

Chattahoochee Country Dancers Steering Committee Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: October 19, 2008

Start Time: 6:30p

Adjourn Time: 9:00p

Host: Jim and Sally Crawford

Attendees:

- Steering Committee Members: Brian Baker, Jim Crawford, David Digby, Rob Harper, Robert McGregor, Sherry Kilpatrick
- Honored guests: Carole Galanty, Kimberly Hagen, Jennifer Horrocks, Neil Krull, Jane Merkle, Bill Porter, Scott Russell, Janet Shepherd, Tim Timmer

Key Discussion Topics:

- Next meetings:
 - November 9, 2008 at David Digby's
 - December 7, 2008 at Sherry Kilpatrick's
- Finance. Higher admission prices have helped get closer to covering Friday night dance expenses, but attendance has been fluctuating wildly.
- Special Events.
 - Halloween dance on Friday 10/31. Neil will coordinate costume contest.
 - New Years Eve. Band is Wind that Shakes the Barley. Sherry suggested we advertise higher admission price (\$15) in advance to make sure people are aware. Jim Crawford will handle the advertising.
- New SC Members. Nominating Committee suggests conducting a new member orientation session separate from a regular SC meeting to discuss expectations, roles and responsibilities.
- Sound. Have received mixed feedback on current sound techs. Rob suggested identifying 8-12 qualified and authorized dancers to serve as "Sound Counsel," as team to provide feedback and suggestions to sound techs during the dances.
- November Festival 2008
 - Registrations need to be post marked by 10/20 in order to receive early discount.
 - 2009 Festival bands to be short-listed by volunteers at Volunteer Appreciation party. The SC will select finalists from shortlist at the December meeting.
 - Volunteers:
 - Beverages – Janet Shepherd
 - Decorations – Raymond Tovo
 - T-Shirts – Robert McGregor
 - Housing – Ann Robinson (wants to train someone to replace her next year)
- CCD Video. Jim gave update on video views and requests/sales for DVDs.

Operations and Policy Decisions:

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- Discussed pros and cons of Clarkston Community Center based on test dance conducted on October 12, 2008. Vast majority of comments in person, via the listserv and at the meeting were favorable..

Motion: Grant Rob Harper authority to negotiate with Clarkston Community Center within parameters of draft proposal discussed during the 9/7/08 SC meeting. (Passed)