



TANGO SOCIETY OF MINNESOTA [TSOM] BOARD MEETING MINUTES

February 23, 2017 - 7:00 pm

Location: Downtown Minneapolis Library Room 202
300 Nicollet Mall, Minneapolis, MN 55401

Present: Natalie Aiello, Gregory Bringman, Scott Chase, Terri Davis, Suzanne Doyle,
Barbara Haselbeck, Terry Holten, Paul Lohman, Linda McFadden, Corinne O'Neil,
Jennifer Wang

Absent: Ray Shudy

Non Board: Don Rowe

1. Introductions
2. Approved Agenda
3. January Minutes approved
4. Tango Marathon Motion - Motion made by Ray Shudy to provide a grant to Bataclan Tango to assist in funding the Twin Cities Marathon.
MOTION was made between board meetings and passed via email vote.
5. Review of February Milonga - 65 Attendees and \$48.54 profit.
6. March 11th Milonga - ACTION Reminder to review Board Milonga assignments
 - a. MC: Gregory Bringman, Natalie Aiello
 - b. Food: Terri Davis
 - c. DJ: Jennifer Wang
 - d. Lesson: Ron JohnsonLocation: Triune Masonic
7. Process Documents and access – Suzanne Doyle still missing the Treasury report.
ACTION Terri Davis will update the Décor/food detail.
ACTION Paul Lohman will look into the Google Document access issues.
8. Student Price Admission – Scott Chase discussed student membership discount value, and made a motion to suspend student prices for students and non-members. Motion not considered for lack of a second.
9. Procedures for Online Board Voting – Scott Chase discussed the board's recent online voting process experience, and indicated a need for a clearer procedure. Scott recommended separating the discussion from the voting, and for the original author to restate the request and call for a vote. Corrine O'Neil requested that "Vote Required" be included in the message header. Paul Lohman

proposed a 6 step process to be added to the by-laws.

ACTION Paul will document the Online Board Voting steps with proposed revisions, and send out to all to review and discuss in the March meeting.

10. Announcements at milongas – Scott Chase reviewed the existing process to channel all announcements through the milanga MC. Noted that the process was initiated a year ago, due to member complaints that the announcements were time consuming. All agreed that the current process saves time, and meets the Board’s expectations.
11. Treasurer’s Report - Jennifer emailed the treasurer’s report to the board and there were no related questions.
12. Membership Update - Paul Lohman stated that there are currently 145 Members. There was a discussion as to who was required to have a membership (Board Members, Teachers, and DJ’s), and the process Paul follows to remind those members to renew their memberships.
13. Tango Moments – Paul Lohman indicated that there were no updates, the editors at Malena.Ink are continuing to work on it.
14. Venue Contracts for 2017
 - a. August 12 – Four Seasons – Paul Lohman communicated that Four Seasons booked another event on August 12, and proposed that the August Milonga be moved to the Triune. Paul and Jennifer Wang are waiting response from Kit Cusick on the proposed Milongas. ACTION Paul will contact Kit and finalize Triune Milongas.
15. Web Site Update - Don Rowe has completed the website and is waiting for any feedback or corrections from the board. Once Don has updated the site based upon feedback, he will be ready to launch the new site. Gregory Bringman stated that the old site will be cached. Don also offered to train board members on how to make updates to the website. Paul Lohman had sent website link to board members requesting feedback, none has been received to-date. ACTION All review new website (don.mntango.org) and provide feedback to Paul within one week, Paul will summarize and forward requests to Don.
16. TSoM Long-range planning 2017 and beyond
 - a. Outreach committee - Barbara Haselbeck proposed working with an Art Collective in NE Minneapolis. The Collective hosts two artists a month, intent would be to demo Tango dancers at the same time. ACTION Barb will continue to research the Art Collective idea. Paul Lohman shared that the Mill City Opera will be doing “Maria de Bueno Aires” in July. Discussed possibility to do a tango demo at the five shows. ACTION Paul will contact the Mill City Opera.
17. TSoM Policies Overview
 - a. Grants Policy – Paul Lohman reviewed the Grants policy. Was agreed to remove “application” language and replace with “proposal” language. (IE Change Grant Application to Grant Proposal.) Scott Chase questioned the use of “Detailed”. Paul requested approval on wording changes from the board and was seconded.

Jennifer Wang discussed the need to control the amount of funds distributed annually, possibly by percentage.

18. Next meeting: Thursday March 23rd at the Uptown Lunds & Byerlys (1450 Lake Street) Community Room.

Respectfully submitted, Terry Holten, Secretary

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