

**Chattahoochee Country Dancers
Steering Committee January Meeting Minutes**

Meeting Date: January 17, 2010 - 6:45pm-10:08pm

Host: Margie Cooper

Attending:

SC members: Margie Cooper, Jim Crawford, Jennifer Horrocks, Sherry Kilpatrick, Dave Marcus, Robert McGregor, Robbin Ryan, Janet Shepherd, Tim Timmer

Guests: Sally Walker, Ginger Lyon, Bill Porter, Carole Galanty, Rob Harper, Doug Singleton, David Digby, John Kelley, Lois Rigwood.

Actions:

1. Meeting called to order at 6:45 by Jim Crawford.
2. Election of President. Nominations of Tim Timmer, Dave Marcus, and Jim Crawford (declined) were followed by short stump speeches and, with nominees excused, discussion by attending members and guests.

Vote: Tim-6 votes
Dave-3 votes

3. Tim Timmer as President chaired the remainder of the meeting.
4. Election of remaining officers:

VP nominations: Robbin Ryan
Jim Crawford (declined)
Robert McGregor (declined)

Robbin Ryan was elected as Vice-president by a vote of 9-0.

Treasurer nominations: Janet Shepherd
Sherry Kilpatrick

Sherry Kilpatrick was elected by a vote of 5-4.

Secretary nominations: Dave Marcus – 6 votes
Robert McGregor – 3 votes

Dave Marcus was elected by a vote of 6-3.

5. Next meetings:

February 21, 6:30, home of Janet Shepherd.

March 14, 6:30, home of Dave Marcus (tentative)

6. Discussion of the question of supporting the collection of funds for causes by members – there have been several requests to do this recently, most going directly to Sally. Concern was expressed that (a) dancers may feel pressured or put-off by collection boxes and (b) requests are being made of the doorperson, which would add to her job.

Motion by Dave Marcus: *CCD policy will be that no solicitations for causes will be supported by CCD unless previously approved by the Steering Committee.*

Second: Robert McGregor. Voted 9-0. This is now CCD policy and Sally will refer all requests to the Steering Committee.

7. Note was made that there is currently no policy manual or other collection of CCD policies and that Jennifer Horocks is compiling same.
8. Discussion was had of a possible future benefit dance for Haitian relief. General consensus that the SC wishes to support this in the future (no motion, votes, or plans made at this time). However, Rob Harper offered to solicit rent-free space from CCC and will do so.
9. A presentation was made by John Kelley pertaining to an old-time music / dance event, family oriented, to be held on Main Street in Stone Mountain village on Sat., March 27th, with a proposed schedule of: old-time band contest, ~9:30-12:00; family dance 12-1; bluegrass band competition from 1-4; and a second family dance 4-6 [all times tentative]. The City of Stone Mountain will be doing promotion, with the ARTS Station also involved. It will be in a parking lot, under a 80' x 40' tent. No admission will be charged. It is hoped that this will become an annual event.

John is requested that CCD sponsor the event by:

- Organizing a volunteer caller or callers and band(s) (with the note that many old-time musicians who play for CCD dances will be present);
- Providing and operating the sound system for band contest and dance, i.e., for the entire event.
- Publicizing the event via the CCD email list and Web site.

John indicated that Tim Cape will be involved in helping with sound system.

Discussion centered around potential damage to or loss of the sound system; the degree of insurance coverage; and the length of time it would take to replace the system.

Doug Singleton was asked to determine:

- Whether the equipment would be covered by our insurance
- What is the deductible
- Whether the coverage is for replacement cost or depreciated cost
- How quickly a check would be issued

Margie will find out from Tim Cape what his involvement commitment is.

Motion: Janet moved that *the CCD agree to support this request contingent on what we find from insurance and decide within a week.* After discussion, Janet withdrew the motion.

Motion: Dave moved that *while the event and the idea have merits as a possible outreach program, the CCD will not support this even this year.* After discussion, Dave withdrew the motion.

A decision was reached by consensus that the SC will discuss support for the event via email as soon as Doug and Margie send out the information they are each gathering with the intent is discuss this via email and decide within the next week and preferably by Friday.

10. Dave requested future consideration that CCD become a provider of “dance-in-a-box” for even planners—to be a single-source provider of a caller, musicians, sound, and a dance for private events, with the thought that this would serve three purposes: outreach; income; and opportunity for local bands and callers to hone their skills and to increase their income.

11. Doug Singleton distributed copies of financial report to committee members present and reviewed the organization’s current financials. Highlights are:

- Current assets: ~\$48,000
- The November dance weekend was profitable. Final accounting should show a ~\$8,300 profit. (This compares to a \$2,000 - \$3,000 net profit in previous years.)
- In the last 7 months:
 - o Friday dances lost ~\$3,000
 - o Sunday dances lost \$390
 - o Tuesday dance made a ‘profit’ of \$260
 - o Depreciation of equipment was ~\$1200
 - o There was a one-time expense of ~\$800 for construction related to the move to Clarkston

Doug noted that reporting is for the last 7 months because our fiscal year is currently June through May. However, we are changing the fiscal year to be the same as the calendar year effective Jan 1, 2010.

Note: financial reports are available to any member on request.

12. Rob discussed a Steering Committee “retreat” – an orientation for new members that is not a business meeting. Previously a 2-3 hour session, a period thought to be too short. Rob will facilitate the scheduling of this via email.
13. There was discussion of Seth’s request to teach zweifacher during the break at the next dance he calls, currently scheduled Mar 26, with the Elftones.

Motion by Margie: *Janet is asked to talk to Seth; to ask him to send an email out on the list server about his desire for this; and then, for this dance only, to act based on the response.* Robbin seconded and the motion was carried 9-0.
14. Rob offered a review of the planned Emory outreach dance 2/13, sponsored by the Emory Swing Club with Cis calling, Scott/Dave/Bill/others providing music; and CCD not providing sound equipment.
15. Guests were excused and the meeting closed with a discussion of a written complaint made by a dancer about behavior from another dancer that made the complainant feel uncomfortable. The complainant requested an apology; that this not happen again; and for the two dancers involved to dance together again. SC designated a member to contact the alleged offender and broker an apology and contact.
16. The meeting adjourned at 10:08pm.