

Cascade Zydeco Board Meeting Minutes – August 15, 2017

The monthly meeting of the Cascade Zydeco Board was called to order at 7:15 pm. The meeting was on Skype. (Skype initiated within 10 minutes.)

Board members present were: Adam Grimshaw, David Seitz, Gabriel Farkas, Phil Meehan, and Jane-Clair Kerin. Derek McKinney in via Skype at 7:28.

June's CZ board meeting minutes approved.

Treasurer's Report:

\$\$ in account. Membership fees keep coming in. Profits and losses – descent income through Wednesday dances. Live band dances doing well. Too much money in account – CZ should be able to afford bringing in a band from Louisiana.

Gabe provides an explanation of expenses and incomes to new board members.

Polish Hall \$/hour, \$ per night, \$ sent for August.

Inquiry about Eagles Hall – will have to anticipate not being there.

Treasurer's report approved.

Board Transition:

Adam Grimshaw – president

David Sietz – vice president

Vicki Louthan - secretary

tbd – membership chair, explanation of membership duties for new board members.

Door volunteers needed – weekly dances need more support through volunteers

Vice-President/Band Coordinator Report:

Dance on Sunday, August 27th at the secret society (possible new place for CZ activities?)

\$ sound and door, band gets % of door (beyond our flat rate), \$15 cover, aiming for 150 people in attendance. \$ additional at live band dance.

September, October

Derek has a sound system – is willing to bring for live bands. He will provide sound system for the CZ picnic on September 9th.

Too Loose dance in September or October – exploring venue options aside from Polish Hall.

Ideal Venue: good dance floor, food, alcohol, sound system provided.

Polish Hall's AC and door are in need of repair/improvement – Adam will be liaison with Polish Hall.

Jeffery Broussard show – CZ made \$.

WBF rundown - \$\$ raised! Some production and sponsorship changes may be taking place – details provided cannot yet be confirmed.

Presidents Report:

Suggestions/ideas by Dick: All board members present at dances, all board meetings conducted on stage at dances, publish meetings to CZ association, survey about accessibility for members, Wednesdays are CZ's lifeblood.

58 members – 115 last year. 1,000 on e-mailing list. Explanation to new board members why membership is important.

Annual Meeting/Picnic planning:

At Ben's place, CZ providing hot dogs and hamburgers, water, ice, buns (toasted and dancing), and condiments.

Adam will cook. Dave will contact Ken about his playlist plan and will contact Ben about his grass being cut. Derek will provide his music system.

Next meeting will be third Tuesday in September – in-person.

Board retreat in November or December.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Jane-Clair Kerin, Secretary

Cascade Zydeco Board Meeting Minutes – June 20, 2017

The monthly meeting of the Cascade Zydeco Board was called to order at 7:06 pm. The meeting was on Skype. (Skype initiated within 10 minutes.)

Board members present were: Adam Grimshaw, Ken Parker, David Seitz, Greg Gustafson, and Jane-Clair Kerin.

Treasurer's Report:

For the Zydeco workshop there was a \$ loss. Expenses were band and hall. \$ contract of service for live band.

Had to get pocket money from 2 members to cover losses. How to remedy? Leave at the discretion of the event manager with respect to how much additional money to bring. Difficult to predict the number of attendants, so it's difficult to predict the amount of supplemental money to bring. \$ short at Curley's show on Father's day. Have money in pocket as backup. No further questions about financial statements. Greg moves to approve. Approved.

New Board Member:

Phil Meehan. Willing to join board. Ken and Greg are not continuing service. Vice President is David Sietz. New Secretary - TBD. Phil M. needs to be elected. Adam and Jane-Clair need to be re-elected. Membership chair -TBD. Live music coordinator: David Seitz. Other CZA members were considered and discussed as board member options.

Vice-President/Band Coordinator Report:

Questions by Ken: Any feedback about the floor? Sticky floor, and hot in there too. Former Duff's, not as "connected": No ads in the Willamette Week, no web site, just a Facebook page, seems to have lost Duff's following. Secret Society on Sunday's for free (?). Venue came strongly recommended by Dick B. Very small space though. It can get crowded, but there's a good dance floor. Not a lot of sit down room there. David will look into it for Sunday afternoons.

