

Our Mission is to celebrate, support, and nurture a creative and thriving Argentine tango community.

Minutes Board

June 17, 2024, 5:30 – 6:30 PM

Present: Cathy Petersen, Cino Adelson, Connie Cohen, Dan Browning, Gerald Girouard, Joe Bowman, Rob Peterson, Susan Radtke, Terry Holten | **Absent:** Luke Doskey | **Guest:** 0

1. June 2024 Agenda: Approved
2. April 2024 Minutes: Approved
3. Treasurer’s Report (Rob) May/June
Free attendance is currently available for instructors, gate keepers, and person providing food. Rob supports a motion and a vote for the MC to have free attendance along with those helping with setup. Rob struggled in balancing the May milonga receivables as there was only 1 person. It’s good practice to have 2 at the gate for many reasons.

June 8th milonga party receipts of \$452.00 and expenses of \$526.63 produced a net loss of \$74.63. Total attendance: 45 | The venue expense was prepaid in January. June 2024 revenue from the weekly practica series was \$743.00 with \$84.80 in expenses for a net gain of \$658.20. There was an average weekly number of 30 attendees in this reporting period. Membership revenue totaled \$241.84. In June 2024 we incurred \$63.00 in other expenses (Mailchimp, and a gift towards Michael C's retirement).

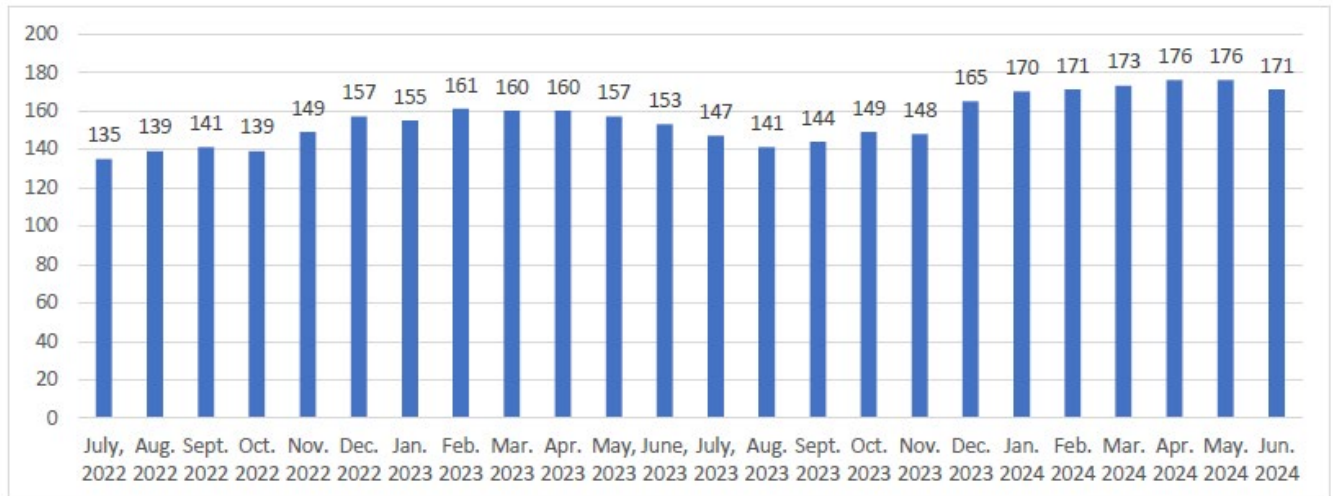
June 2024 Net Income:

+ \$ 294.08 Milonga
+ \$ 658.20 Practica Sessions
+ \$ 241.84 Membership Payments
- \$ 63.00 Operational Expense
+ \$ 1,131.12 Net Income

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Checking balance: \$3,901.27
Savings balance: \$16,847.74
Cash balance: \$335
Total \$21,084.01

4. Membership Report (Susan)
June 17, 2024: Total Members



Cino suggested that if the gatekeepers try to turn nonmember milonga attendees into members at the gate understanding that when it gets crazy busy that its very challenging to do so. In quieter times, it’s easier. She believes gatekeepers keep a list of nonmembers who attend milongas (and practica's). It was suggested that the Membership committee follow up with those people at those two events as well as through email or a phone call after the events inviting them to become members and talk about the positive reasons to join TSOM. Rob mentioned that it would be good to have an “ambassador” who is recruiting members; others mentioned the role Fran plays at practicas and TSoM milongas who introduces new people to others. Gerry suggested that we renew and review our roles at milongas and practicas to welcome people; to him this means examining where we’re “dropping the ball”. Perhaps it’s a part of the MC role at either a milonga or practica. The weekly practica has more non-members attending than at a TSoM milonga

5. Code of Conduct: Susan

Susan provided a synopsis of the Taskforce on the Code of Conduct draft; Terry and Gerry complimented Susan leading the taskforce. She mentioned that this effort has inspired others to create skits and content relative to a code of conduct. It has been vetted by key community members and instructors. Susan asked the board to approve the document, then it will be submitted to the community for review with a timeline for a response. Then it will be reviewed by Jim Dunn, and then finalized. The board’s task is to create a review committee that includes two board members (one of which is TSoM’s president). There will be screening of the review committee to ensure there’s not a conflict of interest on the part of the committee members. The three who have volunteered include Terry, Susan, and President. Dan will be an alternate.

Susan moved that the Code of Conduct as presented by Susan via a June email be approved. Terry seconded the motion, and it was adopted unanimously.

6. Seed Grant: Gerry

Gerry requested approval of the Seed Grant policy and process. A question was raised: do we

submit the proposals direct to the board or a subcommittee of the board? It was decided that the proposals be submitted directly to the board instead of to a subcommittee. This was recommended that this be the process as we don't anticipate a high number of proposals.

Gerry moved to have the Seed Grant process as written be adopted by the Board. Joe seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

7. Riverboat Cruise review and approval

Rough Estimate:

- Boat Rental (3 hours) \$1,800
- Food (Light appetizers) \$1,000
- Taxes & Tips \$ 200
- Total \$3,000

Related Comments: Limit to 66 attendees - although the boat's capacity is 100, the top floor can only handle ~50 dancers. Assuming 66 attendees, break-even price is ~\$46 per attendee. Food must be ordered from the cruise service, no carry on is allowed. Because the boat schedule fills up quickly, I have reserved the Magnolia Blossom for Saturday August 10th from 7pm till 10pm.

One point of potential contention: For this to be a successful event (based upon feedback from the TSoM community), we need it to be role balanced. I suggest we limit initial ticket sales to Leader/Follower pairs.

Terry asked Gerry to have her take the lead on the cruise.

There was a conversation about liability insurance to be provided by TSoM. Terry will ask the boat operator whether an additional insured certificate is to be provided by TSoM.

All attendees must be pre-registered with payment in advance and limited payment at the door. Free entrance to this special TSoM milonga will be the DJ.

Gerry noted that this is an experiment; whether this is repeated is dependent on the response from the TSoM community.

Terry moves that the Riverboat Cruise as proposed be approved. Susan seconded the motion. Motion passed with one opposed Dan.

Next Board Meeting July 22, 2024 5:30 – 7:00 pm