

RDTA BUSINESS MEETING – September 29, 2007

ATTENDANCE:

DOM & JOAN FILARDO
JOHN & PEG KINCAID
TEX & MARGARET SHIPMAN
RAE SCHOFFSTALL
TIM & NAN EUM
CHRISTINA EUM
GEORGE SPRINGER
DICK & DEE HERRIDGE
JOHN BURNETT
KEN & BERNIE RYDER

The meeting was called to order by President Dom Filardo at 10:10 AM.

OLD BUSINESS:

The minutes were approved as submitted as read.

TREASURER'S REPORT: \$1,474.42 with no outstanding bills. All members' dues are current with 3 members paid for 2008. Treasurer's book is ready for audit. Dues are due by WASCA.

WASCA COORDINATOR: John Burnett thanked those who volunteered (Rae Schoffstall, George Springer, and Tim & Sharon Pilachowski) for the ARTS dance on March 2, 2008. WASCA has a contract with the Hilton until 2010, but appears to be talking about increased prices with a new contract. The hotel actually bought the floor for the Round Dance hall, so that is the floor we will have from now on.

AUTUMN LEAVES BALL: Dom & Joan are coordinating the dance, and all details are pretty well set. Dom will post the program in the halls. Remember to bring finger foods.

EDUCATION COORDINATOR: George is having trouble getting together with Steve Brandt. Steve will be having surgery in October for a serious problem with his arm. He is probably not going to be available for a while. The Lillifields will be doing the WASCA clinic. We need to decide on what we want them to teach. Dom distributed the clinic DVDs from last year's clinic.

SNOWFLAKE BALL: We need a coordinator. Tim & Nana volunteered and Rae will assist.

ROUNDALAB: Our library now has the Roundalab phase manuals on DVD. If you want to borrow DVDs from the RDTA library, you can do so by paying the postage for both ways. The borrower is responsible to replace them if lost in the mail, so we recommend insuring the package.

OLD BUSINESS:

WASCA ROUND DANCE PROGRAM: There were some complaints that the round dances in the Phase 2-3 hall seem to be too hard. Dom found that to be true when he cued. Ken & Bernie asked that we provide them with a current database and that will help them in programming the dances. Dom also suggested that our lists of “current” dances should only include dances that your dancers can dance **and dances that you have used within the last year.** WASCA will have more scheduled hours for 2-3 level dancing. Dom suggested that some of our RDTA cuers meet with the Ryders after the scheduled has been finalized but not yet published. The meeting will probably take place in early January.

NEW BUSINESS:

BUTTERFLY BALL: During some dances cued during the last Butterfly Ball, the majority of dancers sat out for that dance. Tim Eum said that each cuer chose his/her own selections. We need to ensure that we are cueing to the floor, but we must stay with the level advertised for the program. If you don't have a majority of the dancers on the floor, you should probably choose another selection. Remember, we are not behind the mike to show what we can do, but to cue what the dancers can do. Peg said that we just need to know what we should tell our dancers as to what the level will be (2-3 and easy 4 or intermediate dancers, meaning any phase 4).

ION USB TURNTABLE: Tex checked it out. It works directly with your computer. Even if you record your music in stereo, your Hilton turntable will only play it in mono, so Tex doesn't see the advantage of spending the extra money for the USB turntable. Tim said that the USB is convenient because it connects to your computer with a USB cord, and the USB turntable will help to eliminate the scratches as it records. The major reason to buy a USB turntable would be if your Hilton turntable begins having problems. The USB turntable becomes a viable option because it is a lot cheaper.

NEXT MEETING: The tentative date for our next meeting is January 5, 2008, 10:00 AM.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:55 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Margaret & Tex Shipman
Secretary