

Minutes of TCFOOTD Board meeting, Wednesday, August 10, 2016

Present at 7 pm were board members Tom, Vicki, Larry, Haven, Ann, Helen, and John. Also present was Richard Hopkins, Caller-Wrangler.

Finances:

- Our current balance is \$2204. While we feel that \$2000 is a healthy bank balance, we lost money on three summer dances in a row. We hope that the fall dances will be profitable, as they have been in the past. A dance costs on average \$500 to put on. That factors in the fixed costs like insurance, which amount to approximately \$1000 a year.

Future scheduling

- There was some discussion as to whether we should have fewer summer dances. A possible target for elimination would be an early August dance when the Senior Center's obligations make it difficult for us to schedule on the 2nd and 4th Fridays. We felt this decision should wait until we see what our finances are later. Mary reminds us by email that keeping a full schedule helps not just dancers but also local musicians.

Callers:

- We discussed Tom's calling at the last dance. Only two of us could report from direct experience. One board member felt it went well overall, but the other had detailed criticisms. Some had heard complaints from other dancers about how long it took Tom to explain the dances, and some dancers stayed away because Tom was calling. Tom recognized that one of the dances took too long to teach but heard positive comments from some dancers and felt that people had a good time. As many people came to his dance as came to the one preceding and the one following. Several members suggested that Tom stay on his current schedule of one full dance by himself and a share of any round robin dances, but there was not a solid consensus. One person commented that the process by which we evaluate is flawed and that rehashing familiar complaints was not helpful. We agreed that when Vicki solicited guidance from the board by email as to which callers to schedule, that would be an appropriate time for board members to make their preferences known to the Caller-Wrangler.

Outreach:

- Richard will continue to post on Facebook. The board complimented him on the timeliness of his postings and his selection of pictures.

Board:

- Richard is retiring as Caller-Wrangler, and Vicki is taking over. Richard agreed to send Vicki copies of letters he has sent to out-of-town callers in the past, informing them of local preferences and requirements. He suggested that Vicki always include the phone number of the coordinator.

Coordinators:

- August 19 – John
- Sept. 23 – Vicki
- Oct. 14 - Tom
- Oct. 28 – Haven
- Sept. 9 – Ann
- Nov. 18 – Helen
- Dec. 9 - Betsy

Next Meeting: Wednesday, October 12th, 7 pm at Ann's house.