

Cascade Zydeco Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

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December 10, 2014

MINUTES:

The November board meeting minutes were approved with one revision.

TREASURER/MEMBERSHIP REPORT:

November's financial report was accepted.

The tax letter was sent on 12/10/14 to paid members so they can use it as a receipt for their tax prep.

PUBLICITY REPORT

Our Lehrer events are on portlanddancing.com, the Cascade Blues Assoc newsletter, and The Lehrer calendar. The Winter Workshop on Jan 17-18 is on our calendar, portlanddancing.com and Sean Donovan's calendar.

BANDS AND VENUES:

Chere reported on the following:

Zydeco Brunch Sun Nov 23 was a big success! We had 109 pay at the door and counting the band and spouses, close to 120 enjoyed the event. The staff enjoyed our group; reported back to me that we were a friendly bunch and were purchasing food and beverages. Many, many of our dancers had positive comments on how much fun it was. Brad Lehrer would like to see us continue monthly or every other month for a Sunday afternoon dance but did suggest an event 4-7, hoping that extended the time to over the dinner our might increase food sales to benefit his Business. This is a good option and would not conflict with the Penny and Phil hosted events in Vancouver. Brad Lehrer has tentatively offered us Sunday Feb 22; we are waiting back from Too Loose to see if they are available.

The Sun Dec 21 at the Lehrer is all confirmed. Chere will be out of town and the front door elves will do their magic, Gabe will bring the cash to open the door and pay the band, Diane George will be in charge of Santa and treats. Please spread the word and come out and support the event.

Curley Taylor Wed Jan 28, 2015 is confirmed and we can use the Lehrer vs. Polish Hall, this will save us some expenses both in venue rental and sound as the Lehrer provides the sound man for only \$50 vs. when we hire Ripp for \$250. We also hope that by hosting it at the Lehrer we will draw a crowd of Lehrer regulars who are not familiar with zydeco and build our base, plus the advantage of food and drinks is always appreciated. Lesson 6:30 -7 and band will play 7-10, \$15 cover.

Chere has contacted Jeffrey Broussard and the Creole Cowboys manager enquiring about his availability to play on the west coast. We are looking at late May or early June.

Dance workshop January 17-18 weekend registrations have started coming in, from Seattle and Eugene. Polish Hall agreed to charge us half the usual Saturday venue rental fee. Please spread the word and show your support by registering. Committee: Chere, Amy, Angie, Greg and Diane George.

OLD BUSINESS:

Electronic petition to Peter Damman and OFB music coordinator re: zydeco stage approved by the board, Chere will send it out within the next few weeks.

NEW BUSINESS:

New partner with Cascade Blues Association – CZ has become a member (\$25 per year just like us) of the CBA. We are looking at very low cost advertising in their monthly newspaper that goes out to nearly 1,000 individuals. This has the potential to be a great partnership in promoting our events and cross pollinating our association.

Patty reported that Eric Singer, who recently re-opened Lenora's Ballroom, has asked us to do a zydeco/cajun night on the first Monday of every month, or at least long enough to see if it brings in good attendance. There is no cost or income to Cascade Zydeco. We would get more exposure to Eric's regular waltz/ballroom/blues dancers and also have another "first" week activity, since we have no "first wednesday". Roland did one for him in November and it had good attendance. We can take our flyers there for our other events, too. Patty told Eric to go ahead with January 5th. Eric will want our help rustling up an instructor and playlist. There was general consensus that we should try this for a few months?

Next Board Meeting: January 14 @ 6:30 pm at the Alibi, 4024 North Interstate Avenue, Portland, OR.

Cascade Zydeco Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

November 12, 2014

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Chere Weiss, Ken Parker, Patty Kadel, Greg Gustafson, Gabe Farkas, Vicky Barbur and Marie Torrillo. Ben Groce was unable to attend.

MINUTES:

The October board meeting minutes were approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Bank balance as of Nov 7 is \$9,923.10. Since November of 2013, we have spent down our bank balance by over \$5000. We agreed to have a budget retreat, the date will be set later. The financial report was accepted.

