

Minutes of OFB Annual Membership Meeting
(January 28, 2018)

Location: Bryson Gym, Warren-Wilson College, Swannanoa

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

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

I counted 41 total people present during the meeting. Each person shared who they were and something about their experience with the OFB.

Minutes were taken by Ron Yarbrough.

Minutes of 2017's Annual Membership meeting:

- Able read last year's minutes.
- Membership accepted the minutes by acclamation.

Recognition of departing board members and support people:

Able recognized Phil Jamison, Kirsten Cloutier, and Stephanie Wilkins contribution to the OFB through their work on the board. Each will receive a month's worth of free dancing for every year they served.

Laura Light was thanked for her work of booking callers and musicians for the Thursday dance. Forest Doyle was recognized as the new booker and thanked for the job he's been doing.

Nominations of renewing and new board members:

Ron presented John Bouda (3 yr term) and Robyn Blakely (2 yr term) as renewing board members. The membership unanimously approved their renewals.

Ron presented Grace Sideris, Ellie Kuhn, and Charlie Myers to the OFB membership as candidates for the OFB board. Ron gave the membership a chance to present any additional candidates from the floor, and none were offered. Grace, Ellie, and Charlie briefly shared something about themselves that related to their ability and desire to serve the OFB organization. The membership unanimously approved each of them as new board members.

Roots Contra and Sunday Waltzes:

Diane Silver spoke about events happening at the Roots Contra (2nd Sundays each month). She recognized Karen Gaughan and Laura Light in their musical support of these dances. She also recognized Suzanne Hosch and her support of the Sunday Waltzes (3rd Sundays).

These events occur each month at the Harvest House in Kenilworth.

Upcoming Family Dance and Traditional Contradance Music Jams:

Diane Silver shared that we're starting a Family Dance to occur 3-5 PM on the 2nd Sundays before the Roots Contra (each month at the Harvest House). She encouraged the everyone to come out and support the kids as they're learning to dance; she especially reached out to students to come out and help the kids.

Diane also mentioned that Laura Lengnick and Nick Coker were starting a Traditional Contradance Music Jam to occur on the 4th Sundays 7-9 PM each month at the Harvest House.

English Country Dance Committee:

Bob Thompson shared that the ECD's attendance was above budget significantly. Annual Midwinter ECD Weekend dance has sold out.

Thursday Dance:

Robyn shared that the Thursday dance was struggling for volunteers; and she thanked the UNCA Contra Club for their strong volunteer support this past year.

Robyn is stepping down as the Thursday dance chair due to her injuries that prevent her from enjoying contradancing. Able was presented as the temporary chair of the Thursday contradance.

Able shared that the WWC bathroom upgrades should happen sometime this summer. The OFB gave \$4000 (\$2700 funds raised by the OFB members and \$1300 from the OFB organization).

Treasurer: John Bouda

- John took a moment to thank Able for his leadership through a difficult year for the OFB.
- In summary, 2017 was in the black \$3600 (compared to 2016's in the red \$3000) because the ECD exceeded expectations and there was no Advance Dances. In spite of a 15% drop in attendance, Thursday dance receipts were down only 8% due to a \$1 door fee increase* initiated in 2017.
- Splashdance was roughly on budget in 2017 which was a marked improvement over 2016.

- The New Year's Eve dance lost about \$2000 this year due to the very icy roads that day that caused the dance to be cancelled.
- 2018 is predicted to be \$2771 in the black.

* WWC students' door fee remained at just \$1.

Splashdance:

Diane Silver briefly expressed how well Splashdance went in 2017.

Dance Behavior Committee (DBC) and Dance Development Committee (DDC):

Able shared that Hannah Clark would be leading the DBC. He shared that anyone was welcome to become a part of that committee.

Closing Contradance:

Barbara Groh called the meeting's contradance.

Sugar High was the evening's band: Laura Light, Julia Weatherford(?), and Paul Moore

I would estimate that there was 50 people for this dance (one full line).