

## Minutes --USA Dance Board Meeting 18 May 2009

Convene: 6:45 PM at the Aveling Home.

Present: Roy Aveling, Lori Aveling, Mark Richman, Julie Duncan, John Selander, Renee Johnson

Absent: Karynn Radtke

Minutes for April Meeting not submitted due to computer malfunction.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer unable to submit report due to computer malfunction.

Treasurer reported the checking account had a current balance of \$5,737.27

Youth and College Dance -- Mark Richman reported there were over 90 participants and net income was \$220 after paying \$60 to Jennica Krolicki to DJ for the evening. Mark also reported the dance instructor at PCC, Melinda Bronson, will be starting a new class, which hopefully will get more people involved in the Youth College Dance.

Greg Krolicki (?) wants to start a second Youth/College night dance in the fall, possibly in September. The second College/Youth Dance in September would be the same night as the Day of Dance. The Board of Directors decided to postpone the 2<sup>nd</sup> Youth/College dance until October 9<sup>th</sup> if possible due to the conflict. Greg Krolicki suggested we bring in "Kool Shoes" performance team to Portland for the first night of the second monthly College/Youth dance. If "Kool Shoes" agrees to perform for the College/Youth Dance USA Dance may be required to pay the teams travel expense. The expense was approved by the Board of Directors. Mark Richman is trying to get the participants in the College/Youth Dance to attend other dance functions of USA Dance. For the second dance of the month Mark will DJ if available, and if not, Carla Titus (friend of Mark R.) will DJ.

Paradise is raising their dance prices to \$8.00 and is pressuring Mark to raise his prices. If we do not raise the prices it could have an adverse effect on our relationship with Paradise. The Board of Directors decided to leave the decision on whether or not to raise the prices on USA Dance members up to Mark Richman, however, the Board of Directors decided the price for non-USA Dance Members should be \$8.00 if it necessary for the prices to be raised. Mark Richman said he will have sufficient warning from Paradise before he is required to raise the prices.

Due to the economy Sesame Club has lowered their prices.

If an individual brings pot luck dish the price is reduced to \$5.00. Food is important but not a make-or-break item.

At various dance venues the following food is served:

Jim and Michelle Gray -- Sandwiches

Parkrose has an excellent buffet

Portland Dance Company -- Unknown

Chris and Michelle Small at Renaissance Ballroom -- chips/punch

Newsletter: Julie Duncan badly needs articles for the newsletter prior to the River City Ball. One area of interest would be articles concerning the College/Youth Dances. Mark Richman indicated he will ask Tatiana for an article on the kids who participated in the latest Quest for the Best.

Also needed are article for the Web Site concerning activities in the dance community.

River City Ball: Karynn Radtke will use a short form for e-mail and long form for mailers so people can have an option when registering for River City Ball. Send information and forms to Sandpoint, Idaho; Seattle, Washington; Coos Bay and Eugene, Oregon; plus the Northern California Chapters (San Francisco Bay area) also submit an article to the Instep magazine in order increase interest and participation in the River City Ball.

We need to update our mailing list to receive mailing discounts on our bulk mail. Currently it is cheaper to pay 1<sup>st</sup> class postage due the insufficient number of people on our mailing list.

Roy: The Rain Dance had a major glitch: The CD's that individual performer's brought in did not work on our system. This happened to Mark Tabor and Sunni Page, plus Ramos and his wife. Neither the CD drive in the computer nor the CD drives in our stereo system would play the disks. It was also discovered the B drive in the stereo system doesn't work. As a result of this, our chapter has received donation of \$175 as a start for a new sound system or have these drives fixed or replaced so we will not have any more embarrassing problems. Next year we will request we receive the music a minimum of one week prior to the performances. This will allow us to verify the music will play if there is problem it will allow the performers a chance to correct the problem. Jim Gray said that he plays the music he is going to utilize during a performance on 3 different systems to verify the disks work-especially when the music is from someone else. We need more control - Jason took the brunt of the heat for the problems, which were not his fault.

Roy stated that several studios did not participate in the studio showcase; this was caused in part by a competition the same weekend. Mark Richman suggested that the Winter Formal should have one special show case. Mark Richman also suggests that we have 4 distinctive events next year. The 1<sup>st</sup> event in April (this years Rain Dance) be a huge show case for the studios. The 2<sup>nd</sup> event be the River City Ball: The major organizers for Quest for the Best and NW Regional's Daryl Schmidt and Michele L. Boyer have offered their help with our event.

Volunteers for this years River City Ball are needed in the following areas.

Adjudication

Front Desk

Registration

Food Court Volunteer

Photo's/who and should be have a professional to sell pictures

Programs –Ramey will print these

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Potential vendors

A Florist

The Glass Slipper

Bijou Jewelry

Potential Clothing Vendor is the Star Dance Shop in Lynwood?

Gifts for the Adjudicator's, MC, Scrutinizer and DJ -- \$20 to \$35 per person -- Renee will obtain the gifts and snacks for the Adjudicators.

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Winter Wonderland – Renee' is in charge and will verify Jim & Michele Gray will doing the showcase performance.

RC Ball:

Welcome Dance will have no lesson or showcase.

Entrance free for the welcome dance to the River City Ball is \$5 for competitors and members of USA Dance, and \$7 for non-members

Anticipated date for the 2010 River City Ball is July 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>. These dates are tentative until we can verify there is no major dance competition scheduled the for the same weekend.

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Tentative Dates for USA Dance events at the Scottish Rite are April 10, July 16/17, Sept 25, and December 18.

Roy will contact Connie at the Scottish Rite to see if the December 11 is available.

John S. will e-mail the Board with the final profit for the Rain Dance.

The Board of Directors would like to take Lori and Roy for all of the effort they put in for the success of the Rain Dance and River City Ball. According to Roy, Lori did most of the work required for these dances.

Lori is unable to update the River City Ball O2CM site due to an incompatible computer. The O2C River City Ball site only accepts changes from a Microsoft based computer.

Mark Richman has a lap top and will check it to verify will operate current Microsoft programs.

Currently the River City Ball O2CM site needs a picture and biography for Dave Watson.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.

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