PUBLICITY:

633 people are on the CZ email list. It is now possible to sign up for the email list on the web site. When we partner with other organizations, we're able to take advantage of their publicity (e.g., the Oregon Food Bank, The Lehr, Cascade Blues Association). It's important that we take our flyers and other CZ informational items when we dance at other venues.

OLD BUSINESS:

Bands and Venues:

- Holiday brunch events. We are partnering with The Lehr for two brunch events: Sunday, November 23rd, at the Lehrer Pub and Sunday, December 21. Too Loose Cajun Zydeco Band will play at both events. We are collecting food for the Oregon Food Bank on Nov. 23. We need an event leader for the Dec. 21 brunch.
- Curley Taylor will play on the last Wednesday in January (Jan. 28, 2015) at the The Lehrer Pub.

Winter Workshop. Urban Dance Camp has been downsized for this year. The winter workshop will be at the Polish Hall on January 17, 2015. Dance instruction will be given by Sean Donovan, and will focus on intermediate

and advanced styling, footwork and partner connection. Too Loose will play on Saturday night. Zydeco Brunch will be on Sunday morning, January 18th, at Tapalaya Cajun/Creole Restaurant. Total cost for the entire weekend will be \$65, but there will be ala carte pricing. We need a balance of leads and follows for the workshop, and to come up with a process for signing up. A subcommittee has been assigned and will make decisions on details for the workshop.

NEW BUSINESS:

We will be sending around an electronic petition to thank to Peter Damman, OFB music coordinator for the Blues Festival for the Zydeco Swamp Romp Stage. There is some talk about reducing the number of days for Zydeco at the festival because of rising costs, and we want to make sure he knows how many of us appreciate having Zydeco music.

Lenora's ballroom is a new partner venue. Roland and Janine gave Zydeco lessons at Lenora's on November 10, sponsored entirely by Lenora's.

Next Board Meeting: December 10 @ 6:30 pm at Pinkies Restaurant (or the Alibi??).

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 pm.

Cascade Zydeco Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

October 8, 2014

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Chere Weiss, Ben Groce, Ken Parker, Patty Kadel, Greg Gustafson and Marie Torrillo. Gabe Farkas and Vicky Barbur were unable to attend.

MINUTES:

The September board meeting minutes were approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Bank balance as of October 6 is \$9,767.68. Since November of 2013, we have had 7 dances with live bands. Except for one dance, live band dances have resulted in losses ranging from \$78 to \$1229 per dance. We continue to make a profit (generally below \$100 per night) at our cd dances. Membership fees are down. The financial report was accepted.

MEMBERSHIP:

Our memberships are down 40% from last year. Patty sent email reminders to people who were members last year but not this year, and got good response. People may have a problem with the PDF membership application – it needs to be downloaded before it can be completed. We will survey our current and past members to gather information about why membership may be declining.

PUBLICITY:

Patty has sent out frequent, effective and entertaining reminders on upcoming events and on this week's dance changes. Calendar on our web site shows all of our events, and other Zydeco/Cajun events in the area. Patty regularly prepares a number of hard copy event calendars that are available at our front table. We are encouraged to take copies of the calendar to other dance venues when we have the opportunity.

BANDS AND VENUES:

Roland toured Lenora's remodeled Ballroom. He thinks we could use the venue for live band dances, even though there is no stage and the space is a little small. The cost is \$200 per night. If we have the opportunity, we should go see the remodeled space.

Chere met with Brad Lehr to see the Lehr dance venue (8775 SW Canyon Lane). It is definitely a possibility for future live band dances. The sound person is only \$50 at the Lehr.

OLD BUSINESS:

Music Events: Dwight Carrier played on September 12 at Polish Hall – attendance was low. A number of CZ members showed for the Bon Ton Roulet concert in Stevenson, WA on September 13 hosted by Tom and Barbara Gallant.

Holiday events: We are partnering with Lehr for two events. Too Loose will play for both dances at the Lehr. We will handle the door and pay the band:

*Thanksgiving dance -- Sunday before Thanksgiving (Nov. 23) from 2 pm to 5 pm.

* Christmas party -- Sunday before Christmas (Dec. 21) from 2 pm to 5 pm. Brad Lehr volunteered to be Santa.

