

**CHATTAHOOCHEE COUNTRY DANCERS
STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING
JANUARY 12, 2006**

The meeting was opened by President, Bill Porter, at 7:10 PM.

Those in attendance included Margie Cooper, Ernie Eden, Lilian Bryan, Bruce Tarnopolski, Tom Jordan, Jex Raven Tepfer-Eidson, Seth Tepfer, Ginger Lyon, Carole Galanty, Brian Schott, Larry Enlow, Brian Baker, Linda Graves, Harriette Bugel, Roger McLain and Pam Eidson.

The minutes of the December Steering Committee meeting were approved.

Welcome to new members of the Steering Committee: Brian Baker, Ginger Lyon and Larry Enlow.

Officers for 2006 were elected
President-Bill Porter
Vice President-Marti Goldring
Treasurer-Margie Cooper
Secretary-Brian Baker

Bruce will continue to serve as CCD archivist.

General Business

Pam will shepherd the process of getting fees paid to the Country Dance and Song Society. CCD actually owed \$250 in late fees which was waived as long as \$75 membership fee is paid and tax paperwork submitted by January 31. CCD membership preserves our non-profit status. Margie will ensure the annual fee is paid in July. Margie will review the current insurance policy to make certain that CCD has adequate coverage. April 1 is the deadline for the \$30 payment to Secretary of State.

All copies of documents will be submitted to Bruce.

Ginger will contact Marti Goldring about a letter that was being composed in response to a member of CCD who had notified the Steering Committee members of a conflict with a recent decision.

Margie and Linda will be meeting to further define procedures for the SC to enact when dangerous or offensive behavior is reported.

What the Hey 2006

Seth presented a proposal on behalf of himself, Lalah Manly, Pam Eidson and Bruce Tarnopolski. What the Hey week-end is scheduled for May 5-7, 2006. The proposed letter of agreement between Contra Quad and CCD was circulated and discussed. The Friday night admission fee was requested to be \$10 to keep the general week-end fee low. A motion was passed for the executive committee to review the agreement with Ernie and approve or amend it. Pam Eidson abstained from voting. Contra quad is due a response by the 23rd. Performers include an enhanced version of The Rocket Boys and Jamie Laval.

Financial Summary, Part 1

Ernie and Margie prepared and presented detailed accounting reports that included *CCD Weekly Accounting, Friday Dance Income Statement, Consolidated Income Statement and Dance Festival Income Statement*. These reports covered the 7 months ending December 31, 2005. It was apparent that the Friday night dance was operating at a loss. The records are in the process of being updated since the accounting system was upgraded. The community will be informed of our financial status before an increase in admission fee is approved.

The sound equipment committee was encouraged to purchase equipment previously approved. Bill will consult with the committee and Tim Cape or Kahle.

2005 November Dance Week-end Workshops

Suggestions were made for the 2006 Dance Week-end based on the experience of dancers and committee chairs from the 2005 Dance Week-end. Roger mentioned that dancers would have more time in their workshops of choice on Sat. if there were only 2 in the afternoon. Longer lunch breaks would prevent late arrivals to the first afternoon workshop. Those in attendance who were vocal about their recommendations were encouraged to participate in the planning for 2006 Dance Week-end.

Decatur Recreation Obligations

CCD is overdue in meeting the obligations to the Decatur Recreation Center which were made in November 2004 to provide dance/music events for City of Decatur residents. Bill will contact Scott Russell to suggest publishing the Tuesday Night Dance in the Dec. Rec .schedule of activities. The Tuesday Night Dance would offer both dance and music within Decatur.

Concerns for retention of CCD members and attracting new members

Reference was made to the abundance of email discussion within CCD about dance floor etiquette, encouragement of new dancers and retention of members within CCD. Ginger will be heading a Strategic Planning Committee to address these issues and the future of CCD. Other suggestions were made to enhance a welcoming atmosphere: place a picture board with photos and names of the SC to be visible on Friday nights and the use of name buttons. Roger expressed concern that CCD was placing more emphasis on welcoming newcomers than meeting the needs of experienced dancers.

The next steering committee meeting is scheduled February 13, 2006 at 7 PM in the home of Linda Graves.

Future Agenda items:

Financial report to include increase in admission to Friday night dance

Friday Night Manager

Sound Equipment purchases

Scheduling local bands and out of town bands when some members are in several bands

Request by a caller to be scheduled

Sunday night dances

Strategic Planning Committee

Submitted by

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