

Minutes from MATC Exceptional Board Meeting 11.18.07

Pursuant to Article V.1-g(v) "Exceptional Board Meetings" of the MATC Constitution, this Exceptional Board meeting was:

Requested by: Hiram Parikh

Supported by: Solveig Heinz, Anjali Purkayastha and Ramji Venkataramanan.

The President declared this meeting to be a "closed session". See Article V.1-g(iv) "Attendance" of the Constitution.

Board Members present:

Hiram Parikh (President),

Ramji Venkataramanan (Director-of-Operations),

Solveig Heinz (Treasurer),

Bo Sun (Registration Officer),

Anjali Purkayastha (Secretary).

Quorum was met and the meeting was called to order at 11:12 am.

Proposed Agenda

- 1) Approve minutes from the Board meeting held on November 14, 2007.
- 2) Approve current meeting's agenda.
- 3) Discuss appointment of a temporary Webmaster.
- 4) Membership Issues.
- 5) Discuss proposed Board Policies.
- 6) Discuss proposed By-laws.
- 7) Discuss proposed Code of Conduct.
- 8) Approval of EO's proposed budget for the Fire and Ice festival.
- 9) Classes.

1) Motion to approve the proposed agenda for this meeting.

Proposed by: Hiram

Seconded by: Anjali

Vote: Unanimous

Motion passed.

2) Motion to approve the minutes from the Board meeting held on November 14, 2007.

Proposed by: Anjali

Seconded by: Bo

Vote: Unanimous

Motion passed.

3) Since Hiram is now the President of the Board he can no longer be the Club's webmaster. An interim Webmaster needs to be found. Under Article V.1-h(iii) of the Constitution, vacant officer positions can be filled by direct nomination.

a) Motion to nominate Andrew (Drew) De Orio as the interim Webmaster.

Proposed by: Solveig

Seconded by: Hirak
Vote: Unanimous
Motion passed.

Solveig will contact Drew and ask him if he would like to be the interim Webmaster.

4) Statement regarding Membership Issues:

The current Membership policies and structure stands. From July 11, 2007 onwards Club Users were reminded a number of times that they could and should apply for membership. The Registration Officer wrote an email and created a webpage in which he explained the Club's Membership Policy (the PDF version is on the website: <http://umich.edu/~umtango/MembershipFAQ.pdf>). This email was sent to everyone on the Club's email list on July 11, 2007. That evening the Registration Officer stopped the practica and summarized the contents of the email referring not only to the new payments, but also to the new requirements to be a Member. Specifically, one had to buy a Half Year Pass to be considered for Membership subject to the Quota requirements. During the following weeks, the Registration Officer stopped practica each week to reiterate these changes. The Membership structure can be found at <http://www.umich.edu/~umtango/membership.html>.

In September, 2007 the Club had only 33 members. The Board felt that the amount of Club Members was so small that it was not representative of the Club. In order to correct this, the Board held an Extraordinary Board Meeting on September 26, 2007. At that meeting the Board decided that, as an additional policy, Club Users who bought a Class Pass (now called a Series Pass) from July through September would now be able to apply for Membership also. This policy gave Club Users another opportunity to apply for Membership. The Registration Officer informed Club Users of the new policy, its significance and the deadline for application by stopping Wednesday Classes (Beginners, Advance Beginners and Intermediate) that evening. An email describing the new policy and the application deadline was sent to everyone on the Club's email list.

Club Users have had since July to apply for Membership. Club Users who did not buy a Half Year Pass but did buy a Series Pass between July and the end of September were given another opportunity to apply for membership. In light of our formal decisions regarding Club Membership, and the many, many, many attempts to advertise and disseminate this information, the Board feels that it is unnecessary and inappropriate to reopen discussion on Membership.

The Club Constitution provides that Membership be open at any time. Given this, anyone who wishes to become a Member now can buy a Half Year Pass and apply for Membership subject to the Quotas. Pursuant to Article IV.3-b of the Constitution, these new Members cannot participate in the upcoming Elections because they have missed the Oct 1, 2007 deadline.

Motion: Membership structure stands and the Membership issue will not be re-opened.

Proposed by: Bo
Seconded by: Hirak
Vote: Unanimous
Motion passed

5) MATC Operational Policies

Motions were made to adopt the following policies:

Policy on issues dealing with fraud, theft or embezzlement

- 1) The Executive Board may choose to invite a legal representative from Student Legal Services while discussing issues dealing with fraud, theft or embezzlement at both Board Meetings and Exceptional Board Meetings.

Proposed by: Solveig

Seconded by: Hirak

Vote: Unanimous

Motion passed.

Motion to table the remainder of the policies regarding fraud, theft or embezzlement.

Proposed by: Ramji

Seconded by: Hirak

Vote: Unanimous

Motion passed.

Policy on Conflict-of-Interest

- 1) Any Board member that commences an activity with a potential conflict-of-interest with the Club, e.g., deejaying, teaching outside the Club etc. must inform the Board as soon as possible. The remainder of the Board will discuss this disclosure at the next Board Meeting.

Proposed by: Anjali

Seconded by: Hirak

Vote: Unanimous

Motion passed.

Motion to table the remainder of the Policy on Conflict-of-Interest:

Proposed by: Anjali

Seconded by: Hirak

Vote: Unanimous

Motion passed.

Policy on Disclosure

This Policy was supposed to be accompanied by a series of Exceptions. However, due to time constraints, this Policy was voted through while the Exceptions were tabled. Upon further review, the Board would like to revisit the entire issue as a whole.

Motion to render invalid the Policy on Disclosure passed on November 14, 2007 and revisit the entire issue, including the exceptions, at a later Board Meeting.

Proposed by: Bo

Seconded by: Anjali

Vote: Unanimous

Motion passed.

Policy on Board Meetings

Motion to consider the first policy on Board Meetings, i.e., re “closed sessions,” annulled because the Constitution supersedes it.

Proposed by: Anjali

Seconded by: Bo

Vote: Unanimous

Motion passed.

6) Motion to pass the following By-law:

Any tango instructor who wishes to be listed as an instructor of private lessons on the Club's website must adhere to the following restrictions:

- 1) Private lessons cannot be taught within a half hour before or during any Club event at a location where a Club event is being conducted.
- 2) The tango instructor must be either a Club Member or an active Club User."

Proposed by: Anjali

Seconded by: Solveig

Vote: Unanimous

Motion passed.

7) Code of Conduct

Motion to table discussion about the Code of Conduct.

Proposed by: Bo

Seconded by: Hiram

Vote: Unanimous

Motion passed.

8) Motion to approve the proposed budget for the Fire and Ice Festival in 2008 with the following exception: The Board will ask the EO's to try to keep the costs down to \$10 K.

Proposed by: Solveig

Seconded by: Bo

Vote: Unanimous

Motion passed.

- 9) The Board invited Maxi Gluzman to teach a class on a trial basis on Monday November 5, 2007. Given the success of this trial class and the fact that the class broke even financially (by charging \$5 at door) the Board would like to invite him to teach again on November 26, 2007 and potentially on another two Mondays in the future.**

Motion to give Ramji permission to contact Maxi and arrange a class for on Nov 26, 2007 and to organize at most two additional Monday classes in December.

Proposed by: Bo

Seconded by: Hiram

Vote: Unanimous

Motion passed.

Hiram adjourned the meeting at 3:20 pm.