Workshop: The Board agreed to go forward with plans for a workshop weekend on Saturday and Sunday, January 17 and 18. There will be beginning and intermediate instruction. Sean "Gator Boy" Donovan from Seattle is available to teach. Too Loose is available for the Saturday night dance. We'll have the brunch on Sunday. We do not yet have a venue. Amy Rosenthal and Angie Lindquist have volunteered to help with planning.

NEW BUSINESS:

New Survey: Chere will draft a new survey to collect information about why membership is down, volume of music at live music dances, satisfaction with the Polish Hall as our main dance venue, etc.

The Board agreed to move our monthly board meetings to 6:30 on the second Wednesday of each month.

Next Board Meeting: November 12 @ 6:30 pm at Pinkies Restaurant.

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm.

Cascade Zydeco Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Sept 10, 2014

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Chere Weiss, Ben Groce, Gabe Farkas, Ken Parker, Patty Kadel and Vicky Barbur. Greg Gustafson and Marie Torrillo were unable to attend.

MINUTES:

The August board meeting minutes were approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Bank balance as of September 8 is \$10,769.80. The summer dances have generated a profit generally below \$100 per night. An examination of the income records for the past year does not indicate any particular trend in attendance. The financial report was approved.

Patty will send out the membership dues reminder letter that was drafted and revised by Gabe and Chere. It will go to the 2013/2014 membership list only.

PUBLICITY:

Patty reported that the mailing list for the newsletter is approximately 637 people. She also brought a copy of the email received from Nancy Matela several years ago explaining that, due to liability insurance requirements, a 501(c)3 organization like Cascade Zydeco cannot join the dance collective at Norse Hall.

There was general discussion encouraging all board members to be ambassadors for Cascade Zydeco and take CZ flyers to other venues. A “free pass” stamp was made for Blues Festival and used on the backs of flyers. Patty will ask Janine about the location of the stamp so we can continue to offer new visitors a free dj dance night.

PRESIDENT:

Annual Meeting: Chere reported that the annual meeting/picnic held at Ralph Olsen's Tangoasis was a success with a warm atmosphere and plenty of dancing. Chere said she was able to get a clearer idea of expenses in relation to the picnic and would suggest forgoing the cake next year.

Music Events: Chere reported that Dwight Carrier is scheduled for September 12 at Polish Hall. Volunteers are needed to clean up the hall at the end. Bon Ton Roulet is scheduled for September 13 in Stevenson, WA. Cascade Zydeco will not be contributing financially, but agreed to help the hosts, Tom and Barbara Gallant, promote the dance and help with a lesson and at the door.

NEW BUSINESS:

Workshop: Chere talked to Roland and Janine about some type of dance camp or workshop. Amy Rosenthal agreed to be on a committee for putting on a workshop in early winter. Still needed: a budget, venue, instructors, and a band.

Holiday Brunch: Chere suggested we may want to consider holiday season zydeco brunch at Tapalaya, similar to the pre-Blues Festival brunch last July 4th.

Next Board Meeting: October 9th @ 6:00 pm at Pinkies Restaurant. Meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm.

Cascade Zydeco Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

August 3, 2014

Board members in attendance: Amy Rosenthal, Angie Lindquist, Chere Weiss, Ben Groce, Patty Kadel, Gabe Farkas, and Marie Torillo. New board members, Ken Parker and Greg Gustafson, were also in attendance. Vicky Barbur was unable to attend. The meeting was held at Chere's house.

Minutes: The July Board meeting minutes were approved after one correction.

Treasurer's Report: Financial report was accepted. We have \$3K less now than last year generally because we've had more expenses than income (e.g., more live dances, dance camp losses, etc.) The IRS granted our request to forgive a \$1700 penalty because of late submission of our 2012 non-profit form.

Committee Reports

Publicity: We are now using Mail Chimp to send our newsletter to more than 500 people. Mail Chimp provides us with a lot of information such as how many people opened the newsletter. People can subscribe to our newsletter on their own. For our brochures, Patty purchased a rubber stamp showing that first time attendance at a CD dance is free that was used at Blues Festival at the CZ booth. Assumption that Roland and Janine have it in their supplies for the booth. This can be used on our brochures and other recruitment information. We need to make an effort to get our brochures out to other venues.