Upcoming band events: Jeffery Broussard (July 3rd), nothing in August. September TBD, maybe with picnic.

Jeffery Broussard house party – Any materials? Anything to buy? Any promotion? Fliers at WBF. House party will be at Jamie and Rick's house. What else is needed? David will be on site early to help set up. Bringing ice chests and water. House party will need a clean up crew. BYO chairs and potluck dish item. Additional information like turn by turn instructions to house party, directional signs nearby discussed as options. The break even point is 120 attendees. CZ will charge \$15 per person as cover. Diane is coordinating out of town visitor rides.

Blues Fest:

Blues Fest contributions are \$12, 725. Promo push, teaching schedule, announcements all set. Review Dick's schedule with respect to MKON's second line.

Picnic:

September 9th or 10th. Hosted by Ben, who also wants to host another party (like a birthday party).

Someone to sponsor dances to get more attendance. Ben and Steven Z. Free may not be a good idea for these.

Presidents Report:

Adam will be on vacation in July. David will preside over the next board meeting as Vice President on July 18th.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 pm. Meeting Adjourned.

Jane-Clair Kerin, Secretary

Agenda for Cascade Zydeco Board Meeting

May 16, 2017 7:00 Skype meeting

7:00 to 7:10 Call to order. Get Skype working. Roll call. Approve meeting minutes from past meetings.

7:10 to 7:20 Treasurer's Report and financial statement review.

7:20 to 7:40 Board transitions and election planning for June. Who will continue to serve next year and in what capacity? Who can we identify as potential new board members?

7:40 to 7:55 Membership Drive and Sean Donovan Workshop registrations. Sara.

7:55 to 8:10 Vice President and Band Coordinator Report. Anything more needed for the Zydeco Rex dance on June 10 or the Curley Taylor dance on June 18? We need to set a time and get the details out there for the July 3 Jeffrey Broussard dance at Jamie and Rick Morgan's house in Vancouver. We'll also need an address and a plan to get our out of town guests there.

8:10 to 8:20 President's report.

- Blues Fest contribution drive details so far.
- Annual meeting and picnic planning. What date in August? Ben is willing to host.

8:20 to 8:30 Old or Unfinished Business.

Adjourn by 8:30 PM.

Cascade Zydeco Board Meeting Minutes – April 18, 2017

The monthly meeting of the Cascade Zydeco Board was called to order at 7:10 pm. The meeting was on Skype.

Board members present were: Adam Grimshaw, Ken Parker, David Seitz, Sara Olson and Greg Gustafson. Gabe Farkas and Jane-Clair Kerin were absent.

Minutes for the March board meeting were approved by the Board.

Treasurer's Report: Because Gabe did not attend the meeting, approval of the treasurer's report was postponed until next month.

Membership issues:

- Our promotion priorities: (1) fundraising for the Blues Festival, (2) the CZ June workshop, (3) membership.
- June Workshop with Sean Donovan – the goal is for 40 paid attendees; Sara reported that registration sign-ups are going slow; flyers to hand out on Wednesday nights are being drafted.
- Sara and David will meet and begin a process of coming up with a plan for a membership drive.
- “Keep the music coming” is our best membership pitch.
- Best opportunity for promoting membership is at the Waterfront Blues Festival.
- We'll probably need help doing graphics for our membership drive.

Band Coordinator Report:

David stated everything is all set for the Too Loose event on this Friday (April 21) at the Eagle's on SE Hawthorne. Snack size food will be available for purchase.

No live music event is scheduled in May. David stated that he could not find a date that works for a Sunday Cajun Jam session in May. He is working on the possibility of an event at Catfish Lou's on the third Sunday in June.

Post Blues Fest House Party – Jeffrey Broussard is confirmed for July 3rd. Location still to be determined.

Presidents Report:

Adam will be sending out a Blues Festival fundraising letter to the CZ membership in the next couple of weeks.

Summer Membership Meeting – Adam stated that Ben is willing to host it again sometime in August...either the 5th or the 19th. Adam will check with Ben and finalize the date.

