

MATC Meeting Minutes 3/10/09

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

Board Members Present:

**Kate Mitroka (President)
Elizabeth Garcia (Vice President)
Claire Ryan (Treasurer)
Tracey Rosen (Secretary)
Blake Charlebois (Registration Officer)
Gloria Murillo (Webmaster)
Denzil Bernard (Director of Operations)**

All board members were present. Quorum was met.

Meeting was called to order at 9:25pm.

Proposed Agenda:

- 1. Approval of past minutes**
- 2. Acknowledgement of email approvals**
- 3. Approval of instructors for July workshop**
- 4. Maxi's addition to list of private instructors**
- 5. Q about survey possibilities**
- 6. Traspie and DJ classes, and Monday hectic milonga class**
- 7. Update from Tracey on newspaper ads**
- 8. Update from Elizabeth A-list postings**
- 9. Update on AP**
- 10. Update on May and September**
- 11. Discussion of approval system**
- 12. Discussion of pricing scheme**
- 13. Festival charging language**
- 14. Discussion of member conduct at milongas**
- 15. Consider changes to admin section and email and alumni relations proposed by member**

Motion to approve agenda

**Proposed by: Denzil
Seconded by: Tracey
Vote: Unanimous
Motion passed.**

1. Approval of past minutes

**Motion to approve 2/18/09 open board meeting minutes
Proposed by: Elizabeth**

*Seconded by: Blake
Vote: Yes-6 Abstain-1
Motion passed.*

2. Acknowledgement of email approvals

The following was approved over email:

- Curriculum for March/April series*
- List of instructors to be contacted for May Madness*
- Approval of instructors for September (2nd set)*

3. Approval of instructors for July workshop

Motion to approve Yanick and Kara as instructors for the July workshop.

Proposed by: Elizabeth

Seconded by: Claire

Vote: Unanimous

Motion passed.

Motion to approve July workshop budget with domestic flight costs and no contribution to other travel expenses.

Proposed by: Tracey

Seconded by: Claire

Vote: Unanimous

Motion passed.

4. Maxi's addition to private list of instructors

As per the "Instructors offering Private Lessons" section of the Policies and By-laws, only club members or active users can be listed as private instructors. Elizabeth will send an email explaining this to Maxi as well as stating that if this requirement cannot be met, he can be listed under the other tango opportunities list. Gloria will update the website link to the "Other Tango" section of the site as well as note that instructor bios are coming soon. The board will elicit bios from the instructors posted on the site.

Motion to approve the listing of Maxi as a resource on the website, contingent upon his approval.

Proposed by: Claire

Seconded by: Elizabeth

Vote: Yes-6 Abstain-1

Motion passed.

5. Question about survey possibilities

A student conducting a class survey on male dancers will be allowed to place questionnaires in the room during a practica to be filled out on a voluntary basis.

6. Traspie and DJ classes, and Monday hectic milonga class
Elizabeth will ask HiraK about incorporating a traspie lesson into the Monday Alicia Pons review on 3/23/09.

Tentative plans for Monday classes as follows:

- Emine and Stefan will teach part 2 of "tango games"*
- Patrick will hold a DJ class*
- Aleric will present a 2 part milonga class*

7. Update from Tracey on newspaper ads

Pricing for advertising in different publications was discussed. Tracey will contact various publications about being listed for free in events lists and to invite a reporter for a free 8 week series in exchange for publishing an article about his/her experience.

8. Update from Elizabeth on A-list postings

Alicia Pons workshop is on Tango-A, a May Madness announcement will go out next week. Announcements will also be sent out for Rainbow Tango (LGBT tango event) and the Tea Milonga.

9. Update on AP

Forms for payment will be in before AP weekend. Preparations seem to be going smoothly.

Kate will book the Parker room for a promotional introductory tango lesson arranged by a Club member for his work colleagues

10. Update on May and September

The Board discussed keeping up with festival emails and email responses.

Elizabeth will find instructors for the Art and Design promotional introductory class to be held at the art gallery on State St.

Kate will email Marianna to let her know that the Art and Design students can contact the Board about art project resources or to organize a small project.

The idea of keeping a catalog of old budget records for future reference was discussed.

11. Discussion of approval system

The current method for discussing motions pertaining to festival and workshop instructors to be approved will be maintained, with Board members being more vigilant and responsive to discussion.

EOs should be notified of Board expectations of communication at the time of their approval.

**Motion to table 12. Discussion of Pricing Scheme, 13. Festival Charging Language, and 15. Changes to Admin Section until the next Open Board Meeting.*

Proposed by: Denzil

Seconded by: Claire

Vote: Unanimous

Motion passed.

14. Member conduct at milongas

A warning email will be sent to a milonga attendee about whom the Board has received numerous complaints of inappropriate behavior.

An anonymous complaint regarding another club member will be forwarded to that person.

A section on the website will be created to better receive complaints about inappropriate Club member and user conduct.

The sections on the website explaining the purposes of milongas, practices will be more clearly displayed.

Elizabeth will ask teachers to make announcements during classes regarding a dancer's agency and respectful treatment of fellow dancers.

Motion to adjourn.

Proposed by: Claire

Seconded by: Blake

Vote: Unanimous

Motion passed.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:35pm.