

Quail Creek Casual Dance Club – Annual Meeting

Minutes of Annual Meeting – January 15, 2013

Present: Jim Nichols, President
Rosie Epler, Secretary
Glen Johnson, Activities Chairman
John Epler, Communications Chairman
Roger Nay, Membership Chairman

The Meeting was called to order by President Jim Nichols @ 4:30 p.m. There were 6 members in attendance, aside from the board members.

It was moved that the Minutes from the Annual Meeting held 1/26/12 be approved. The motion was approved.

The Minutes from the Board Meeting held 11/17/12 were approved.

Treasurer Connie Higgins was unable to attend, but reports a balance in the account of \$8,070.90.

Membership for the 2012-2013 dance year is 118. Attendance for the first 3 dances held: October = 68; November = 73; January = 89. It has been noted that we do not have a waiting list currently.

Roger Nay suggested that we be allowed to find buyers for member's tickets when they are unable to attend dances. This has been discussed previously with the feeling that this will keep people from buying their own memberships if they can always find tickets for sale. It was moved, seconded and approved that tickets can be sold; we will keep track of who purchases tickets. Will be allowed to buy once, then must buy their own membership.

Our Website was discussed. John will look into changing to a more user friendly website. He will approach Daryl Laux who recently designed a new site for the Lady Putters, as well as the POA.

Discussed using a DJ versus band. Had a DJ at the October dance, which had the lowest attendance to date. Not sure if this is due to timing (snowbirds not back) or DJ vs band. It was decided to hire a band for the October 2013 dance.

Discussed types of bands we are able to hire in the area. Biggest concern/complaint is still country music vs. rock and roll. Glenn will continue to try to hire bands that can play a mix. John will keep an informal count of the number of R&R vs Country songs. It was moved, seconded and approved to hold two Country Dances per year.

This will mean that 2 dances will be advertised as Country and four dances will be advertised as rock and roll with a little bit of country. It was noted that the band Flipside did a great job at the Country Dance, with many compliments from the dancers, etc.

Discussed raising awareness of the Club, what we do, our FREE lessons, etc. It was proposed that we have a Publicity Chairperson to write articles for the Quail Creek paper. Joanna Kikel agreed to take this position.

The Dance Lessons during the summer were a big hit. Agreed to continue with the free lessons. Roger Nay to help coordinate more lessons.

The idea of providing some sort of snacks or other food at the dances has been tabled at this time. After working with Eppie, the Board decided that the choices that were available and the cost per person were not worth it. The Decorating Committee will continue to put out small candy and other such items on the tables, keeping it low key.

NEW BUSINESS:

Jim Nichols presented a proposed new membership dues structure for the 2013-2014 dance year. Basically there would be two Options.

Option #1 – 6-pack - Members wanting to attend all 6 scheduled dances in the 2013-2014 year would pay \$50/person (\$100/couple) for the season.

Features:

Admits member to all 6 dances.

Total cost for year is an increase of \$2/person or \$4/couple.

Can sell or give away tickets to non-members if unable to attend a dance.

Option #2 – 4-pack - Members wanting to attend no more than 4 of the 6 dances may opt for this membership option. 4-Pack members can select any 4 dances of the 6 offered and would pay \$40/person (\$80/Couple) for the season.

Features:

Admits member to any 4 of 6 dances.

Do not have to decide which 4 dances in advance.

May attend a 5th dance (March or April) but would pay \$10/person at the door.

Can sell or give away tickets to non-members if unable to attend.

Total cost is \$8/person less than last year's cost.

Have all rights of 6-Pack members (voting, dances lessons, etc.)

After discussion it was moved, seconded and approved that the two-option dues structure would go into affect starting with the Membership Renewals for the 2013-2014 season. (October 2013 – April 2014).

Jim Nichols proposed that we change our fiscal year to June 1 –May 31. Approved.

Moved, seconded and approved to extend the terms of the current Board members for 5 months to end May 31, 2013. All Board Members agreed to this extension of their terms.

Jim Nichols noted that we needed a nominating committee as he does not wish to be President after the end of his extended term. Roger Oravetz agreed to be head of this committee.

It was noted that the attendance at the Annual Meeting was very low, with only 6 people other than the Board Members. It was decided that the election of officers, mention of new dues options, etc. will be announced at the first band break at the April 17, 2013 band break. The Board will meet prior to start of dance to discuss what will be announced.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by President Jim Nichols at 5:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Rosie Epler