Membership: Membership numbers are down this year. Memberships are a revenue generator, so we need to get the word out reminding people to sign up. Gabe has agreed to be the membership coordinator.

Old and Unfinished Business

- **Annual picnic/meeting.** Picnic will be held at Tangoasis in Vancouver on August 16. Amy is coordinating the picnic. Volunteer help for set up and cleanup is needed. We won't charge for the potluck, but there will be a donation can. CZ will provide the main dish, plates and utensils, ice and a cake. Everyone is assigned to bring additional items, according to the first letter of their last names.

- **New Board member manual.** Handed out to the new board members. Procedures need to be added to include information about deadline for tax forms with the state of Oregon and the IRS.
- **First Wednesday night venue.** A subcommittee will be established to find a replacement venue for our 1st Wednesday dance. Amy volunteered to be on the committee.
- **Instructors.** Since we are not dancing on the 1st Wednesday, Roland and Janine will not be instructing regularly, which is unfortunate because Roland's play list is thought to be a big draw. [Chere has revised last year's survey to send out asking, among other things, for feedback on the playlists.](#)
- **Private dance party in Stevenson.** Rosie Ledet canceled. Stevenson owner is trying to locate a replacement band for Saturday Sept. 13. [CZ agreed to help get the word out.](#)
- **Live music dances.** We had 9 live music dances this last year (our goal was 6). [We have Dwight "Black Cat" Carrier on Friday September 12 to Polish hall.](#) Bands usually contact us when they are coming through the area.

New Business

- **Budgeting.** We need to set a goal and budget for the number of live music dances we're going to have for this year. Our liability insurance is \$2400 yearly, and our payment to the blues festival is \$2500.
- **Zydeco workshop/Urban Dance Camp.** We want to have a workshop weekend at the Polish Hall in the late fall or early winter. We would have live music and lessons. We could recommend nearby hotels at which we might be able to negotiate a discount. For \$50, we can get a liquor permit, if we go to class and give the Polish Hall 2 weeks' notice. Chere, Amy, Greg and Marie will get the ball rolling on this
- **ARNB.org.** CZ is a contributor to ARNB.org. Ken will go through the site to see how we can ensure CZ events are advertised properly.
- **New Board Officers.** Gabe and Marie agreed to continue in their current roles (Treasurer and Secretary, respectively). Chere was elected to continue as the president and Ken was elected as Vice President.

September Board Meeting. The Board at Pinky's restaurant at 6 pm on September 10.

Cascade Zydeco Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

June 11, 2014

Board members in attendance: Amy Rosenthal, Angie Lindquist, Patty Kadel, Chere Weiss, Ben Groce, Gabe Farkas and Vicky Barbur. Marie Torrillo was unable to attend. Susan Farkas, CZ member, attended the meeting.

Minutes: The May Board meeting minutes were approved.

President's Report: Chere reported that arrangements for the Zydeco Brunch, July 4 from 10 – 12, at Tapalaya Restaurant are in place. Ken Sargent will DJ.

Treasurer's Report: No financial reports were available because Gabe needed additional information. Current bank balance is approximately \$10,574 with an additional \$400 in Paypal. Financial loss for the Dikki Du dance was minimal and within expectations.

Committee Reports

Membership: Vicky reported that she had cleaned up the membership database and will begin enforcing the member price discount beginning with the July 2, 2014 dance. She volunteered to continue her membership duties through the first part of the membership year until the rush of renewals subsides. Vicky confirmed that she will add new members to the “all email” list that receives CZ newsletters.

Publicity. Patty clarified the “free entry” offer that will be included on the CZ business cards. Offer will apply to DJ dances only and be valid for a first-time attendee only. Patty will consolidate the CZ flyers into fewer documents for the Blues Festival and put a receipt on the membership form.

Volunteer. Nothing to report.

Old and Unfinished Business

- **Blues Festival.** The board discussed the problem of lost membership forms at the 2013 Blues Festival and suggested more secure ways of handling the forms/payments at the 2014 Festival.

