

Minutes of the Board Meeting May 30 2007

Members Present – Solveig Heinz, Aleric Soans, Bo Sun, HiraK Parikh, Sandeep Tata

Agenda:

- 1. May Madness Accounts**
- 2. Membership and Fee Structure**
- 3. EOs for July and September**
- 4. Teachers for next series and procedure for choosing them**
- 5. Weekly Email – transitioning to HiraK**
- 6. Old T-Shirts – Donation**
- 7. New T-Shirts -- Schedule/Design**
- 8. Spicing up Milongas**
- 9. Requests for private lessons**
- 10. Canceling Mondays**
- 11. Lost and Found Board + Discussion board on Website**
- 12. Adding DJ's to the schedule on website**

1. May Madness Accounts

Accounts were posted to the board earlier. We propose to accept with modifications:

1. Reimbursement for Joe
2. Reimbursement for Teresa

Passes Unanimously

2. Membership Structure

a) After discussion, we propose –

Annual Membership/Usership

(Entrance to all series and regular milongas)

\$50 for students

\$100 for Non Students

Half Year Membership/Usership

\$30 for students

\$60 for Non Students

One Series Pass

(Entrance to all series and regular milongas)

\$10 for students

\$20 for ALL non-students

Semester Milonga Pass

\$10 for students

\$20 for all non-students

DropIn

\$5 for students

\$10 for non students

Additional memberships are subject to the constitution.

Attendance benefits expire when pass expires. Membership expires at the end of calendar.

Passes Unanimously

b) Bo Proposes – Make this effective immediately. Make this effective immediately and return the milonga pass amount collected last milonga (May 19th) if they have a practica pass/series membership.

Passes Unanimously

c) Consensus proposal after discussion -- Teachers/DJs – Get a dinner party at the end of each series. This is one of the incentives for advanced members to teach and DJ in lieu of the current system of waiving their practica pass. Since most advanced dancers are likely, to switch to a membership, this will prove to be an easier to implement and fun incentive.

Passes Unanimously

3. EO's for festivals

Proposal: Gurjit, Yelena V., Gloria, Emine

a) June 29th Weekend

These 4 will be permitted to organize the festival subject to Y.V clearly apologising for mishandling Alicia Pons event.

5 Votes for, 1 Against (Aleric)

If Yelena V. does not accept the terms and chooses not to apologize, we choose:

Emine, Gloria, Gurjit as organizers for June 29th weekend.

Passes Unanimously

b) For September

Ramji, Solveig, Jamaal, Heather will be EOs.

Passes Unanimously

Sandeep will send emails to the organizers informing them of the board's decision.

4. Next series' teachers; policy for selecting them

a) Teachers for next series

Intermediate Class

Proposed teachers: James & Joanie w/ guest teachers Jamaal & Karri

Advanced Beginner

Proposed teachers: Bo & Elizabeth

Beginner

Proposed teachers: Aleric & Maria

Passes Unanimously

Aleric will inform the teachers about the decisions for the next series.

b) Policies:

Teachers will be asked to file the feedback received with the board. Advanced dancers should be encouraged to participate in class and help other students. Existing teachers can recommend new teachers and the board will encourage them to teach a few classes before they handle a full series.

Passes Unanimously

5. Weekly email:

Hirak will take over sending the weekly and milonga reminder emails.

Hirak described how he will do this and the email accounts he has set up:

umichtango@google is still the email address to reach the board, teachers, EO's

umtango@umich.edu – not moderated, emails sent go to everyone

Hirak will handle unsubscribe requests + and remove bounced email addresses on a weekly basis.

He will also add new beginners to the email list as they register for class.

Passes Unanimously

6. Old T-shirts:

Old T-shirts will be donated to the Salvation Army in Detroit because they advertise for a separate and private tango organization instead of the MATC.

Passes Unanimously

7. New T-shirts:

Solveig and Anjali design and determine the number and type of T-shirts to be made.

Budget for this project is due on 6/13/07.

T-shirts must be ready for sale by 8/1/07

Passes Unanimously

8. Ideas for spicing-up future milonga's:

Outdoor milongas:

June 29th weekend in Gallup Park

July festival milonga at Regeant's Plaza (where the cube is)

Both events will require permits from the City of Ann Arbor

Ideas for other milonga's:

Provide food: e.g., fruit, cheese & crackers or food from the Union food vendors or through their caterers.

Games: play some sort of game (e.g. Tango bingo, Guess-the-orchestra, matching jigsaw piece) that is fun, involves those in attendance but does not disrupt the flow of the milonga.

Themes: milongas have a theme, e.g., must wear black or white, bring a rose etc.

Someone will host each milonga. He/she will be in charge of organizing the décor, games and food for that milonga. There will be a \$75 budget for each milonga.

Passes Unanimously

Aleric will host milonga on 6/16/07.

Passes Unanimously

9. Private Lessons

Post the following policy on the website and follow it:

"The club does not organise or schedule private lessons, nor does it endorse any of the above instructors. If you are interested in taking private lessons with any of the above individuals, please contact them directly. As a matter of courtesy to other dancers in the club, you are requested not to schedule a private lesson at the same time as a club event (class/practica/milonga)"

We list instructors in the area who agree not to schedule a private lesson during any of the Club events.

Passes Unanimously

10. Scheduling Mondays

We'll table this decision for the next meeting.

Passes Unanimously

11. Discussion forum:

Hirak will add a "Lost & Found" and discussion topic board to the website

Some features (such as hosting scripts) might require us to pay the University \$50 per year. Hirak will provide the details of what we need and make a case for our web choices at the next meeting.

Passes Unanimously

12. Adding DJ's to schedule on website:

Hirak will post DJ schedule on MATC website.

Passes Unanimously

13. Policy for inclusion/exclusion of tango advertising in the weekly emails

Club events and local milongas will be included in the weekly emails. We will not include advertisements for regular lessons and practicas that take place outside the club. This is to make sure that the membership is informed about the club's activities and local events where they can put their tango skills to use, while at the same time not inundating them with too much outside information.

Passes Unanimously