



TANGO SOCIETY OF MINNESOTA [TSOM] BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Sunday, May 6, 2018 2 -3 pm
Location: Corinne O'Neil's House

Present: Natalie Aiello, Tom Bischoff, Scott Chase, Barbara Haselbeck, Terry Holten,
Linda McFadden, Corinne O'Neil, Janeen Rae, Jennifer Wang
Absent: Mark Jefferis, Sandra Uri
Non-Board: Bill Boyd, Michael Helffrich

1. Introductions
2. May 6th Agenda approved
3. March Minutes approved
4. April Milonga Review
 - The April milonga was cancelled due to weather conditions. Board members discussed including a weather cancelation clause in all future contracts. Scott Chase noted that some venues might be comfortable providing a weather-related refund, but others could have concerns.
 - Janeen Rae discussed her difficulty with trying to get a presidential signature on a venue contract. (Current TSOM By-Laws require the signature of the President and a Board member on all contracts.) Janeen noted that it would be easier if two Board members could sign a contract. Board members discussed changing the By-Laws to a Board Officer and a Board member. Motion was made by Terry Holten to modify the TSOM By-Laws from requiring the President's signature to requiring an Officer's signature, Barbara Haselbeck seconded the motion, and all Board members voted for the motion.
MOTION: Update the By-Laws to require an Officer and a Board Members signature on all contracts. Passed.
ACTION: Terry Holten will update the By-Laws from "(5) The president and one other officer shall sign jointly all contracts" to "(5) An Officer and one other Board member shall sign jointly all contracts".
5. May 12th Milonga
 - A. Location: Westminster
 - B. MC: Janeen Rae
 - C. Food: Natalie Aiello
 - D. Teacher: Rebecca Abas
 - E. DJ: Lois Donnay

- Janeen reviewed Westminster's contract requirements, including compostable/recyclable plates, cups, and napkins. Board members discussed changing TSOM rules to also require compostable. In the meantime, Corrine O'Neil will provide plates etc. and Janeen will bring a trash bag to remove waste from Westminster.
- Janeen noted that set-up would need to be started by 5:30, and clean-up would need to start at 10:30, as all need to be out by 11. Terry, Barb and Natalie agreed to arrive at 5:30 to help with the set-up.
- Janeen and Corrine agreed to contact Lynda Cannova and find out if the food from the cancelled April Milonga was available for the May Milonga. If not, Natalie Aiello agreed to pick up food for the Milonga.

6. Review of Resources - TSOM Documents

- Corrine O'Neil discussed the process documentation concerns that had occurred prior to the board meeting. Board members had been unable to view the process documents on "Google Drive". Fortunately, the documents were still available on "Google Docs". Paul Lohman corrected the issue by copying all the documents from Docs to Drive. Corrine will talk to Don Rowe about the possibility of putting password protected documentation on the TSOM website in the future. Terry agreed to make a back-up copy of all process documents on her hard drive. Terry will also assume responsibility for all current document.

ACTION: Corrine O'Neil will talk to Don Rowe about adding password protected documentation on the TSOM website in the future.

ACTION: Terry Holten will make a backup copy of all TSOM documents.

7. Presidential Vacancy - Next Steps

- Corrine noted Pauline Oo's resignation and communicated that she had assumed the duties of the President as detailed in the TSOM By-Laws. The Board discussed options available to replace the President, including re-initiating the Board Nomination Committee process, and promoting an existing Board member. Terry asked Corrine if she would be willing to assume the role of the President and suggested that promoting Corrine would be the quickest and most effective solution. Janeen made a motion to promote Corrine to the Office of the President, Linda McFadden seconded the motion, and all Board members voted for the motion.
- Corrine gave a quick review of Pauline Oo's reign, including discussions on fewer and more unique milongas. Bill Boyd noted that past Boards had also discussed similar changes.
- Board agreed that TSOM members may be unaware of everything the TSOM does for its members. Corrine noted that sending out more frequent updates could be beneficial, all agreed to discuss in a future meeting.

MOTION: Promote Corrine O'Neil to the Office of the President. Passed.

8. Milonga Rotation Review

- Pauline Oo communicated that she would continue to be responsible for her milonga food duties. Scott noted that he thought a TSOM Board member should be responsible overall for food duties. Corrine agreed to confirm the July and September Triune dates.
- Natalie Aiello noted that the milonga rotation sheet was out of date and will forward to all for updates.

ACTION: Corrine O'Neil will confirm the Triune's July and September milongas.

ACTION: Natalie Aiello will update the Milonga Rotation spreadsheet.

9. Treasurer's Report
- Jennifer Wang reviewed the finances and noted lost income due to the cancelled April milonga. She also explained that the current checking account balance was lower due to prepaid venue deposits.
 - Corrine and Jennifer reviewed the history of the Vanguard Money Market Account and the current balance. Bill noted that TSOM was not maintaining a balanced budget and should be at least breaking even. Board members discussed some of the larger 2017 expenses, including the Band Grant, the new sound system, and the Holiday Party. Scott noted that a past Treasurer had felt that the TSOM “savings” should only total two years of operating expenses. Bill shared that past Boards had faced similar issues, and had also discussed new milongas, special venues and live music. All agreed to continue the discussion in a future meeting.
 - Corrine discussed issues accessing the Vanguard account and agreed to contact a past Treasurer for assistance. Was also agreed that a task should be added to the President's duties, to transfer account access to new Treasurers etc.
- ACTION: Corrine O'Neil will contact a past Treasurer for assistance with the Vanguard Account.
ACTION: Corrine O'Neil will update the President's duties to include a task to transfer account accesses to new Treasurer.
10. Membership update
- Jennifer noted that there are currently 137 TSOM members.
11. TSOM Outreach Committee
- Barbara Haselbeck noted that she had been sidetracked by venue searches and was looking into to participating at the Richfield Open Streets event and Can Can Wonderland again. She noted that a portable floor would be beneficial for these types of events.
12. Next Meeting
- The next Board meeting is Thursday May 24th at the Uptown Lunds-Byerly's Community Room, 1450 W. Lake Street, Minneapolis, MN 55408.

Respectfully submitted, Terry Holten, Secretary