Milonga
- Successful - $395 raised.
- Considering dividing the donations that go to Partners in Health (PIH) and another charity. We’ll continue to collect donations, unless there is a strong urge to switch the organization, for PIH until the end of May or June.

5. Graduation Milonga
- It will be on March 1st. Students have been informed, and ride share advertised.
- Vijay and Denzil will get snacks for this.

6. Flyering Event
- There will be General Practica on March 3rd while the lesson series starts only the 10th, therefore flyering event will be moved to a later date. A call for volunteers will be included in the club email.

7. Strategies to have regularly updated memberships.
- Need 20% of members to be present at the general membership meeting towards the end of the year.
- Problem: We have an artificially large number of members, but only a few of them are actually able to attend the membership meetings because they graduate, have moved etc..
  - Suggestions included having a field for graduation dates on the membership application. Have a 1/2 year membership instead. This has to be done according to the constitutional requirements and will be discussed further.
  - On the membership application, have them fill out when they are graduating so it can be accounted for.

8. Subcommittee for Instructors
- Vijay indicated that the number of members suggested currently may be too much. Denzil clarified that it was just the initial framework for forming the committee and would need further review and modification. This will be done over email, and in the meantime processes for festivals and workshops will follow the current course.

9. Call for EOs for July and Sept.
- Included in the weekly email. No responses received yet. Will continue to send out invitation, and we will talk to people about working in this capacity.
10. Member concerns

- Elizabeth asked if instructors for the next series have been approved, and Denzil indicated that they would be as soon as possible.

- Chandan indicated that the board should have more input in terms of when the instructors should be selected, and should not be left as the responsibility of the EOs. We need a timeline that allows that to take place more in advance. Denzil asks Chandan to whether the EO manual is helpful, and the things that need to be taken care of are addressed in the document. Chandan suggests that the board should provide a list of possible instructors to make the task easier for EOs. In terms of expenditures, the EOs should have some amount of money provided to them so they don’t have to worry about getting reimbursed later. Denzil clarified that we would have to figure out SOAS procedures for this, since normally cash cannot be withdrawn from SOAS.

Motion to adjourn

Proposed by: Faissal
Seconded by: Peter
Vote: Unanimous
Motion passed.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:55pm.