

## Board Meeting Minutes

### Regular Meeting on **1/11/2009**

#### Board Members [alphabetical] (initials)

Baron (BA), Bobbie (BO), Lady Diane(LD), Tanomar (TA)  
 President: Baron; Treasurer: Jeanne; Secretary: Tanomar

**Present: BA, JE, LD, TA**

**LD arrives at 6:58.**

**Absent: BO**

No Proxy.

#### Members and Guests:

Hanuman

#### Agenda (may not be handled in order)

1. Approval of Minutes
2. Additions and changes to the Agenda
3. Officer Reports
4. Committee Reports (Membership, Education, Outreach)
5. Leads/Coordinators/Liaisons (a-v)
6. Review of Fast Track and Action Items – Secretary
7. Old Business
8. New Business
9. Future Board Business
10. Executive Session (if needed)

#### Summary of Motions

Voting initials: **Y**=vote for; **N**=vote against; **A**=Abstain; **D**=did not vote; ‘-‘ absent with no proxy. The Y/N/A will be preceded with P for a proxy vote (e.g. pY).

Discussion points and other details are contained within the agenda items. This table is for summary purposes only.

**P/F:** **P**=pass; **PO**=passed without objection; **F**=fail; **T**=tabled (shows voting on the motion to table); **L**=move to fast track; **48**=48-hour fast track approval (board approval for persons volunteering for positions)

Motion	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	BA	BO	JE	MA	MT	TA		P/F

**1. Call to Order: 6:23**

**2. Approval of Minutes**

September, November, December minutes for approval. Approved by BA, JE, TA.

### **3. Changes/Additions to Agenda (See New Business)**

#### **4. Officer Reports**

##### **a. President**

Happy New Year.

##### **b. Treasurer**

We have \$13,800, including \$2000+ for travel fund plus \$500 on hold.

The (corrected) hotel bill has been received and paid! Jeanne had to go to the hotel to get a correct build. All FF bills are paid, so we can now close the fiscal year. Kim needs to review the books before they get closed. Plan is to close the books by the next public meeting. Update to be provided by a working meeting on 1/25/09.

Taxes must be completed by March 15.

##### **c. Secretary**

Minutes brought to meeting for review and approval.

#### **5. Committee Reports**

##### **a. Membership**

2 new members from January class.

##### **b. Education**

Low attendance in December, as expected. January was back to normal and 1<sup>st</sup> class covered expenses with some left over. Party followed. Classes are set up for January and February.

##### **c. Outreach**

Discussion

#### **6. Committee Leads/Coordinators/Liaisons**

##### **a. Equipment (Quartermaster) – Lady Diane**

Have to decide what to put on walls, need to talk to Ali about what is available now. Edges plans have changed. Jeanne will call as Diane has not heard back yet. Set up a meeting to discuss any construction plans. Need to discuss financing for the construction as well. Board would like to get our goods locked up reasonably quickly.

##### **b. Folsom Fringe**

We are starting to get some response from people. We have 2 people who have expressed an interest in marketing lead; both want to see past information to see if they can take on this role.

Options for '09:

- 1) Doubletree: we know what they are like as far as space; cons for this are the service last year was poor.
- 2) Same size, different hotel. Most likely, we would need to downsize a bit. E.g., 275 room nights, 250-300 people. Or smaller size, parties on-site.
- 3) Small venue/hotel: how small. Parties not on-site. E.g., Domain Hotel. The issue will be classroom space and what content will be allowed.
- 4) For the last option, we could hold some classes here.
- 5) Put off a year (10<sup>th</sup> Fringe in 2010)
- 6) Something completely different, e.g. a summer camp
- 7) Focus on making this a local event more than a national event

Using Edges rather than on-site looks unlikely to work due to the attendee size and station needs.

Need to put notices out on the lists, possibly a survey, to get input from the attendees and members.

**c. NCSF CP Rep. – danelle**

Baron spoke to danelle; we will owe some dues this month. We will need a report for the next board meeting.

**Break for 15 minutes: 9:05**

**d. Edges**

Contract is up Mar 31.

Things to be considered:

- Board meetings to continue at current location?
- Do we continue to host some non-member parties? This is very helpful to Edges.
- How many classes do we do? Other groups including Edges hold classes now.
- Storage is a good price relative to outside.

We need to decide the above and start negotiations now with Ali. How long should this contract last?

Jeanne: One change to talk about would be to drop the penalty for Friday parties that we host for them if it doesn't make enough money.

Tanomar: either just have one type of party (may not match Edges business model); definitely need to clarify the advertising models to be used.

Baron: need to include an understanding of costs associated with change in storage wall/door. Tanomar believe split the cost will be ok; Jeanne would not mind building it and leaving it for Edges if we move equipment out. The cost to Edges could be negotiated.

Classes: Jeanne would like to allow for 2 classes a month, but allow for 1 some months, have 3 some months. Flexibility will help with series or unusual classes. Similar to what we have now but with more flexibility.

Tanomar and Jeanne will be the board negotiating team with Ali.

**e. IT**

Website is very out of date. Dave needs to run a training class. There is a potential option for updating the website more similar to the old website and content management.

**1. Website – Dave L.**

Jeanne has contacted Dave about keeping events up to date.

**2. Forum Moderators – Erich, Kim**

**f. NWMs/NWLC**

**1. Contest**

Report sent.

Request for entry fee for International M/s contest.

For the International contest, need to know if our winners are going to the contest before we pay for. Jeanne to contact Master Bob and see if we can get information.

Request for sponsorship by smOdyssey for NWLC, as some sort of cost.

Deal with this at the WORKING BOARD MEETING.

**2. Title Holder Liaison – Master Bob/slave jan**

Discussion

**g. Parties – Ms Tender**

Low attendance for 1<sup>st</sup> party in January. Few paying members (did have volunteers). Did have non-members who came and had fun. This is consistent with last year.

**h. Marketing – Kim**

**i. Policies & Procedures -- On hold**

LD is looking at potential new rules for 501 c-7 organizations to ensure we are in compliance.

**j. SIGS**

**1. D/s Discussion – Patricia**

Last month's meeting canceled. Expect a report for next board meeting.

**k. Volunteers (open committee)**

**7. Review of Fast Track and Action Items**

See descriptions of terms above Motion Summary table.

Motion	Date	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Fast	BA	BH	BO	LO	MT	TA	TI	P/F

**8. Old Business**

Board needs to follow up and have a place to track open action items.

Invite TNG to a board meeting  
More board members.

Investigate the use of calendar and to-do list on yahoo, google, etc. (Tanomar)

**9. New Business**

**a. Working board meeting**

1/25/09, Location TBD.

**b. FF meeting for planning.**

When and where? See Fringe discussion

**10. Future Board Meeting Business**

1. Want to move the meetings to the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month, still at 6pm. Notice to be put out by Secretary to both lists.
2. Discuss NWLC request for sponsorship. Also discuss selling smO merchandise at the event.

**11. Adjournment (Public)**

Motion, 1<sup>st</sup>, and 2<sup>nd</sup>:

Vote: **unanimous**

Adjournment: **11:45**

## **12. APPENDIX**

### **a. Reports from committee leads**

As a means of conserving space, the committee reports have not been included this month. Should you wish to read these, please contact the secretary at scty "at" smodyssey.com