- **Annual picnic/meeting.** Picnic will be held at Tangoasis in Vancouver on August 16. Amy has volunteered to coordinate the picnic. A DJ is needed and volunteer help solicited.
- **Election of vacant Board of director positions.** Chere will set up a Survey Monkey page to serve as the ballot for the Board election. Patty will send an email to the CZ membership announcing the balloting and including a link to the voting survey. There are two candidates, Ken Parker and Greg Gustafson. Voting will be available from June 15 – June 30.
- **Upcoming Live music dances.** Curley Taylor will play at Polish Hall on July 16.
- **New Board member manual.** Amy reported progress on the manual. A draft copy was emailed to board members on June 9. She will ask Marie to submit a more complete description of the secretary's duties. Patty will submit a description of the publicity duties and post the manual on the CZ website when it is complete.
- **IRS.** Gabe asked the opinion of the Board regarding a letter he had received from the IRS with regard to the penalty that was assessed due to the previous treasurer filing the 2012 CZ tax reporting 2 weeks late. Gabe had previously spoken to an IRS representative by phone and written an explanatory letter. It was decided to not establish a payment plan for the penalty until Gabe hears from the IRS about the penalty decision.

New Business

- **Polish Hall.** Liquor regulations at Polish Hall were discussed. OLCC requirements include a \$50 permit and OLCC training for CZ staff in order to permit liquor at dances. It was noted to remind the membership of the no alcohol requirement under our rental agreement with Polish Hall as well as our obligation to be good neighbors to the residential neighborhood surrounding the hall.

The next board meeting is set for 6 pm on July 9 at Polish Hall.

Cascade Zydeco Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

May 14, 2014

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Amy Rosenthal, Chere Weiss, Ben Groce, Gabe Farcas and Angie Lindquist. Vicky Barbur, Patty Kadel and Marie Torrillo were unable to attend. Dave Maggilini, CZ member, attended the meeting.

MINUTES:

The March board meeting minutes were approved.

TASK LIST:

Board Manual: Amy to send electronically for board consideration.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Postponed approval until June board meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

No updates.

OLD AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- FIRST WEDNESDAY VENUE:**

Confirmed that CZ can be at Polish Hall for the months of July and August. There was discussion on venue options, or lack thereof, for First Wednesdays. The Board has screened a large variety of possible venues, with no luck so far. In general, it was agreed that CZ would not be able to pay more than \$150./night for venue rental. It was also agreed that bars have proved to pose a problem in that dancers generally do not spend much on alcohol, preferring to drink water while dancing. Amy agreed to continue serving on a search committee for First Wednesday venue.

NEW BUSINESS;

- ANNUAL MEETING:**

- Agreed to schedule for Saturday, August 16th. Also agreed to hire a band and look for a venue. To be discussed further at next meeting.

- RECRUIT NEW BOARD MEMBERS: there is only one application so far. Board members will ask individuals in CZ community if they are interested in serving on the Board. We need at least three more applicants.
- LIVE MUSIC:
 - Dikki Du , Wenesday, May 28, early lesson 6:45 at Polish Hall
 - Dwight “Black Cat Carrier Friday, June 20, Polish Hall, Lesson 7:15
 - Curley Taylor, Wed, July 16, Polish Hall, Lesson 7:15, dance 8-11

Next Board Meeting: June 11th @ 6:00 pm at Polish Hall.
Meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm.

Cascade Zydeco Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

April 2, 2014

Board members in attendance: Amy Rosenthal, Angie Lindquist, Patty Kadel, Marie Torrillo, Chere Weiss and Ben Groce. Gabe Farcas and Vicky Barbur were unable to attend. Dave Maggilini, CZ member, attended the meeting.

Minutes: The February Board meeting minutes were approved with revisions.

President's Report: N/A

Treasurer's Report: Not currently available.

Committee Reports

Publicity. Patty will alter her draft of the business card to remove the addresses of the Wednesday night dances, but will refer to the web site, which will have all of the up to date location information. The back of the card will entitle the holder to free 1st time dance admission. Patty will email to the board prior to printing. Minutes for past years will be consolidated into fewer documents.

Volunteer. April is National Volunteer Appreciation month. On the April 16 dance (which is when Chere will be in charge of the lesson), we will have a volunteer day celebration. Board voted to authorize cake money.

