



## TANGO SOCIETY OF MINNESOTA [TSOM] BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Thursday June 28<sup>th</sup>, 2018, 7:00 pm

Location: Uptown Lunds & Byerlys Community Room  
1450 W Lake St, Minneapolis, MN 55408

**Present:** Tom Bischoff, Scott Chase, Terry Holten, Mark Jefferis, Linda McFadden,  
Corinne O'Neil, Sandra Uri, Jennifer Wang

**Absent:** Natalie Aiello, Barbara Haselbeck, Janeen Rae

1. Introductions
2. June 28<sup>th</sup> Agenda approved
3. May 24<sup>th</sup> Minutes approved
4. June Milonga Review – 65 attendees and a profit of \$48.00.
  - Corinne O'Neil communicated that the 70's theme was a great success, Board members discussed other potential themes for future milongas.
  - Jennifer Wang noted that the milonga was only profitable because there had been no lesson fee and food costs had not been included.
  - Corinne also noted that two out of town dancers were not aware that the lesson had been cancelled and unfortunately showed up at 8:30.
5. July 14th - Milonga
  - A. Location: Triune
  - B. MC: Linda McFadden
  - C. Food: Barb Haselbeck
  - D. Teacher: Diana Devi
  - E. DJ: Rahul Ughade
  - Corinne noted that Rahul would be replacing Niko as the DJ, Terry Holten agreed to update the "Next Milonga" website page to reflect the change.
  - Corinne also communicated that Rahul would not be arriving until 9:15. Linda McFadden agreed to ask Diana Devi to bring her own sound system or confirm that Diana knows how to use the TSOM sound system.
  - Sandra Uri suggested adding information on the TSOM Announce emails during the Milonga announcements. Board members also discussed creating handouts with basic information and instructions.

6. Vice Presidential Vacancy

- Corinne communicated that Scott Chase had generously agreed to be Vice President for the next 1 1/2 years. Motion was made by Corinne to nominate in Scott as the Vice President, motion was seconded by Linda, and all Board members voted in favor of the motion.
- Corinne noted that she would update the 2018 Board members on the TSOM website. Terry will forward a copy of the Website Administration documentation to Corinne.

MOTION: Scott Chase nominated as the Vice President. Passed

ACTION: Corinne will update the 2018 Board members on the TSOM website.

7. Treasurer's Report

- Jennifer reviewed the current financials with the Board. Jennifer also included a graph detailing the total attendance to all Milongas from January 2016 thru June 2018. Via email Jennifer noted that the average attendance to TSOM Milongas had actually increased in 2017 and again in the first half of 2018.
- Corinne communicated that she had sent in the required documentation to update the access to the Vanguard account and was waiting on Vanguard's response.
- Mark Jefferis asked how the Board would avoid a similar issue in the future. (IE Ex-Board members having access to accounts.) Corinne explained that she would update the President's responsibilities to include a task to transfer all accesses to the new President. Mark asked for the Board to be kept up-to-date with the status of the account access and Corinne agreed to keep all Board members in the loop. Corinne also agreed to add to a discussion on what to do with the Vanguard funds to a future meeting agenda.
- Board members discussed the history of the Vanguard account access issues. Jennifer detailed her multiple efforts and challenges in taking over the financials from the prior Treasurer.
- Scott Chase communicated that he wanted to understand how the Vanguard account had been initially financed. Mark stated that he felt a level of obligation to the individuals who donated the funds, to protect the money in the Vanguard account. Corinne noted that she had requested that access to the Vanguard account require both the President's and the Treasurer's signatures.
- Board questioned if legal action would be needed but agreed to let Corinne proceed with her current plan of action. Corinne noted that the next steps would require a Board resolution for Vanguard.

ACTION: Corinne will update the TSOM President's responsibilities to include a task to transfer all account accesses to the new President.

ACTION: Corinne will proceed with the steps required to obtain access to the Vanguard account and will keep the Board up-to-date as to current status.

8. Membership update

- Jennifer communicated that as of June 28<sup>th</sup>, there are 151 active members.

9. 2019 Milonga Rotation Planning Thoughts

- Board discussed 4 to 5 5<sup>th</sup> Saturday milongas vs 12 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday milongas, comments included:

- TSOM Milongas needed to be special, different than other Milongas to attract additional attendees.
- Having a monthly TSOM Milonga gets TSOM's name out, advertises TSOM.
- Concerns communicated about not wanting to lose existing venues, but noted that more expensive venues could be used, if fewer Milongas.
- Discussed if membership would drop due to fewer Milongas.
- Questioned if it mattered who hosted a Milonga, as long as there are Milongas. (IE Is a TSOM run Milonga required?)
- Board discussed potential special event Milongas, such as picnics or New Year's Eve.
- Board also discussed unique Milonga themes and agreed that hosting fewer Milongas would allow more time and effort on unique themes.
- Questioned when TSOM Membership voting would occur, and the possible need to update the By-Laws if switched to 5th Saturday Milongas.
- Corinne noted that 2019 is the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of TSOM. Board discussed potential ways to celebrate the anniversary.

#### 10. Survey - Subcommittee Needed

- Board discussed the proposed survey questions and was agreed that Terry would send the survey out to the Board members to complete. Results will be compiled to determine potential questions for a possible future general membership survey. Tom Bischoff suggested using a "Forced Comparison" general membership survey.
- Corinne also discussed creating a Suggestion/Feedback/Input box at the next Milonga, and possibly rewarding all comments with a piece of chocolate.

ACTION: Terry will forward the proposed survey questions to all Board members and compile results for the next Board Meeting.

ACTION: Corinne will create a Suggestion/Feedback/Input box for the next Milonga.

#### 11. Sister City Considerations

- Terry presented Michael Kane's comments and ideas to the Board, they included:
  - Michael has purchased a ~200 square foot portable dance floor and communicated that TSOM is welcome to rent it.
  - Michael suggested that TSOM create a "Display Board" for the band stage at the Loring Bar, directing potential dancers to the TSOM website, specifically the Teachers and Class information.
 

Board noted that Loring management had not agreed to TSOM advertisements in the past, but new management might be more agreeable. Terry will discuss with the Loring's new management.
  - Michael asked if TSOM would be interested in hosting a Stillwater Riverboat Milonga. Board members discussed potential costs and agreed to look into sharing the related costs. Terry will take a look at the boats, dance floors and sound systems to determine if viable.
  - Michael has been meeting with the Cork Ireland Tango Society, discussing inviting and hosting Cork dancers to Minnesota during the Fabian and Lola event in May 2019. Michael is hoping to attract 6 to 10 Irish dancers to attend the event and needs the local tango community to welcome and "host" the dancers in their homes. The Board enthusiastically welcomed the idea and committed to providing assistance.

12. Next Meeting

- The next Board meeting is Thursday July 26<sup>th</sup> at the Uptown Lunds-Byerly's Community Room, 1450 W. Lake Street, Minneapolis, MN 55408.
- Scott will be chairing the meeting, as Corinne is unable to attend.

Respectfully submitted, Terry Holten, Secretary