

Chattahoochee Country Dancers (CCD) Steering Committee Meeting
MINUTES

April 14, 2013, 4:30 pm – 6:00 pm
Location: Christin Whittington's Home

In attendance:

Steering Committee Members: Scott Russell, Christin Whittington, Carole Bennett, Jane Schindler, Sally Walker, Amy Krafchick, Joseph Steinhauser, Doug Singleton, Susan Keller
Guests: Kimbi Hagen, Ann Robinson,

Next Meeting

Date: May 16, 2013
Time: 6:30 pm
Location: Scott Russell's house: 1838 Almeta Ave, Atlanta 30307

Finance:

Report on attendance and income: Sally provided a report of CCD Friday Night Cash Flow & Attendance. Sally suggested that we collect revenues/expenses for 3-6 months before any major changes are made. Doug to provide financial statement before May 2013 SC meeting.

Rob/Doug/Sally: Review and concur on CCC contract terms. SC suggests that a new rental agreement @ CCC be contracted by April or May 2013. SC discussed questions they had about the proposed contract.

Door Repair Payment: It was suggested that Doug (on behalf of CCD) to pay CCC \$475 for side door repair. Doug, as CCC Liaison, will discuss exact details with CCC before payment.

AC: Openers are reminded to set thermostat at 64 degrees upon arrival at the hall.

Fans: Ernie Eden offered to purchase (on behalf of CCD) large (~4 foot span) fans. Scott Barnaby measured the elevator and access to storage at the CCC to ensure that a large fan would fit. Once we know how large a fan will fit, all SC members approved paying up to \$500 for fans with one initial fan to be bought and tried out. Ernie to purchase one fan.

NOTE: On May 14, Ernie Eden purchased an industrial fan with 42" blades for \$105. It will "debut" at the May 17 dance.

November Weekend: Branding; Venue; Theme Selection

Brand Selection: Decide on voting method: Stven proposed an "Instant Runoff (Ranked Voting) Ballot" and explained how the process works. SC approved the "Instant Runoff Ballot" up to 10 prioritized choices. Brand ballots were tallied/counted by Stven Carlberg, Christin Whittington and Carole Bennett on April 14, 2013. The permanent Brand winner was "Atlanta Dance Weekend."

2014 Atlanta Dance Weekend Venue: Christin and Margie will negotiate with the Decatur Rec Center on financial arrangements.

Theme Selection: Theme Ballots were tallied/counted by Stven Carlberg, Christin Whittington and Carole on April 14, 2013. The Theme for the 2013 Atlanta Dance Weekend was "Gone with the Contra."

Because of the controversy stirred up by that theme, the submitter, Jane Schindler, withdrew her theme from consideration. A second ballot tally, with "Gone with the Contra" removed, took place on April 24 with Stven Carlberg, Carole Bennett and Scott Russell tallying the votes. This time, the winning theme for the 2013 Atlanta Dance Weekend was "Contraband."

2014 Band/Caller Selection Process from 2013 Catapult: Scott suggested SC needs to have final say of the band and caller.

Action Items: Reports/Updates

Review and respond re CCC Contract/Proposal: Scott, Doug
Reply and Respond Safety Policy (due April 14 SC Mtg): discuss at April 14th agenda
Doug: Hiring a company to assess the AC @ CCC, will talk to McKenzie about outdoor lighting recommendations; obtain key to CCC Kitchen door/East Room for Security/access to tables
Joseph: Post info about contra meet-up on CCD Listserv. Meetup.com/contra-dance
Jane: Make up half foam-board poster with pictures of SC.
Sally: meet with Doug and Rob to discuss Treasurer duties.
Sally: Peggy Hanes to be asked to be a back-up front door person.
Janet: To report on status of button making for SC meetings.

BlueGrass Roots Music and Arts Festival, Stone Mountain Village, March 23-24, 2013
Jane reported dance was excellent and they plan to do it next year!

CCD Summer Picnic:

Janet and Helen working on a date.

Suggestion Box:

A suggestion was received to have other couple dancing at Break, like a polka.

"Dancing Well" Event:

Discussion tabled until May 2013 SC meeting since Seth couldn't be at April 2013 SC meeting.

Dancer Retention Program/ Revenue Enhancements:

Scott proposed we continue the incentive of offering someone who brings 10 new dancers a financial reward. Discussion was tabled until the May 2013 SC meeting.

Amy volunteered to contact an AJC rep to possibly do a story on CCD.

PR Coordination: SC discussed having "someone" identified to help promote CCD.

Healthy Food Drive at CCC

More explanation is needed from Larry Mosblech.

Safety

Susan expressed her concern that calling and teaching be used to enforce good dance technique rather than "outlawing" moves. Kimbi to review Susan's email comments and will talk to the callers about feedback about the "safety" policy and will report back at May SC meeting 2013.

Carole mentioned concerns received from multiple dancers about the safety and well-being of babies

and young children being on the active dance floor. Kimbi suggested that someone draft a children's-safety policy for the SC to review. Carole volunteered to draft a policy.

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