Old and Unfinished Business

- **First Wednesday Venue.** Tonight (April 2) is our last night at the Alberta St. Pub. We'll not have a dance for the first Wednesdays for May and June since we don't have a venue. The 1st Wednesdays for July and August are available at the Polish Hall so we will have dances on those dates. We'll set up a committee toward the end of the summer to look for a replacement venue for the first Wednesdays.
- **Annual picnic/meeting.** We'll decide the date for the picnic at our next meeting.
- **Election of vacant Board of director positions.** We need a slate of names by June 9. By then we will know for sure how many vacant

positions there will be. Ballots will go out to the membership by June 15. Voting will end on June 30. We will have the list of newly elected directors by the meeting on July 9, so there can be one month overlap between the old and new boards. We all need to solicit interest among the membership for running for the Board.

- **Urban Dance Camp.** On hold until further notice
- **Upcoming Live music dances.** Dikki Du will play at May 28 at the Polish Hall. Dwight Carrier will be on Friday June 20 at the Polish Hall.
- **New Board member manual.** Amy provided a list of items that will be the contents of the manual: By-laws document; separate sheet with quick highlights from the by-laws; current full financial report (monthly/yearly); information page listing current venues; times for lessons and dances; list of instructors per their night; dance fee for members/non-members; information sheet how volunteering at the door works on regular nights and for live music nights; set-up and clean-up responsibilities at the Polish Hall; information re: blues Festival, dance camp; list of responsibilities such as membership coordinator, band coordinator, instructor coordinator, website coordinator. We were asked to review the list, provide any additional items by mid-June, that we might think appropriate.

New Business

- **Board meetings.** Starting in May, we will meet on the 2nd Wednesdays. Chere will find a reasonably priced restaurant in the area at which we can meet.
- **The Blues Festival** is July 3-6. At our dance on the July 1st at the Polish Hall, we could welcome the out-of-towners, kind of a pre-Blues Festival get together.
- **Opening and closing the Polish Hall, and taking care of banking.** We need to figure out who can share doing this. Chere cannot continue to do this (in addition to her responsibilities as president), at least not all of the time.
- **Volunteer Appreciation.** See note under Volunteer Committee Report.

The next board meeting is set for 6 pm on May 14 at the Polish Hall.

Cascade Zydeco Board of Directors Electronic Meeting Minutes

March 2014

Board members: Meeting was conducted with the participation of all Board members via email.

Minutes: The February 5 Board meeting minutes were approved with revisions.

President's Report: See Chere's report

Treasurer's Report: N/A

Committee Reports (Membership, Publicity, Volunteers).

- **Publicity:** Patty designed a biz card, but it won't be finalized until we have the final word on our first Wednesday venue. Sunday zydeco in Vancouver is doing really well and bringing people to other Zydeco events. The Silver Star venue in Vancouver puts us on their facebook page (including a cute video) and that seems to draw a few newbies in every week. From a publicity standpoint, co-sponsoring the March 29 dance with Portland Dance Eclectic and Dick Brainard is very beneficial for us, because we get publicity via Dennis' PDE website. Maybe we can do more of that. Patty's next website venture is to remove material from the site that is not of current interest. Reo's has our flyer on their tables for March 22. However, their website is out of date so no info about us there.

Old and Unfinished Business

- None

New Business

- **Wednesday Venue.** This month's president's report informed us that we will be unable to continue at the Alberta St. Pub because we don't make them enough bar or food. They said we could stay until April 2nd, but Roland will talk to them and try to negotiate. Should we try to offer to temporarily increase our rent there in order to stay until July? Should we suspend the first Wednesday dance until a venue is found?

- **Board meetings.** Ben suggested that we have our board meetings at the Polish Hall on the second Wednesday of each month
- **Board Membership.** Jeannette submitted her resignation from the board, and it was accepted. Board Members were surveyed as to who would be willing to continue on the Board for next year (members serve for a 2 year term, and if they want to continue, run for another term). Angie and Vicki have decided not to run for another term. Amy has not yet decided. Gabe is willing to run for another term.
- **Election date.** We need to pick an election date and annual meeting/picnic date so we can plan ahead.

