

Swing Ann Arbor Open Meeting - Minutes June 22, 2006

- I. Meeting called to order at 6:30pm by Jesse Metcalf-Burton, President
- II. Board members present: Jesse Metcalf-Burton, Alex Mirkin, Erin Morris, Laura Morris, Jason Neisz, Aaron Elkiss; Community members present: Dan Smouse
- III. Minutes of May 18 approved with no corrections (motion by Dan, seconded by Jason)
- IV. Business Conducted:
 - A. Volunteers
 1. Survey results presented by Aaron Elkis
 - 20 responses
 - 5 willing to staff door during intermediate lesson
 - 8 willing to staff door during beginner lesson
 - 7 willing to staff door during dance
 - Total number volunteers needed per night = 11
 2. **Decisions approved by a majority (unanimous) vote of all members present:**
 - Wednesday volunteer list to be published on web site weekly
 - Aaron to send reminder emails to volunteers (Laura will remind DJs)
 - Volunteers to be given free access to lessons and dance on night that they volunteer
 - B. Curriculum
 1. Jason presented a list of 12 potential instructors for consideration (not published as not all people on this list are aware of these discussions); tabled for future
 2. Other dance styles discussed as possible additions to current schedule: Balboa, Charleston, Blues, social slow dance, fusion; tabled for future
 3. Redesign of Curriculum – Jason presented 5 options which were discussed at length; **the following structure was approved by a majority (unanimous) vote of all members present:**
 - 6:30pm-7:30pm – 3 or 4-week long progressive lessons with same set of instructors; attendance will be capped for a smaller class size; pre-registration required
 - 7:30pm-8:30pm – intermediate swing drop-in lesson; 6 and 8 count moves will be taught by alternating set of instructors during the month; may be a different set of instructors than at the progressive
 - 8:30pm-9:30pm – beginner swing drop-in lesson; alternating weeks of 6-count, then 8-count moves will be taught by the same or different set of instructors as the intermediate lesson
 - Fifth Wednesday Weirdness – when a month contains a “5th” Wednesday, special lessons and/or instructors will be featured
 4. Development of new and future instructors was discussed. Ideas floated included workshops and forums. Will be discussed further in future meeting.
 - C. Music
 1. The group discussed ideas to improve the music on Wednesday nights. No decisions were made at this time but these will be discussed in the future.
 - Open DJ Night – first hour staffed by house DJ; 4 15-minute slots would be available for those wanted to try their hand; might be good on a 5th Wednesday!
 - Bands suggested for possible gigs: Gypsy Strings, Vipers Drag, II V I Orchestra, JCats; Laura to see how much GS would charge
 - Make sure to publicize any “special” night (special lesson or live music, etc.)
 - D. Leadership Structure
 1. The group discussed ways to change the voting leadership structure of Swing Ann Arbor to align better with community interests while not violating UM and SAL rules for student organizations. **The following decisions were approved by a majority (unanimous) vote of all members present:**
 - Publicity Director will be changed to an elected board position renamed “Publicity Coordinator”; must be a UM student member
 - Volunteer Director will be changed to an elected board position renamed “Volunteer Coordinator”; must be a UM student or community member
 - E. Meeting adjourned at 8:45pm