

Chattahoochee Country Dancers Steering Committee

May 2010 Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: May 16, 2010

Host: Jennifer Horrocks

Attending:

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

Guests: Kitty Wimbish, Rachel Timmer.

Absent:

SC members: None.

Minutes of the meeting:

1. Meeting called to order at 4:44 by Tim Timmer.
2. Tim moved to approve the minutes of the April meeting. Motion passed 9-0
3. Discussion of security at dances.
 - Much appreciation of security from members was reported by Sherry and other SC members.
 - It was suggested that the large number of paid attendees at Friday dance may have been in part due to security.
 - Jim reported that he talked to interim CCC director, who told him that she would meet with the Clarkston police and let them know about incidents.
 - Jim reported that he talked to the head of the library; they have had some but a very low incidence of crime reported.
 - It was noted that the CCC lease requires CCD to provide our own security.
 - Discussions included:
 - Pricing for security
 - One vs. two officers
 - Security cameras
 - Getting broken light at street parking lot fixed (there is a work order in)
 - New lights

- Using a security consultant
 - Use of walkie-talkies to communicate from door to security personnel
4. Motion by Dave that “CCD will continue to have security at CCC for Friday night dances.” Sherry seconded; passed 8-1.
 5. Decision by consensus:
 - To look for more cost effective options (Janet and others to pursue other connections for hiring security officers)
 - To look for lighting improvements and get professional advice as to lighting needs
 - To try to acquire walkie-talkies for door-to-security officer communications
 6. Discussion of communicating comments from dancers to a recent out-of-town caller. Consensus was for Janet to communicate that.
 7. Decision by consensus to have a meeting of the Finance Committee to
 - Discuss and/or make recommendation for 2010 budget
 - Discuss and/or make recommendations for revision to band pay structure
 8. Contest for weekend theme – Janet to check status and report back.
 9. Discussion of OT messages on list serve. Janet will make sure that the acceptable use policy for list serve messages is sent out once a month, automatically. Consensus was that there is no need to make any other changes.
 10. Discussion of support for Fandango ECD weekend.
 - We have offered (but ECD Atlanta has declined) to use the CCC piano or the CCD electric piano.
 - We have offered use of our supplies and button maker.
 - We will pay for security on Friday.
 - There was discussion that ECD should hire musicians that don’t require \$800 piano rentals until/unless their budget supports that.
 - There was discussion that CCD should keep our eye open for a replacement piano for CCC (for free—perhaps a dancer moving somewhere where he/she cannot have it would donate it).

11. Motion by Janet to “support ECD Atlanta with a \$300 grant to support the Fandango weekend and to inform ECD Atlanta that support for next year will be \$150 at most; to pay for the door and security for Friday night; all of this provided that ECD Atlanta provides CCD-trained volunteers to open and close the hall.” Seconded by Robbin. Passed 8-0-1 (Robert abstaining).
12. Motion by Dave for CCD “to encourage our callers to broaden the variety of contra (and related) dances and the variety and complexity of contra dance moves done at CCD dances.” Second: Janet. Passed 8-1-0 (Robert opposed).
13. Discussion of request by Janet to get a couple of camp lanterns with rechargeable batteries, up to \$100 to light the currently-unlit storage room. Margie so moved; Sherry seconded. Passed 9-0.
14. Discussion initiated by Jim of the need to address important issues to the organization. These include:
 - By-laws – does the purpose represent CCD today? What else should be changed?
 - Procedure for running the first meeting of the year when there is not an official set of officers.
 - Building an e-mail list of Atlanta dancers for the purpose of being able to send out dance information.
 - Spreadsheet of 4 or 5 years of November dance emails, to keep contact with them.
 - Discussion of having more officers with direct responsibility for things such as Friday Operations, and a cadre of volunteers or subcommittee to do the work.
 - Discussion of how to make sure that everyone on the SC knows how to open or close, at the least in case of questions.
15. Decision by consensus to have a full-day meeting to review the by-laws, with email-circulated suggestions within the SC of areas to change, or changes, prior to that meeting; Dave to organize any emailed thoughts prior to the meeting.
16. Motion by Janet that “all callers and bands be explicitly asked to update the CCD scheduler as early as possible in regards to any sit-in or cub caller presence so that the schedule page can be updated as early as possible and/or other communications be made to members at large.” Seconded by: Jim. Passed: 9-0-0.

17. Decision by consensus to try to get the meeting minutes approved quickly. Dave will send out a copy ASAP for comment/review; then in a couple of days send out a copy for voting; and will send to Bill for Website posting and will send to list serve as soon as there are 5 votes for approval [including his own].
18. Next meeting 6:30 pm, June 27, at Jim Crawford's house 4330 Tucker North Drive, Tucker, GA 30084.
19. The meeting adjourned at 8:38. Motion by Robbin; seconded Tim. Passed 9-0-0.