

# **Wilde Bunch Meeting Minutes**

## **6/24/2007 at Trish's House**

Meeting called to order at 1:40pm.

Attendees: Kent de Jong, Trish Colombo, Beth Ruttenberg, Scott Amspoker, Scott Cline, Tracie Bartlett, Jack Denvir. Nancy Kent attended that last part of meeting.

Trish asked if there is a quorum. Jack had a copy of the by-laws which state four (4) board members are required for a quorum. Also reviewed by-laws for appointing new and replacement board members.

Board appointed Scott Amspoker as treasurer.

Discussed issue with last month's motion and vote for new class (Class 64) to pay \$10 per month as opposed to full price. The issue was raised that Jack is not currently a board member and can't make the motion. Jack clarified that he didn't make the motion; he made the suggestion.

- **Action item:** Find out who did make the motion.
- **Action item:** Correct last month's minutes.

Discussed price for new class members during the class period.

Kent appointed Jack as the Class Director.

Motion made and carried to accept last month's minutes.

### Strategic (Long reaching) activities

#### 1. Action plan for improving

- Reviewed survey results - Improvement categories.
- We've made improvements in categories 1 (Members kinder to each other), 2 (Increase dance time at each level) and 3 (Improve communication).
- Other ideas for improving
  - Add Fun Dances - monthly
    - sense of a square dance evening
    - social dancing
    - sense of fly-ins
    - retention?
- We've made considerable progress on the high percentage survey response categories
- Fast paced classes on Saturdays instead
- Attrition rate on this class higher than previous classes
- Mainstream completion is goal, completion of the Basic part a celebration (milestone)
- Discussed retention.
  - **Action item:** Jack will create a retention report. Tracie volunteered to help.
  - Getting people to the floor when squares are forming
    - announcement – if you're needed in a square, get out there
    - board members talk to people
    - buddy system
    - angel signups
  - Perception is angels don't want to dance
- Out of time; will revisit at a later meeting.
- **Action item:** Kent will touch base with Tony about fun dances.

2. Dance level and expertise
  - mainstream dancers can't dance mainstream
  - people feel pressure to move up
  - people rising to their level of incompetence
  - promote level of acceptance
  - dancing more fun when folks finish the square
  - Start thinking about material. We'll discuss in more detail later.
3. Drinks
  - Alan not present; skip.
4. Pride booth/Beer bust
  - **Action item:** Trish will contact Peterson Fund or contact club member who might have been give the check for expenses submitted to the Fund.
  - Pride
    - having the callers, Bill and Kris, on the float worked great
    - music/good
    - rent two space at pride—one for table, one for dancing
    - booth shifts
    - singing calls work best; do more dancing continuously
    - better planning/coordination with Pride committee; person running the parade is changing for next year's parade.
  - Beer bust
    - very good to do demo tips at Sidewinders -- we got a good turnout from the Thursday night class.
    - do before each class
    - if done too frequently, less money is made
5. Dues policy
  - Question asked, "Where is policy recorded?"
  - Minutes from last meeting aren't clear about what the policy is
  - Jack has a hardcopy of the "Inability to Pay" policy
  - **Action item:** Kent will ask Georgian to create a policy book
6. Job descriptions
  - currently have: Secretary, President
  - need to create: Treasurer, Member at Large, Outreach Coordinator and Class Director.
  - Trish will "Englishify" descriptions once they're submitted.
  - Kent requested each board member create a bullet list of their responsibilities.
  - Kent requested Beth create the Treasurer's Description based upon her 6-month tenure as Treasurer and send it to AScott (new treasurer).
  - Need to determine due date for board member position descriptions.

### Treasurer Report

- Kent thanked Beth for her time and effort participating on the board.
- Beth distributed report
- Beth found it frustrating that people would drop off cash while she was on the dance floor and she wouldn't know who left it.
- Need method to keep track of which callers called on which nights in order to pay the callers the correct amount.
- Suggestion - have a 2nd receipt book in the closet for days when treasurer is absent and members pay dues.
- Motion made and carried to approve Scott Amspoker as signatory on bank account.
- Motion made and carried to remove Beth Ruttenberg as signatory on bank account.
- Tracie asked about lack of current Minutes and Treasurer's Reports on the web site. Minutes are

several months behind. There are no Treasurer's Reports on the site at all.

- **Action item:** Discuss keeping Minutes current and if Treasurer's Reports should be posted on web site.

#### New Class (Class 64, started on 6/11/07)

- Jack stated new class is going well. Eight dancers returned by first week. Seven new dancers last week (6/18, the second week).
- Jack will approach seasoned dancers about being a buddy new class members.

#### Plus Class

- Tracie voiced desire to stay at full Plus longer and not start a class now
- Kris mentioned the four dancers requesting a new class
- perception is that dancers are bored and want to do something different (new level)
- more floor time at fall Plus for just finished class
- some folks not showing up now
- "Take no prisoners" mainstream, Plus
- no need to start Plus right away
- no one received mainstream certificates
- **Action item:** Jack will talk to Bill Eyler about certificates for recent Mainstream graduates.
- CScott suggested notifying past WB members about the Tuesday club night for Plus and Advanced.
- start plus class annually
- need more floor time; mainstream from varied positions
- Georgian has hard copy from Tony of past members and creating it in electronic format via manual data entry.
- Consensus is we're not ready to start a new Plus class yet.
- Motion made and carried to start next Plus class in January 2008.
- **Action item:** Kent will talk with Bill about take-no-prisoners mainstream.

#### Nancy Kent / Gender-free contra dancing

- Nancy would like the Wilde Bunch to cosponsor a gender-free contra dance and have the WB name on the event flyers.
- Next most likely date for the event is September 29, 2007 (5th Saturday).
- Motion made and carried for WB to co-sponsor the event.

#### Anniversary Party

- Kent presented Georgian's draft flyer
- Kris clarified that if the gender-free event happens prior to the Anniversary Dance, she would not be willing to do a contra dance at the Anniversary Party due to the gender-free contra dance event serving the purpose introducing gender-free contra dancing to the GLBT square dance community.
- Kris suggested having new-caller slots at anniversary dance.

July 2007 Board meeting on 7/15/2007 at Kent's house.

August 2007 Board meeting will be on 8/12/2007 at Trish's house.

Meeting adjourned at 3:35pm.

Submitted by: Scott Cline (volunteered to take minutes in Secretary's absence)