



National Governing Body of DanceSport, Member Organization of the US Olympic Committee, and the World DanceSport Federation



Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Location	Date	Time	Format
United States	September 14, 2020	9:00pm ET	Uber Teleconference

In Attendance

Board Members Present		
Gary Stroick	President	Present
Greg Warner	Senior VP	Absent
Fiorenza Todaro	Secretary – Minute Taker	Present
Spencer Chang	Treasurer	Present
Giacomo Steccaglia	DanceSport VP	Absent
Melissa Dexter	Professional VP	Present
Roger Greenawalt	DanceSport Delegate	Present
Inna Brayer	DanceSport Delegate	Present
Damian Pataluna	DanceSport Delegate	Present
Michael Murphy	DanceSport Delegate	Present
Herb McGurk	Membership Director	Present
Ross Pierce	College Network Director	Present
Don Davenport	Chapter Relations Director	Absent
Others Present		
Clifford Arnold		Present

Roll call: There are currently 13 filled seats on the Board of Directors. A quorum consists of 7 or more members in attendance. A **quorum is present** as 11 members are in attendance. A By-Law amendment requires a ¾ vote of the filled seats; 0.75 X 14 so 11 votes would be required to amend the By-Laws.

Minutes

1. Call to Order

Gary Stroick called the meeting to order at 9:04pm Eastern Time

At that time, a quorum was confirmed.

2. Approval of the Agenda

Gary Stroick asked members if anyone had a conflict to declare or had a conflict related concern in relation to any of the items on the agenda. None were noted.



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MOTION	BD	20	01
To approve the agenda as presented.			
Moved	Fiorenza Todaro	Seconded	Roger Greenawalt
CARRIED			

3. Approval of Minutes

MOTION	BD	20	02
To approve the minutes of August 31, 2020 as presented.			
Moved	Fiorenza Todaro	Seconded	Roger Greenawalt
Abstaining – Michael Murphy			
CARRIED			

At 9:13pm, Damian Pataluna joined the meeting.

4. Ratification of Social VP

Following Leland Whitney’s resignation from his position as USA Dance VP for Social Dance, USA Dance has been looking for a replacement. Gary informed the Board that five individuals showed interest in this volunteer position. Members of the Nomination & Election committee have interviewed them and have sent recommendations that were later reviewed by Gary and Greg. Mr. Clifford Arnold was their top recommendation. During the meeting, the Board reviewed and discussed Clifford’s materials and résumé, previously circulated via e-mail. He has board experience with the Charlottesville Virginia chapter as past President and past Treasurer, as well as with other organizations. Currently, he is a DanceSport member of USA Dance. Following the discussion, Gary moved to appoint Clifford Arnold as the new Social VP.

MOTION	BD	20	03
To ratify Clifford Arnold as the Social VP for the remainder of the current term.			
Moved	Gary Stroick	Seconded	Roger Greenawalt
CARRIED			

At 9:16pm, Ross Pierce joined the meeting.

At 9:17pm, Clifford Arnold was invited to join the meeting. The Board welcomed Clifford and he briefly introduced himself.

5. Election Ballot

The Nomination & Election Committee had initially identified a potential conflict of interest regarding Ms. Krupa that could have prevented her from being placed on the ballot for the USA



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Dance 2020 Elections for the position of VP of Social Dance. The Board temporarily placed Ms. Krupa on the ballot while an investigation was conducted and completed by September 15, 2020. During the discussion, Michael presented an update on the potential conflict of interest of Ms. Krupa. He informed the Board that the Greater Daytona Chapter has provided satisfying answers regarding its use of Gold Star Ballroom and Jean Krupa's participation in board decision making relating to the Gold Star Ballroom. Via written e-mail, the chapter explained how they believe they have complied with the Neutrality Policy and how Ms. Krupa has followed the guidelines to resolve her conflict of interest. In the Board's view, the conflict has been resolved.

MOTION	BD	20	04
To deem the potential conflict of interest regarding Jean Krupa as resolved.			
Moved	Michael Murphy	Seconded	Roger Greenawalt
CARRIED			

6. Talley Report

Gary informed the Board that in the month of August Talley spent 40 hours on USA Dance, that is 5 hours under budget.

7. Executive Session

Gary Stroick requested that the Board go into Executive Session. Executive Session included all members of the Board.

MOTION	BD	20	05
To go into Executive Session			
Moved	Gary Stroick	Seconded	Fiorenza Todaro
CARRIED			

At 10:30pm, Inna Brayer left the meeting. With a quorum still present, the meeting continued.

MOTION	BD	20	06
To Return to Open Session			
Moved	Gary Stroick	Seconded	Fiorenza Todaro
CARRIED			

8. WDSF

- Australia – Smooth and Rhythm:



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Gary informed that the Australian Federation is planning to make Smooth and Rhythm official events within Australia and will be working towards selecting individuals to send to World’s Championships in the future.

- Besides Australia, Russia has also expressed some interest in pursuing American Smooth.

9. Online College Lessons Funding

Gary informed that Ross and Daniel O’Connell are working together on online funding and will use Zoom for the activities that they will be performing. Daniel has volunteered to donate the cost for the Zoom account for one year.

10. Ruth Long’s Activities Related to USA Dance

While Director of Development and Treasurer, Ruth Long signed an NDA in her personal capacity. The other party to the NDA has contacted USA Dance regarding the NDA. Michael asked for a discussion of projects Ms. Long has been involved in over the past 18 months. Gary confirmed that Ms. Long continues to be involved in the Breakin’ committee. He also disclosed that he and Ruth are partners in a private consulting business.

The next Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for September 28, 2020 at 9:00pm Eastern Time

Adjournment

MOTION	BD	20	07
To Adjourn			
Moved	Gary Stroick	Seconded	Fiorenza Todaro
CARRIED			

The meeting was adjourned at 11:13pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Fiorenza Todaro, Secretary