

## **Contra Borealis Dancers (CBD)**

### **Board Meeting**

**January 17, 2013**

**Gullivers, 5:00 pm**

### **Minutes**

#### **1. Roll Call**

Present: Barbara Braley, Jim Deininger, Christine Martin, Brad Krick, Gary Newman, Charley Basham, Lynn Basham, Andie Rice, Holly Stack.

Not present: Tom Lyngholm, Alan Braley, John Adams, Colleen Herning, Sarah Garland, student rep. William Hargrove

#### **2. Approval of agenda**

#### **3. Regular Dance Admission adjustment**

Barbara brought historic budget summaries for years 2008-2012 for regular dances and Dance Camp. Most years, particularly in recent years, show a loss each year. Regular dance entry and membership haven't gone up in over a decade. It was proposed and accepted to raise dance fees and membership as follows:

Annual membership: regular from \$15 to \$20 / student from \$10 to \$15

Regular dances: regular non-member from \$8 to \$10

Regular member from \$5 to \$8

Student non-member from \$5 to \$7

Student member from \$3 to \$5

It was also noted that when paying membership at the door, either first time or renewing, that regular dance will be free.

The raise will take effect March 1, 2013 and be preceded with announcements after the Winter Dance Weekend (give people at least a week to recover) by email, Facebook, on the website, and at the Feb. 15, 2013 dance. Brad will craft the message for sending out. Gary will update the website and Facebook page.

#### **4. Dance Camp North**

Barbara read a list of the 9 essential positions and noted she and Alan would not be at Dance Camp this year. She will be sending this list to Holly and Gary along with any other relevant information that will help coordinate camp.

Charley nominated Holly Stack and Gary Newman for co-coordinators for DCN 2013 and they accepted with the assurance from others present that they would be helping. An email alias will be [and is now set up] [dcn@contraborealis.org](mailto:dcn@contraborealis.org) that will go to both Holly and Gary for future coordinating efforts.

Holly indicated she already had interest from others doing the catering since Gretchen Herreid wasn't able to do it this year.

Gary noted Bruno's DCN 2012 documentation was available in our Dropbox shared folder. If anyone involved wants access that doesn't have access, let Gary know ([gary@chena.org](mailto:gary@chena.org))

Jim Deining indicated a need to better coordinate Paypal payments with Dance Camp registration. Gary indicated that could be worked on with Alan and using some web registration plugins on the new website.

Other volunteers noted: Marty Baldrige for buttons (she has the button machine) even though she won't be at Dance Camp; Alice Palen did drink service for a discount on entry; Christine would help with publicity, day of hall setup for decorations and such. Barbara will look to bring some of the decorations to the Dance Hall from home for storage. Check with Alan about a coat rack.

The wooden stage sections were noted to be in poor condition and are still really heavy. Gary will be looking into alternatives, such as portable risers, more on this as planning progresses.

Gary noted we have two potential callers Sarah VanNordstrand and Adina Gordon available and interested in coming. This will be one of the first decisions of the Dance Camp Committee.

Holly and Gary will be working to prepare for a Dance Camp Committee meeting in the near future, following some strategic planning. Holly will be out of town until March 13, 2013, but will be available for Skype video chat from Puerto Vallarta, poor dear.

#### **5. New Website**

Gary asked folks to check out the new website and give him feedback. One does need to explore the top menu buttons, it's not all on one page.

The calendar can now be updated by the schedulers directly through a google account, still pending coordination with schedulers. The same calendar was shared with <http://fairbanksdancecentral.com/> - Webmaster Tom Duncan, but we should work with him on making his updates more easily. Future enhancements can include generic email for bulk announcements. Possible other enhancements may cost a nominal amount annually in the neighborhood of \$20-\$25.

## **6. Ballroom Dance Club (BDC)**

Holly Stack, outgoing president of the club, indicated a desire to cross advertise special events between Contraborealis and the Ballroom Dance Club.

Holly asked if the CBD could trade days for the contradance Friday May 3 to Saturday May 4 due to a BDC event. Barbara agreed to find out if Eel House was available, as Barbara is the scheduled caller and Eel House the band.

Holly also indicated that Richard Powers would be coming up to Fairbanks for a cross-step waltz workshop and possibly more June 14-16, 2013. We will look into a coordinated event.

## **7. Corporation (Northern Lights Council of Dancers – NLCD)**

Lynn Basham reported that he wanted approval to book the hall for the Winter Dance Weekend Sunday musicians/callers workshop on Sun. Feb 3 from 1 pm – 3 pm. Motion approved.

Lynn reported he would be signing on behalf of CBD for the liability insurance policy held by NLCD for members and non-members as needed.

It was noted that the first Friday August 2, 2013 was already reserved for CBD for a dance.

## **8. Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 pm

Respectfully submitted by Gary Newman, courtesy fill-in for Secretary Tom Lyngholm