

July '84 Board Meeting (at Clayton/Woods)

Minutes taken by Dean Clamons

Board Present: Hickerson, Winters, Clamons, Clayton, Eisner, Schlesinger, Woods,  
Nichols

Others : Don Nichols, George Stevens, Janice Cole

Minutes were approved without change

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net +8, total paid memberships - 2153  
mailing list is now 2518

Program: no report

Special Events: nothing new and definite.

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possible Australian singer for house concert in early Sept.

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Gordon Bok - Nov 10, no hall yet

Treasurer: Clamons presented Hamlet's recommendations (copy enclosed).

Discussion followed: Festival - Winters pointed out that Festival donations

must be used only by the Festival, so separate accounting is needed.

Dues increase - Eisner agrees that dues should be increased. Winters

stated that Finance Committee thinks cash reserves are low. Woods

pointed out that Newsletter costs are going up because of more 10

and 12 pagers.

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meeting on July 18 at 8:00 pm at Winters' house. This is not a Board

meeting. Everyone responsible for a line item in the budget should

attend or send their budget proposals to Clamons by then. Proposed

budget will be presented at August Board meeting.

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in support of the 1982-1983 return. Clamons will act on it.

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\$7. Eisner expressed dissatisfaction with the financial arrangements

for this series. The "host" (ie the band) gets the first \$200 plus

80% of the rest collected. Park Service gets 15% and FSGW 5% of any

over \$200. Sunday dances will probably start the weekend after

Labor Day. Stan Fowler is running the All-Night Dance at Glen Echo.

It will be handled through the dance account. Pat McCracken has volunteered

to do Dance Weekend again. Eisner is working on a dance t-shirt.

Winters moved that Eisner be authorized to open an account in the name

of FSGW Dance Program at Suburban Bank. (Woods seconded). Dance fund

currently has \$200. Cost would be \$12/year. Approved unanimously.

Publications: Woods says the July/August Newsletter will be late due to a

problem in the printer's shop. She needs a new electric stapler

and is looking into cost. Woods moved that the editorial policy shall

be that all dance items submitted to the Newsletter editor state whether

music is live or recorded. (Winters seconded) Passed unanimously.

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by Mark Eliot. He wants to contribute our events to it.

Publicity: no report. Turner will be out of town starting Aug 2 till after

Labor Day.

Festival: Clamons said that income was something over \$1800 and expenditures

were around \$2800. Many favorable comments have been received from

performers, volunteers, and attendees.

20th Anniversary: a series of concerts at Glen Echo is set

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Oct 14 Joe Glazer

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Oct 28 Helen Schneyer

Discussion of other possibilities followed. Suggestions were for a repeat of the first dance (same caller, band, etc), and a big party!

Finance: Winters said he thinks need still exists. Winters moved that the existing Finance Committee be dissolved and a new one formed.

It is directed to give an interim report at the January Board meeting and a final report at the June Board meeting. The committee is to have the same charge as the previous one. (Clayton seconded)

Motion passed with all in favor, Woods abstaining.

Hickerson proposed that Winters chair the committee. Board approved unanimously.

Community Outreach: no report

Sound: Winters requested that the dance sound system be made available for evaluation of its condition.

Getaway: Hickerson recommended Dean Clamons and Laura Laning as co-chairs. Board approved unanimously. Clamons moved that the price be fixed

at \$45 for adults and \$30 for children under 16 for the weekend.

(Woods seconded). Reduction in children's price of \$5 is to encourage families to come. Age limit is based on ability of kids to earn money.

Approved unanimously. (Day prices were fixed at an earlier Board meeting at \$10/day for non-members and \$8/day for members.)

Old Business:

Incorporation - not yet.

Smithsonian - Cliff estimates that she spent less than \$150. All those present who helped with the evening receptions said that it was well appreciated by the staff and performers and a good time was had by all. The effort was well worth while.

New Business:

Square Dance Bill - Schlesinger presented a copy of H.R. 1706 (copy attached), a bill to designate the square dance as the national folk dance of the US. Also a circular which has been distributed asking for opposing comments to be sent to the committee which is studying the bill. The bill is being lobbied by Sets in Order, a Western Square Dance organization. Hickerson pointed out that there are a total of four national symbols at present. Others observed that there are no known national dances in other countries. The general feeling is that the square dance should not be designated a national dance in preference to other folk dances. Woods moved that Hickerson be authorized to draft a letter stating FSGW concerns with HR 1706. She shall get approval from Winters, Eisner, and Schlesinger before sending it out. (don't know who seconded)

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