
ROYAL SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY
Atlanta Branch, Inc.
Minutes of the Committee of Management Meeting
March 21, 2020

Members Present: Chris Wilson, Joe Bell, Sylvia Priest, Nancy Kidd, Karen Ludwick, Sarah Craighead, Yoshi Yukishige, Bob Messner, Susan Tumlin, Deborah Millier.

Call to Order: Chris Wilson called the meeting to order at 9:08 a.m.

Minutes: The minutes of the December 14, 2019, meeting were reviewed. Sylvia made a motion to accept the minutes as submitted and the motion passed.

Yoshi made the suggestion to publish board meeting minutes to all branch members. Board agreed that we can post minutes on the website in PDF format. Karen to work with Chris on getting minutes posted.

❖ **UNICOI 2020 Financials**

Board reviewed the UNICOI Spring Workshop roster and data. Total Income was \$6,432.06. \$300 Teaching Honorarium, \$100 Sound Honorarium, and \$118 mileage expenses were declined. Total expenses were \$5,615.11. Total profit was \$816.95. Suggestion was made to individually send Tracey Applebee thank you cards for forgoing the Teaching Honorarium.

Board discussed issuing workshop refunds to the 9 registrants that cancelled. Motion was made to give 100% refund to the 6 attendees that are not Atlanta branch members. Motion passed. Other attendees have indicated that they would forgo a refund.

❖ **UNICOI 2020 Evaluations**

Board reviewed and discussed a summary of the 8 workshop evaluations which included:

- 1) Too much food and limited choices
- 2) One person had serious issues with the room
- 3) Everyone loved the teacher
- 4) Most everyone liked the band
- 5) Some issues with UNICOI Lodge that can't be changed – e.g. late checkout
- 6) Appreciation for the hand washing demonstration and steps taken around hand washing, etc. in light of the Coronavirus

Board suggestions include:

- 1) Continue to remind attendees of frequent hand washing and provide hand sanitizer at future events/classes
- 2) Offer a la carte registration at future workshops – i.e. allow people to sign up for one or both evening dances. Amend registration forms to allow this choice.
- 3) Better publicize the availability of dancing scholarships.

❖ **UNICOI 2021:**

Board discussed whether we might consider a different venue for next year's spring workshop. We might get more attendance if the venue was in Atlanta. Also – maybe a venue with a wood floor.

Suggestion was made that we stay at UNICOI for 2021 given all that UNICOI did for us at the 2020 event. Another suggestion was to not have the Sunday morning dancing and reduce the length of the Saturday workshop because of the physical demands of the weekend. These changes would allow for more time to enjoy the area and a leisurely and social breakfast on Sunday. Board members noted that UNICOI is in process of remodeling and the rooms that are already remodeled are great. UNICOI will likely have remodeled all rooms by the 2021 workshop.

Sylvia, Sarah, Susan, Yoshi, Joe, and Bob volunteered to be on the UNICOI 2021 Committee. Motion made for Susan Tumlin to be the chair of this committee. Motion passed.

❖ **SOCIALS & CLASSES:**

Board discussed socials and classes in light of the COVID-19 pandemic. The April social has been cancelled and Susan has cancelled the venue. Board agreed to look at the May social/AGM in the next meeting which is on April 11th.

Yoshi made a motion to cancel all classes through end of April and then after a short discussion Yoshi amended the motion to cancel all classes until further notice. Motion passed. Class managers will notify class members by email.

The Meetup bill is due in April (~\$68) and is on the branch's credit card. Board agreed to continue the Meetup service.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:17 am.

Karen

Karen Ludwick, Scribe