

## RAF MINUTES FOR MEETING OF 11/21/2019

**WELCOME/MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:** 6:30 PM. Jeff Blood and Debbie Blood, RAF VP, filling in for Jim Gotta.

**ATTENDEES:** Aeckerle, Amy and Kris; Blood, Debbie and Jeff; Eddy, Sue; Emmel, Peter; Granath, Gary and Lorraine; Jones, Jane and Stu; LaDonna, Donna and Rick; Olson, Doreen and Warren; Stahl, Carol Ann

**CALL-IN PARTICIPANTS: (DIAL-IN NUMBER: 605-313-4441, ACCESS CODE: 347590)** Phil LaRussa, Mary Martin, and Chuck and Sharon Meyer

**AGENDA REVIEW:** No changes were made to the agenda.

**QUORUM:** Gary/Lorraine – Yes. Seven clubs are represented.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT:** Gary and Lorraine: October minutes approved. Warren approved; Carol Ann seconded.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Rick and Donna: Ending bank balance at October, 2019, RAF meeting: \$17,849.24. Total funds available 11/21/2019: \$17,601.29. Two clubs with dues outstanding have been notified via email reminder 11/21/2019.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Dance-O-Rama: Debbie and Jeff: All caller/cuer contracts signed. Dinner vendor has been contracted, Otto Tomotto. Dinner ticket price is \$16.00. Ribbons and danglers were ordered and have been received. Fliers (DOR flier and DOR dinner flier) are on the website and the event is on Facebook. DOR packets to go to clubs in January. Everything is on track.

Insurance: Carol Ann: All dancers' names have been entered. All clubs have been notified of amount they owe. Eight clubs returned so far. Waiting for Cloverleaf Squares, Copy Cats, Dalton, Silver Squares, and Waterwheels. Hopefully these will be in by the end of this week. Certificates will not be sent to Carol Ann until she sends in the checks. Otherwise we are on track.

CCR: Chuck M.: Via speaker phone: no input for this meeting.

Promenader/Web Site: Information tabled until January, 2020, meeting.

Promotions Committee: Amy and Kris. Promotions Committee did not meet in October, 2019.

Jeff Blood and Don Felice enhanced a master list flier for Federation Clubs Square Dance Open Houses. The flier lists: clubs, callers, dates, times of open houses, and contact information. We will request (Fall 2020) Open House info as soon as available in May or June.

The Promotions Committee created two generic Open House flier templates and will make them available to all RAF clubs. If a club wants to use the template, it can be easily customized to each club. Individual clubs can choose between the PowerPoint or Windows Word formats. Flier templates will be sent to all club presidents. Each club can individualize their flier with pictures from their own club. *A letter will be sent to club Presidents with Open House flier templates.*

Discussed RAF summer fun dances to promote retention for new dancers. RAF summer dances were free to all and held on Friday evenings in 2019. They were very well attended. Suggestion was made to charge admission (\$2-\$3?) for

experienced dancers with free admission for new graduates. Suggestion was made to place a ½-page flier in the graduation packets with dates of the summer fun dances. Further discussion tabled to meeting of 1/6/2020.

Promotions Committee Proposed Budget for end of 2019-2020: \$2000. Warren made motion to approve Promotions Committee Budget for \$2000 beginning date of approval through the end of the fiscal year (June 30, 2020). Rick L. seconded. Proposed budget approved. No one opposed.

Thoughts on transition from current RAF funding process to Promotions Committee oversight – tabled to future meeting.

## **CURRENT BUSINESS:**

Fall Ball, Saturday, 9/19/2020: Suggested location Penfield First Baptist Church. Donna and Rick to secure the Penfield location. Suggestion made: free admission for new graduates and \$3.00 admission for all experienced dancers. Questions arose regarding amount to be subsidized by the RAF prior to voting on admission fee. Desire three callers and two cuers. Suggested callers: Bill Ryan, Gil Porter, and Dave Eno. Suggested cuers: Eileen Webster and Lisa Treichler. Deb and Jeff to give suggestions to Jim G. Jim to reach out to callers/cuers. Compensation to callers and cuers to be discussed with Jim Gotta."

Other options to be discussed: Pot luck, catered dinner, no dinner.

Sikorsky Dance, Friday, 8/28/20. Preferred location is the Henrietta Fire Hall. Jeff and Deb contacted Gary Bubel. Per e-mail from Jeff and Deb: Gary Bubel has planned the Sikorsky dance into his summer schedule at the Henrietta Fire Hall. Sharon has secured caller, Mike Sikorsky, for this date. Tabled discussion regarding hosting club profit share until 1/6/2020 RAF meeting. In 2019, Cloverleaf Squares hosted this dance and received a 1/3 profit share (\$73.00).

Fun Dances: Discussion tabled until 1/6/2020. Idea was to continue the summer fun dances throughout the year. Focus was to keep the graduates dancing and invite class members to club dances to get to know club members. Class/club dances are listed on the Promenader during the season. Bring a copy to next meeting.

Square Dance Classes: Copy Cats: 12 class members. Cloverleaf Squares: 16 class members. Deb and Jeff to check with Bill Ryan regarding status of the 12-week lesson program at Batavia Silver Stars.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

Winter Presidents' Meeting: For future, two meetings a year, perhaps March and October. Debbie and Jeff to work with Jim Gotta on this. Perhaps email presidents regarding interest in concept of two meetings per year.

Bylaw modifications: discussion tabled until January 6, 2020, RAF meeting.

**MEETING ADJOURNED:** Motion to adjourn, Rick LaDonna, seconded by Gary G.

**Next RAF Meeting:** Monday, January 6, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. (DOR meeting will begin at 8:00 p.m. on 1/6/2020.) Where: Bill Grays, 1225 Jefferson Rd.

Permanent times of 6:30 p.m. for RAF and 8:00 p.m. for DOR will be discussed at the RAF meeting in January. Question for discussion: Is 6:30 RAF meeting a hardship for those who are working?

