

Minutes of OFB Board

(January 21, 2018)

Location: Harvest House (Kenilworth area) Asheville, NC 28805

Board members present: Able Allen, Robyn Blakely, Joe Karpen, Bob Thompson, Ron Yarbrough, Gretchen Caverly, Jordan Thomas, Phil Jamison, and John Bouda

Board members not present: John Houlditch, Kirsten Cloutier, Stephanie Wilkins

These notes were taken by Ron Yarbrough. We had a quorum of 9 board members, so we were able to vote on various decisions listed below.

Previous Minutes of December 10, 2017 meeting:

- Board approved the December 10th minutes by acclamation.
- Ron had already forwarded the December 10th minutes for Joe to post on the OFB website.

Dance Behavior Policy Committee:

Being led by Hannah Clark, Katrina Schubert, and Leonard Koenick

Dance Development Committee:

Being led by Gretchen Caverly and Diane Silver

Thursday Dance Committee:

Robyn has been asking to step down from chairing the Thursday dance for a while. Able has agreed to be the temporary Thursday dance chair.

We need to be figuring out a better way to "man" the money table better.

English Country Dance Committee:

Annual Midwinter ECD Weekend dance has sold out.

Treasurer: John Bouda

- John is learning Quickbooks, but he will have the budget details ready for next week's Annual Membership meeting.
- John hasn't received budgets from some of the committee chairs, but he'll have them this week.
- Some details were briefly discussed, but those details will be shown on the upcoming completed OFB budget.

New Year's Eve Dance: Robyn Blakely

Bad weather caused New Year's Eve dance to be moved to Tuesday, Jan. 2. It was a good dance, but the turnout was way below what it would have been resulting in approximately \$2000 loss, even with the band and caller accepting lower payments.

Robyn and M have been the main organizers of the past couple of year's New Year's Eve dances. They've done great jobs, but both have decided not to organize 2019's New Year's Eve dance.

We need to decide whether or not the OFB will be offering a New Year's Eve dance for 2019. And if so, then who will lead that effort. Furthermore, it sounds like WWC may want to charge rent for a 2019 New Year's Eve dance (\$500?).

Nominating Committee:

We have the following OFB board members that will not be renewing in 2018:

Stephanie Wilkins
Phil Jamison
Kirsten Cloutier

We discussed the need to recognize each of these board members at the Annual Membership meeting next week. Able reminded us that we used to offer exiting board members free dance tickets for each year they served.

Robyn Blakely has agreed to stay on the board until we can find a replacement for her (ASAP). She's agreed to stay in order to help the board attain the quorum (minimum of 8 present members) required for board meeting voting.

We also discussed the need to replace John Houlditch with a new board member.

Ron shared that we have the following OFB board nominees up for election at next week's Annual Membership meeting:

John Bouda: Renewing for another 3-year term.
Grace Sederis: 1st-time board member agreeing to a 1-year term.
Ellie Kuhn: 1st-time board member agreeing to a 3-year term.
Charlie Myers: 1st-time board member agreeing to a 3-year term.

Even after these three new board members, we still need to find two more new board members (replacements for Robyn and John H.).

Immediately following the Annual Membership meeting, the OFB board will meet to elect its officers. The currently proposed officers are:

Gretchen Caverly: President

Joe Karpen: Vice-President

John Bouda: Treasurer

Ron Yarbrough: Secretary

Future OFB board meetings:

Able suggested to Gretchen (incoming President) that we have a standing 3rd Sundays every month board meeting at noon at the Harvest House. And when we don't need to have a meeting (which will probably be most months), Gretchen can announce that we won't be meeting for that month. And this will probably help board members remember to reserve that Sunday for the meeting as well as communicate when they would not be able to meet that Sunday. Gretchen, in fact, stated that she would not be available the 3rd Sunday in February, so we already know we won't be meeting the 3rd Sunday in February (or probably any Sundays in February).

Able also reminded us that we need to plan for our annual board retreat; this usually occurs in March, so this would likely replace any needed board meeting in March.