November 18, 2007 Minutes Wilde Bunch Board Meeting

Meeting was called to order at 1:05 p.m. at Trish Colombo's house. A. Scott, Alan, Tony, Trish, Kent, Orlando and Jack were present. After review of the October minutes, Trish asked that the minutes be corrected to reflect that she was present for that meeting.

The treasurer's report was submitted by Scott. He said that things seem to be steady in regard to monthly income. A motion was made by Tony to accept the report as submitted, and seconded by Trish.

A financial audit is scheduled for Dec. 2 at 1 p.m. at Kent's house. Jay, Leah and Ellen have volunteered to assist Kent, Alan and Scott in the audit of the 2006 and 2007 financial records.

In regard to a new Plus class, Melissa, TR. L. Scott, Mark, and possibly Leann and Lois expressed interest. Many of the people who are in plus now are eager to move on to Advanced. Kent will poll to see if there is more interest in the Plus class, and Orlando will confirm with Melissa whether she wants to move on to Plus.

Caller contracts are finalized and in Kent's briefcase, awaiting a time when he can catch Bill and Kris for their signatures.

Jack said that the board member nomination process has been "lousy". The only confirmed interest so far has been by Kent for president, Georgian for vice-president, Alan Kroll for member-at-large, and A. Scott for secretary. Other positions remain open. Kent pledged to continue announcing the board election on Dec. 16 and 17, and available positions. Georgian offered to prepare ballots.

Alan brought along his job description for vice president, which was the only one lacking to be passed on to new board members.

Alan gave a brief report on Chase the Chili, saying that he had reviewed the budget, and he says that it seemed in line. All committees are still in the planning stage. Kent asked that he contact/contract a caller by December 1st, so that an IAGSDC mailing could be sent out in January. Mike Kellogg will be the CtC caller in 2010. Kent will send him a contract.

Basic classes will start on Jan. 7th, and Plus and Advanced classes will start on Jan. 8th. It was agreed, after some discussion, that it would be best to continue with three Basic classes per year.

Jack gave a report on some of the problems that he was having with retention, and said that he would maintain an attendance list, and follow up with those who were not appearing regularly. Kent said that he would ask for assistance in making follow-up calls to absent members in his regular announcements.

There was a short break to sample some of Trish's wonderful pumpkin soup, arguably the best part of the meeting.

Trish has planned a beer bust at Sidewinders on Jan. 3rd from 6-7 p.m. Orlando's special needs class will prepare a sign for this event.

There was a short discussion about the Petersen Fund, and it was decided that the treasurer should make requests and maintain records of expenses that would be submitted for reimbursement. Some past expenses had not been submitted to the treasurer until much later, almost at the deadline.

Tony has planned a fun dance at Sidewinders for Feb. 16th from 6-8 p.m. He will contact Alan, the bar manager, to reserve the date, after Trish has scheduled her event.

There was a short discussion regarding the dues policy/strategy for those who may have difficulty in making normal dues payments. Jack reported that this policy is written and has been entrusted to Georgian.

Georgian was absent for the meeting, but there was a brief discussion about the 2008 anniversary party. Trish would be working on the decorations, L. Scott has a caterer, and e-mail announcements will be sent soon.

Larada Horner asked if the Wilde Bunch would be willing to help by contributing \$100 for a March dance session at ASDC, and every three/four months thereafter. The March caller is Jerry Jestin, who has called for one of our past fly-ins. It was decided that this would have to be done on a case-by-case basis, and future funding could not be promised. Motion was made by Tony to support the March event, and seconded by Scott.

No December meeting was planned.

Meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m.