

Chattahoochee Country Dancers Steering Committee Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: January 11, 2009

Start Time: 6:30p

Adjourn Time: 8:45p

Host: Karl and Kimberly Hagen

Attendees:

- Steering Committee Members: Jim Crawford, David Digby , Rob Harper, Jennifer Horrock, Sherry Kilpatrick, Robert McGregor, Robbin Ryan, Tim Timmer
- Honored guests: Alan Gordon, Kimbi Hagen, Darryl Ott, Bill Porter

Key Discussion Topics:

- The next monthly meeting will be held at the home of Jim Crawford on February 22, 2009. The monthly meeting on March 22, 2009 will be held at Rob Harper's house.
- The nine areas of responsibility for the committee were discussed and members were asked to select one as their own.
- Discussions were held regarding advance dances. In order to avoid oversaturation and financial losses experienced with advanced dances in the past, the general consensus was to target quarterly special dances. Alan Gordon and Jennifer Horrock volunteered to take this responsibility.
- New Year's Eve falls on a Thursday in 2009. With a NYE dance, the regular Friday dance on 1/1/2010 and dances on Saturday and Sunday, the potential exists for a mini-dance weekend. The SC was generally in favor. Rob will explore availability and cost of having dance at CCC.
- The move to Clarkston was discussed with Rob indicating that this move may take place as early as March 2009. It was hoped that a special event could be planned for our first dance there.
- A discussion on Talent and Scheduling was held. The general consensus was that we need a better way to manage sound quality at the dances. With further training where required, it was hoped that Chris Haynes could become our regular sound technician with Arianna and Sean receiving training and also continuing to provide sound. It was also acknowledged that Tim Cape and Bill Porter are ongoing resources for helping improve sound quality.
- The status of the band committee convened in 2006 was discussed. At that time, the committee survey many of the local musicians and then the committee become distracted with other CCD responsibilities. Committee members include Margie Cooper, Kimbi Hagen, Rob Harper, Cis Hinkle, and Verley Spivey. Rob will reconvene the committee to get it restarted. Next step will be a "dancehall" meeting on February 1, 2009 at either Rob Harper's or Kimbi Hagen's home, to be determined later.

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- Rob Harper discussed ideas for a recruitment contest, with monthly, quarterly and yearly prizes for the CCD dancer who brings in the most new or returning dancers. The grand prize will be one year's free admission to the regular Friday night dances. He also asked for volunteers to dance at 5 AM at Clarkston Community Center for Channel 46 TV. He further announced that the third Tuesday night dance will become a "dance lab" to help all dancers improve their skills in various areas of the dance.

Operations and Policy Decisions:

- Steering Committee Officer elections for 2009:
 - President – Rob Harper
 - Vice-President – Jim Crawford
 - Secretary – Sherry Kilpatrick
 - Treasurer – Tim Timmer
- The minutes of the June 2008 through December 2008 were approved and to be posted to the website.
- Christmas day falls on a Friday in 2009. In the past CCD has skipped producing dances on Christmas Fridays, however, the SC felt that most dancers would support the idea.

Motion: CCD will produce a regular Friday dance on December 25, 2009. (Moved by Tim Timmer. Seconded. Passed)

- Kimbi Hagen announced the confirmation of bands selected for the November Dance Weekend 2009 – Elixir and the Tribal Tune Twisters. The selection process had indicated overwhelming support for the band Tidal Wave. They were contacted for 2009, but had a prior engagement as they book more than a year in advance. They are currently available for 2010 but won't be if we wait until after the 2009 dance weekend. Elixir was second on the list for Saturday night and were available for booking. Neither of the two bands initially selected for Friday night were available (Elftones and FootLoose). With permission of the Steering committee Kimbi contacted David DiGuseppe [FootLoose] and Roger Gold [Elftones] about booking their band Tribal Tune Twisters instead.

Motion: Contact Tidal Wave and book now for the 2010 dance festival. (Moved by Sherry Kilpatrick. Seconded by Tim Timmer. Passed.)