

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

Minutes Board

August 26, 2024, 5:30 – 6:15 PM

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

1. August 2024 Agenda: Approved

2. July 2024 Minutes: Approved

3. Treasurer's Report (Rob) July

August 10th river cruise milonga receipts were \$2,750.00 and expenses of \$2,618.79 producing a net gain of \$131.21; attendance was 56. August revenue from the weekly practica series had a net gain of \$733.40; there were 115 entries for this reporting period for an average weekly number of 23 attendees. In August, membership revenue totaled \$143.20.

August 2024 Net Income:

+ \$ 131.21 Milonga
+ \$ 733.40 Practica Sessions
+ \$ 143.20 Membership Payments
- \$ 13.00 Operational Expense
+ \$ 994.81 Net Income

8/26/2024

Checking: \$4,776.49

Savings: \$16,848.16

Cash: \$335

Total: \$21,959.65

Free Entries:

Practica committee recommended free admission to new and out-of-town guests. Currently, the only person receiving free entry is the Set-up person.

Discussion ensued about proposing free new and out-of-town guests' at practicas.

A motion was made by Susan to reject the practica committee recommendation inviting new and out of town attendees' free admission to the TSoM practica. Seconded by Dan. Passed unanimously.

TSoM Milonga: we have a policy of providing free admission to the following members.

- gate keepers
- food volunteer
- DJ
- MC

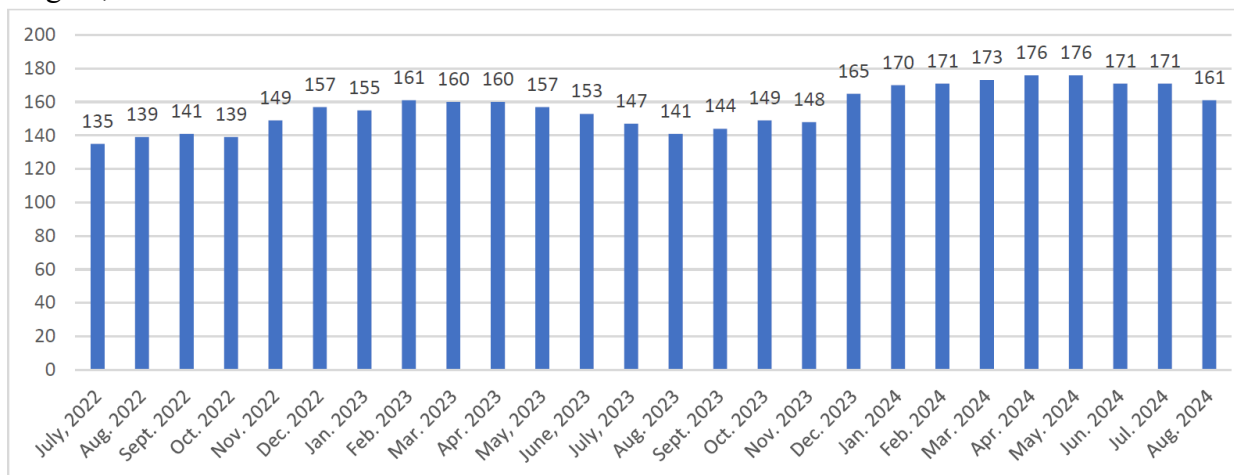
- Member instructors

All agreed that this practice continue.

Rob advised that Gerry, Fran, and Rob are TSoM’s bank account signors. Cathy provided background information on reports submitted to the IRS and State of MN AG’s Charitable Division, which requires inclusion of the board member listing. She advised; banks typically require a listing of board members at time of change. She asked that there be a listing of who will have check writing authority, when the authority has been given, and when and how withdrawn. She requested that this be presented in the form of a motion. Rob advised he will create a financial committee by the September TSoM board meeting.

4. Membership Report (Susan)

Aug 20, 2024: Total Members



5. Riverboat Review inform Terry/Rob

Susan suggested that a survey be completed about role balance at dances and special events such as the Riverboat cruise. Cino and Terry discussed their experiences with role balance. Some sign people up as leaders and followers to create role balance. Discussion ensued that it’s great we tried something different, but not to engage in this practice regularly. Some have very strong feelings about milongas with and without role balance. There is a need for a process that is computerized to ensure role balance.

6. Nominating Committee Discussion (Gerry/Susan)

There are 5 committee members: Committee Members: Fran Howley, chair, Susan Radtke, Gerry Giroud, Sandy Agustin, and Barb Haselbeck. The first meeting of the Nomination Committee is scheduled for Tuesday, September 17 at 6 p.m. The scope of work for the committee will be to identify and recruit new members for five openings for 2025 as follows:

- Vice President Terry Holton
 - Secretary Cathy Petersen
- Three members at large whose responsibilities include:
- Milonga coordination, Connie Cohen
 - TSoM News and Membership Committee, Cino Adelson
 - Joe Bowman

Cino mentioned that Julie and Anna, who are on the membership committee, are candidates for the board. Susan is seeking board recommendation for potential candidates, and she identified those who are on the watch list as candidates. Susan asked that the process be followed using the nominating committee. Rob advised that there are some strong candidates for individual candidates with financial background. Susan said that responsibilities will be listed for each position and on-boarding will occur.

7. Membership Committee – Cino

She lauded her committee for their proactive efforts; they recommended there be:

- sign posted in facilities where TSoM milongas
- participate in promo effort
- provide beginning lesson prior to TSoM milongas
- provide a practica prior to TSoM milongas

Rob mentioned there are lessons at practicas the day of the TSoM milonga; perhaps the membership committee and practica committee could collaborate. There was a general discussion about banners and sandwich boards. It is recommended that the membership committee develop an action plan with a budget, then present it to the board.

8. Bob Barnes Seed Grant application – Gerry

Gerry believes the grant application is exactly what we were hoping would be submitted. There was discussion that the application isn't for something an ongoing grant; Gerry mentioned that it appears to be different from his usual dances. This one reaches out to different dance communities, and it appears to be time limited.

Discussion ensued about the purpose and structure of the grant profile, and that it doesn't fit the TSoM guidelines.

Terry recommended there be TSoM funding for a tango instructor and rent for the event. It was stated that this application doesn't follow the intent of the grant. In summary, TSoM's board wants to partner with Bob on his event.

Dan moves the question – does TSoM issue a grant to Bob for a swango event as well as in advance of his Tango 5400 ongoing milongas? It was seconded. The motion didn't pass.

It was recommended that 2 of TSoM's board members contact Bob (Cino and Gerry volunteered) to discuss TSoM's offer to pay for the tango instructor who will teach at his swango event.

9. September Milonga (Gerry)

Jennifer Holt and Fran will provide food set-up. Carl M. will be collecting funds at the gate. Gerry will be MC. Cathy will help with setting up.

Meeting adjourned.

Next Board Meeting Sep 23, 2024 - 5:30 – 7:00 pm