MATC Open Meeting Minutes 3/24/10

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

Absent:
Gloria Murillo, President
Faissal Sleiman, Treasurer

2 board members absent, quorum was met.

Meeting called to order at 7:15pm.

Proposed Agenda:
1. Interim Approvals
2. Recap March Workshops
3. Budget for May Madness
4. Haiti Fundraiser
5. MATC poster and small flyers/business cards
6. SOAS signers/Union Locker
7. Returned Checks-Policy
8. T-shirts and Hoodies
9. Discuss potential Instructors for 2010
10. Fire and Ice Festival
11. Schedule next working session
12. Request for letter for Instructors

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

1. Interim Approvals
   • Has been approved that May Madness EOs may contact instructors regarding availability
   • Maxi approved as instructor -for March 2010 workshop
   • March Workshop budget was approved.
   • Change of regular MATC Milonga times to 8pm-12am.
2. Recap March Workshops
   - Attendee Feedback: Clear instruction from Maxi. Enjoyed more than Fire and Ice because he was able to integrate what he learned.

3. Budget for May Madness
   - Tracey: Progressing well. Budget will require minor changes, overall cost equivalent. Canceling Anderson Room for Saturday and Sunday.
   - Denzil indicated that the Board will require the pricing structure as well before it can be approved.

4. Haiti Fundraiser
   - Gary suggested collecting cans for food banks.
   - Selling Raffle tickets, prize could be a membership pass to attend club.
   - Instructors may donate time, people can bid for the time, money goes towards charity.
   - Aim for an April Fundraiser Event, and perhaps include an event in May Madness.

5. MATC poster and small flyers/business cards
   - We need a generic small flyer and poster describing club, that is not dated and can be used at all times.
     - Denzil: Suggests a designing competition for creating the poster.
     - Elizabeth: Past experience shows that majority of people don’t know how to design, risk infringing copyright or accepting a less than ideal design.
     - Vijay: Get a professional designer to create a logo, strong branding for the club, consistency, as Gloria has initiated. Vijay will lead this project.

6. SOAS signers/Union Locker
   - Everyone has been added to the SOAS signers list.
   - Everyone on the board should have access to the Union Locker and the list of people who are confirmed on the list from the past must be revised.

7. Returned Checks Policy
   - Currently there is no formal policy on how to handle this. Should include a clause on our webpage about how checks are cashed. Email discussion for board to formulate policy.

8. T-shirts and Hoodies
   - Need to set a deadline for when people can pick up their requested order, after which T-shirts can be sold to others. The 6th week is a suitable deadline and so we will continue this same procedure.

9. Discuss potential Instructors for 2010
   - Gloria has submitted a list of potential instructors that we could contact. It is mostly people who have been approved before, or have taught at a Club Festival or Workshop before.
10. **Fire and Ice Festival**
   - No report yet since reimbursements haven’t been processed. Send EOs an email requesting closure.

11. **Schedule next working session**
   - Will discuss over email to confirm weekend availability during the month of April, by the end of tomorrow evening.

12. **Request for letter for Instructors**
   - Maxi requested a letter to be drafted for his visa application. He has taught at a number of MATC events, and a letter will be drafted for this purpose.

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Motion to adjourn meeting
   Motioned by: Mani
   Seconded by: Vijay
   Vote: Unanimous
   Motion passed.

**Meeting adjourned at 8pm.**