Attendance at Wednesday night CD dances was discussed...concern about low attendance. Hopefully attendance will improve as the weather gets better.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 pm

Greg Gustafson, Secretary (alternate)

Cascade Zydeco Board Meeting Minutes – March 21, 2017 □ □

The monthly meeting of the Cascade Zydeco Board was called to order at 7:05 pm. The meeting was on Skype.
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Board members present were: Adam Grimshaw, Ken Parker, David Seitz, and Greg Gustafson. Gabe Farkas, Jane-Clair Kerin and Sara Olson were absent. □ □

Minutes for the February board meeting were not available to be approved by the Board.
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The treasurer's report for March was approved by the Board.

Membership issues:

- Membership for the current year is at 113.
- Concern was expressed about low attendance at Wednesday night CD dances. Our cold & wet Winter may be one reason. Adam stated that he will send out a letter to the membership to encourage greater attendance.
- Sara is working on increasing the number of CZ members by contacting past members who have not re-upped.

Band Coordinator Report:

Board members commented that there was great energy at the Curly Taylor event at Duff's Garage on March 12th. A minor concern – the volume was a bit too loud for some folks.

David stated that the Eagles is set for the Too Loose event on April 21 (since Duff's Garage is no longer an option).

David suggested we look at the possibility of having an event at Catfish Lou's (on NW 24th Ave.). Maybe an event this Summer on a Sunday...assuming Penny and Phil take their usual Summer off in Vancouver. Or maybe a Sunday Cajun jam? David will follow up.

David is also looking into the possibility of having a future event at Secret Society (located on NE Russell).

Ken/David are exploring having 1 (or more) post-BluesFest live band events. Ken will check with Chubby and J. Boussard regarding their availability. David will follow up with Dick Brainard and get his thoughts on this.

Presidents Report:

June workshop with Sean Donovan – Sara is meeting today with Vicki L and Chere to clarify “who's gonna do what” to make this event happen.

Annual Summer Membership Meeting – Adam will check in with Ben to see if he would be willing to host it again...maybe in August.

We need to be thinking of ways to help Dick B with BluesFest fund-raising. David suggested we consider partnering with the Cascade Blues Assn on a fund-raising event for the Waterfront Blues Festival.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm Greg Gustafson, Secretary (alternate)

Cascade Zydeco Board Meeting Minutes, January 18, 2017

Regular meeting of Cascade Zydeco Board was called to order at 6:33.

No minutes to approve

Present were: Mr. Adam Grimshaw, Mr. Kenneth Parker, Mr. Gabe Farkas, Ms. Sara Olson, and Ms. Jane-Clair Kerin via Skype

Officers' Report

Treasurer report: Mr. Gabe Farkas

No treasurer report. Gabe will send by week's end.

Paid rent (overpaid because missed last week)

Insurance discussion.

2 new members paid.

Will need cash box tally to make full report.

Membership Update: Sara Olson

Nothing new to report

-Interruption - site contact called Ken about water on north floor of dance hall (Mr. Pawel, hall rep. will be notified)

Live dance management message from Susan F.

Who is organizing door attendance for February dance? Will Susan F?

David plans on being on duty at live dance (except for taking money at the door).

Sara will ask individuals to volunteer at door, wants to e-mail a call for volunteers.

Cover of \$12 – use \$5 credit for door volunteers

How does Duff's cover the door?

Next dance – Zydeco Rex, Feb. 11th (needs homestays)

Curley Taylor March 10th or 12th

Too Loose in April (Possibly)

President Report: Mr. Adam Grimshaw

Spoke with Chere – she will want help with registration for the Sean Donavon workshop.

Did Eagles hall get sold? NO!

WFBF OFB fundraising - \$2,500 + separate box to collect money to subsidize festival.

Ask people to give – persuade people to purchase zydeco buddy pass.

President will write request to donate to the WFBF.

1st Wednesday – January and beyond - want to try alternative lessons again?

Action items:

Homestays (Adam) - # from Zydeco Rex (David)

Bucket! Send Pic of bucket (lagniappe)

Tuesday – Feb. 21st

Jane-Clair Kerin, Secretary