

APPROVED
USA Dance Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
Web Conference
June 22, 2014

Present:

Yang Chen, President
Shawn Fisher, Senior VP
Michael Brocks, Treasurer
Greg Warner, Secretary
Inna Brayer, DanceSport Delegate
Jean Krupa, Social Dance VP
Roger Greenawalt, DanceSport Delegate

Absent:

Ken Richards, DanceSport VP

Quorum - 6:35 PM Central

Meeting called to order.

The approval of the Executive Committee Minutes June 1, 2014, was deferred pending review by EC members.

WDSF AGM Update

- Yang reviewed his participation in the recent WDSF AGM meeting in Romania.
- Of particular note was an attempt by the WDSF to limit athletes' eligibility to compete in World Championships, Grand Slams and in games such as The World Games, Asian Games, World DanceSport Games, etc., by requiring athletes to have competed exclusively in the WDSF Competition System in the 12 months leading up to the respective event.
 - This requirement was opposed by USA Dance and several other Member Bodies, and ultimately the Presidium offered compromise language that gave discretion to Member Bodies to enforce or not enforce the rule."
 - USA Dance issued an Official Statement pointing out the error in the WDSF June 19 announcement of the WDSF Competition Rules changes and stating that USA Dance would not restrict any athletes from being able to freely participate in DanceSport."
 - Yang emphasized the need to expand USA Dance's role in WDSF matters.
- This topic will be important to discuss during our strategic planning sessions.

National Championship Financial Status

- Final accounting for Nationals has yet to be finalized.
- Additional information has come to light that Michael will validate and will report back to the EC.
- Yang mentioned that in subsequent years, accounting for Nationals and all major USA Dance events must be more timely.

Attendance at Nationals by EC and GC members and Expense Accounting

- Rog led a discussion noting that many expenses are charged to Nationals that are not related specifically to the competition.
- These include but are not limited to GC members attending and EC members attending as required for EC meetings scheduled during Nationals
- Rog and Greg were asked to develop a draft policy for review by the EC.

Wally Bylaw Challenge

- The GC ratified or re-ratified GC Directors at its April 12/13, 2014 meeting.
- Ms. Wally was not ratified.
- Since that time she filed a grievance through Stan Andrews and the Advisory Committee, claiming the USA Dance bylaws were not followed.
- The Advisory Committee concluded that the USA Dance bylaws were appropriately followed.
- Ms. Wally has refused to accept this decision and has asked for another review.
- USA Dance bylaw, Article V - Executive Committee F. 5., clearly states that the EC is responsible for interpreting USA Dance bylaws.
- Motion: Michael, Second: Roger
 - The USA Dance bylaw requiring ratification of Directors was followed and the EC denies Ms. Wally's request for another review.
 - Motion Passed Unanimously
- This decision is final. Greg will notify Ms. Wally of the EC's decision.

Dance Notions Proposal

- Shawn reviewed several programming needs to enhance YM.com (the USA Dance membership database).
- These recommended enhancements are a result of discussions with chapter leaders at the recent National Chapter Conference.
- The EC recommends to the GC approval of up to \$6000 of programming expenses to implement these changes.

Minnesota Chapter 2011 Board Member Limit and Update

- Greg reviewed the status of the grievance filed by Nels Petersen against the Chapter 2011 board.
- Mr. Petersen has initiated a personal lawsuit against Lee Whitney, Chapter 2011 President.
- Mr. Whitney has responded and Greg has notified USA Dance's Directors and Officers Liability Insurance carrier.
- In an attempt to resolve this grievance informally, Greg met with the Chapter's board.
- They agreed to reinstate two former board members.
- This results in more than 9 board members as limited by USA Dance bylaws.
- The EC has the authority to approve additional board members (Article XII - Chapters A. 1.)
- Motion: Jean Second: Roger
 - To approve increase in number of board members to 11 for Chapter 2011 until such time that the next election is held - November 2014.
 - Approved unanimously.

Association Management Company Update

- At the March 29/30, 2014 EC meeting Greg presented a proposal to issue an RFP to Association Management Companies for managing several aspects of USA Dance business.
- Submitting the RFP has been delayed as a budget must be included in the proposal.
- Greg is asking if this can now be referred to the GC for discussion and approval for submission.
- The EC agreed and this is referred to the GC's next meeting.

Membership Processing

- With the transition of Director of Membership occurring on August 1, 2014, several issues were identified requiring attention.
- Yang and Greg will develop an issues list and transition plan.

Loyalty Points

- Yang and Michael led a brief discussion on the need for a policy for the use of loyalty points when these accrue to individuals being reimbursed while conducting USA Dance business.
- They will develop a policy for review by the EC prior to submitting to the GC.

Draft GC Meeting Agenda

- The next GC conference call is tentatively scheduled for July 17.
- A draft agenda was reviewed.
- Yang advised that he will distribute several RFPs for email approval prior to the GC meeting to save time. These are:
 - Accounting Services
 - Auditing Services
 - Association Management Services
 - Strategic Planning
 - Managing National Championships

Meeting Adjournment

- Motion: Greg, Second: Shawn
 - Adjourn meeting
 - Meeting Adjourned at 8:11 PM Central time.

Respectfully Submitted,

Greg Warner, Secretary