

DRAFT MINUTES

Minutes of OFB Annual Membership Meeting (February 17, 2019)

Location: Harvest House

Board members present: Bob Thompson, Jordan Thomas, Joe Karpen, Robyn Blakely, Cathy De Troia, Able Allen, Ellie Kuhn, and Ron Yarbrough

Board members not present: Grace Sideris, Lacy Hagan, Charlie Myers, and John Bouda

Attendance:

Eighteen people ate at the pot luck dinner.
Including board members, there were 32 people at the start of the meeting.
As the meeting progressed, a total of 41 people were present.

Items voted upon:

- Cathy De Troia, Bob Thompson, and Ron Yarbrough were unanimously approved by the membership to continue serving as OFB board members.
- Ellie nominated, Holly 2nd, and the membership unanimously voted to approve Theo Biamonte as a new OFB board member.

Meeting:

The meeting started with attendees briefly introducing themselves and how they're associated with the OFB.

Last year's annual membership meeting (2018) minutes were reviewed. A decision was made to take out the section whereby the Board elected new officers (was a separate event from the annual meeting).

Bob T. shared details about the health of the English Country Dance (ECD). They had a very successful dance weekend and have a healthy weekly dance community of 40+ dancers.

Anne Marie shared a review of last year's Splash Dance (SD) weekend. It was also recognized that SD will not be part of the OFB's responsibilities next year, but will continue under the last couple of year's SD leadership.

Charlie M. was recognized as doing a great job organizing the New Year's Eve dance.

The OFB's Harvest House activities were recognized as building talent for the future health of our dance community. Current activities are Roots Contra, Family Night, Waltzing, Contra Jam, Callers' Collective, and even Board meetings.

The updated OFB mission statement from the board's October retreat was shared with the membership:

To bring joy to our community by cultivating folk and social dance and music traditions.

Work continues on the Dance Community Behavior Guidelines. We have a goal to share the details about these guidelines in March.

Joe presented the OFB's 2019 budget to the membership.

Cathy presented a creative "Sad Sam (bull)" story to communicate that our recent survey revealed that "word-of-mouth" was the predominant means that brought most of our dancers to the Thursday dance community. She shared that we have an end of 2019 goal of having a consistent "4 contra lines" at the mid-break of the Thursday dance.

David(?) commented that our regional dances should be announcing the other dances in our area's dance schedules. The OFB's Thursday dance does include other regional dance schedules on its website as well as announce them on Thursdays.

Jonathan(?) requested that OFB board meeting minutes be posted on the OFB website.

Joe closed with allowing the membership share "What the OFB means to them":

Joe Karpen - Notetaker

This session was presented as values to be used for marketing, and also to help form our desired behavior guidelines:

Respect, Music, No judgment, Happiness, Joy, Great callers, Community, Welcoming spirit, Accepting differences, Connection, Fun, Inclusiveness, Accountability, Tradition, Awareness of whole dance group, Support for beginners, Camaraderie, Smiles, Encouraging, vulnerability, Courtesy, Unique Asheville event, Building and sharing skills, Friends, Responsibility to each other and ourselves, Safety, Fairness, Community and family, Culture of personal growth, Raising people up, Great people, Village, Multigenerational