

# Times Squares Board of Directors Meeting

Date: September 11, 2017

Time: 6:43 PM

Location: Fashion Institute of Technology (FIT)

**Board Members Present:** Alain Buzzard, Larry Caputo, Michael Coan, Jeff Eisner, Warren Livesley, Alan Teicher, Susan Gill

**Board Members Absent:** none

**Members/Guests Present:** Ken Hershkovits, Kian Kho, Gabriel Rivas, Jim Babcock, Kim Norland, and Howard Handler

**A. Secretary's Report:** The minutes of the meeting on August 7, 2017 were accepted 7-0.

**B. Treasurer's Report:** The treasurer's report was accepted 7-0.

## C. New Business

1. **PLUS CLASS.** Howard Handler requested that the club offer a structured Plus class, probably in conjunction with the Tuesday Mainstream class. A discussion about the merits and drawbacks of offering a half hour class before or after the Mainstream class. It was decided to offer the class on Tuesdays 6:30-7:00 pm starting September 19. Ken will discuss this plan and payment with Howard Richman. Alain offered to teach the class if Howard Richman was unable to.
2. **PTP 2017.**
  - a. Warren asked Kim to set up an online system for members to commit to assisting at specific times. That people resisted doing that online last year was discussed, and it was decided to have manual sign-up as well.
  - b. Independence Squares has offered us some decorations, and Gabriel and Larry volunteered to retrieve them on a weeknight after viewing pictures of what is being offered.
  - c. George will spearhead a follow-up, contacting previous attendees by phone and email. Only about 30 of our own club members have committed to attending.
3. **PTP 2018.**
  - a. The contract for the DoubleTree by Hilton in Fort Lee has been signed.
  - b. A flyer was proposed and approved, and will be available at PTP 2017. The goal is to begin marketing PTP 2018 before PTP 2017.
  - c. Registration will be available online, with the use of Pay Pal. This was approved 6:1.
  - d. Selling printed t-shirts, to be ordered and paid for at the time of registration was discussed. No decision was made.
  - e. A post event questionnaire, with specific likes and dislikes, has been requested by the hotel manager. It will be available both in paper form and online.

#### **4. Combo Dances.**

- a. It was suggested that the four combo dances scheduled for 2018 have themes. Alan Teicher committed to being in charge of the March dance.
- b. Combo dances of the past were discussed, and it was decided to give the pot-luck meal another try. It will be organized as in the past, with food contributions based on an alphabetical system using first names.

#### **5. Mainstream classes.**

- a. There was a lengthy discussion about the fact that our Mainstream Essentials graduates cannot dance full Mainstream without additional training, and that that course really is what Caller Lab calls "Basic". It was agreed to call this abbreviated class "Basic" beginning in 2018.
- b. We discussed, yet again, the idea of teaching Mainstream as a blitz weekend as other clubs are said to accomplish successfully. Nothing was decided.

**6. Tom Miller.** It was agreed to send a \$200 check to a fund helping Tom with his considerable health issues.

**7. "November" board meeting.** Due to Warren Livesley's travel plans, the November meeting will be held on October 30 instead of November 4.

Club members are reminded to contact Michael Coan when they plan to attend a meeting so that they can be cleared with security at FIT. Agenda items should be submitted by email to the secretary no later than 2 days before any board meeting.

**The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 PM.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Susan Gill