The next board meeting is set for 6 pm April 2 at the Alberta Street Pub.

Cascade Zydeco Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

February 5, 2014

Board members in attendance: Amy Rosenthal, Angie Lindquist, Patty Kadel, Marie Torrillo, Chere Weiss, Ben Groce, and Gabe Farkas. Jeanette Hubbard and Vicky Barbur were unable to attend.

Minutes: The January 8 Board meeting minutes were approved.

President's Report: See Chere's report

Treasurer's Report: Our treasury is at \$13,025 as of January 31, 2014. Our rent for the Wednesday dance is now ½ of the Conga Club.

Committee Reports (Membership, Publicity, Volunteers). Nothing new to report

Old and Unfinished Business

- Weekend workshops. Scheduled a mini Urban Dance camp for the weekend of September 19-21. See president's report for February 2014. Cat Christ expressed an interest in helping with the camp.
- By-law revision. Voted to accept the changes to the by-laws prepared by Angie and Amy. Election of Board of Directors will now occur within 60 days preceding the annual meeting, which will allow more transition time between the old and new board. We will set up a nomination committee in March or April.
- Oregon Cultural Trust. Patty designed CZ letterhead needed for our application for OCT. Gabe will submit our application.
- Valentine themed dance. Next Wednesday (Feb. 12), our first dance at the Polish Hall will have a valentine theme.
- Mardi Gras theme night is scheduled for Wed Feb 19. Chere has offered to coordinate it that night since it's her night to instruct. Diane George has agreed to do the decorations.
- Locking storage cabinet for Polish Hall. Patty ordered and assembled it.

New Business

- K-Boo donation. CZ made a \$100 donation to KBOO. KBOO advertises our events.
- Curley Taylor will play at our dance on Wednesday, March 5 dance at Alberta St. Pub
- Norse Hall Saturday March 29. CZ will co-sponsor dance with Too Loose and Fai Do Do All Stars.
- Dikki Du contacted Roland about a dance option on May 28 at the Polish Hall.
- Dwight Black Cat Carrier. We have a tentative date for Friday June 20 at the Polish Hall. Roland is negotiating.

The next board meeting is set for 6 pm March 12 at the Polish Hall.

Cascade Zydeco Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

January 8, 2014

Board members in attendance: Amy Rosenthal, Angie Lindquist, Patty Kadel, Marie Torrillo, Chere Weiss, Ben Groce, Gabe Farkas and Vicky Barbur. Jeanette Hubbard was unable to attend.

Minutes: The December 4 Board meeting minutes (with revisions) were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Our treasury is at approx. \$12,800. Our profit and loss statement is a rolling year.

Committee Reports.

- **Membership:** There are four new members, and we've had more new dancers attend the Wednesday dance in the last couple months.
- **Publicity:** Patty added a google calendar to our web site. She added new information on Portlanddancing.com. There were 6 likes on our Facebook page.
- **Volunteer:** Roberta is back with us and helping out.

Old and Unfinished Business

- Weekend workshops. Workshops will be scheduled depending on what live bands that Roland can find who will be in our area.
- By-law revision. Angie and Amy will craft language changing the date of the election.

New Business

- Oregon Cultural Trust. Gabe will look into what it takes to get CZ on the list for next year.
- Locked storage cabinet. Polish hall will allow us a small storage cabinet to store our sound system needed for our Wednesday dances. Cost of the cabinet will be approximately \$200.

- Headsets for dance instructors. Ken Sargent will find headsets to purchase that will work with our sound system (approx. \$150). Our speakers are still good – they were repaired a couple years ago.
- Storage. Yearly rental at Public Storage, 1921 N Gantenbein Ave, will be \$551 per year. We need the storage for our drum kit, and other miscellaneous storage.
- Margie Taylor will teach Blues dancing on the fifth Wednesdays at the Polish Hall (this year, in January, April and July).
- There was discussion about ways to make dances more fun and encourage participation: raffles, mixers, name tags. Mardi gras party scheduled for February 26 at the Polish Hall.

The next board meeting is set for February 5 at the Alberta Street Pub.