

# **SWINGING STARS CLUB MEETING**

## **Meeting Minutes**

### **Sunday May 18, 2014**

The following board members were in attendance:

- Ralph and Lucy Hamm, President
- George Loxsom, 1<sup>st</sup> VP
- Not in attendance, 2<sup>nd</sup> VP
- Dan Lassiter, Treasurer
- Tom and Vicki Evanto, Secretary

#### **Secretary Report – Tom and Vicki Evanto**

The meeting location was at Spring Creek BBQ Restaurant. The meeting was called to order at 3:10 pm.

There was a quorum of 35 members.

The November 11, 2013 and January 10, 2014 Club Meeting Minutes were approved.

#### **Treasurer Report – Dan Lassiter**

The Budget, Cash Flow, and NORTEX renewal were presented and approved.

#### **2<sup>nd</sup> VP Report – Presented by Ralph and Lucy Hamm**

The Swinging Stars have gained the reputation of being an active club that can provide many dancers when we go to other clubs for a visitation. We have the distinction of obtaining the 320 visitation club patch which is probably the highest of any NORTEX club.

We currently have 13 banners from other clubs. We have 3 banners from clubs that we have had for over one year: Log Cabin Swingers, North Star 8, and Tri-City Promenaders. Therefore, if only one paying member from one of those clubs attends our dance, we need to return their banner to them.

Only one of our banners is out and that is to the Lone Star Solos.

The Ladies Luncheons are being well attended.

#### **1<sup>st</sup> VP Report – George Loxsom**

The lessons committee volunteers are:

Mark and Karen Hawkins- Chairpersons, student tracking, student badges, weekly handouts, and angels.

Ralph & Lucy Hamm- Presidents, club recruitment packets.

George & Mary Loxsom- 1st Vice Presidents, flyer and brochure pass out.

Richard & Dorinda Maier- Publicity.

Dave & Lorraine Burson- Updating and printing flyers and brochures.

Barry & Helen Feldman- Graduation.  
Kenneth & Sally Henneberger- New member binders.

Jodie Baldwin puts together the ads regarding lessons for the Plano Parks and Recreation Schedule of Classes and reserves the room. The ads state that a partner is required. The first two lessons are free and the fee for the class must be paid by the third lesson. The lessons are on Tuesday nights from 7:15 to 9:15.

Mainstream lessons will be August 26, 2014 to December 16, 2014. A progress report on preparation for these lessons was presented.

## President Report – Ralph and Lucy Hamm

### **Old Business:**

Charlie Harris reported on the assisted listening transmitter and receivers. The club bought these from Williams Sound. All receivers have been sold. George Loxsom is looking into the feasibility of having the transmitter available at lessons. If the transmitter will be available at lessons, this information will be on the lessons advertisement.

In February, the club added a half hour to the workshop on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday and to rounds on the 4<sup>th</sup> Friday. Workshop attendance has been great. Early rounds attendance is about the same. It was approved to continue these. It was also approved to pay our caller and cuer an additional \$25.00 a month for this additional half hour of dancing. This will begin June 1, 2014.

### **New Business:**

All current officers agreed to continue serving through January 2015. There were no nominees from the floor. This slate of officers was approved.

Charlie and Linda Harris have agreed to chair the nominating committee for 2015 – 2016 officers. At least two more couples are needed to serve.

The current constitution states our dances are “between the hours of 7:30 pm and 10:30 pm”. Dave Burson and Bill Perrott will study whether to change these to our new times or to not specify times at all. This will be presented and voted on at the next club meeting.

There was discussion about changing the officer term from six months to one year. No motion was made regarding this possible change.

Plus lessons will be Tuesday nights from June 10, 2014 to August 12, 2014. Registration opened May 3, 2014. Three couples have signed up. One week prior to the beginning of lessons Plano Parks and Recreation will raise a red flag if there is not a minimum of 16 signed up. Jodie will maintain a sign-up roster for angels. She will discuss with the angels that do not know Plus very well that they need to sign up for the course and not angel

The summer casual period will be June 2014 through August 2014.

September 26, 2014 is our Chili Cook-Off/Double Deal Dance. A person is needed to head up preparation and to handle the contest. George and Mary Loxsom will approach Gary Amy and ask him to do this. There has been a large turnout for this dance in the past. It was approved to rent the cafeteria for this night.

Our Halloween dance will be on October 31, 2014. There will not be a dance on October 24, 2014.

The holiday party is December 5, 2014. Linda Harris needs ideas on skits. It was approved that Holiday bonuses for our caller and cuer will be the same amount of money as last year.

Our Anniversary Dance is January 23, 2015 and will be held at Sheppard Elementary School. Russ and Anne NejdI are the chairs for the committee. The theme is a disco dance. Rick Smith is the guest caller. Baked potatoes will be provided. Volunteers are needed to help.

Round-Up is October 17 – 19, 2015. Ken Bower is the featured caller. All the information is on [nortex.org](http://nortex.org). The grand prize is a seven night Caribbean cruise January 11 – 18, 2015. Grand prize tickets to sell will be distributed at the Swinging Stars dance on June 13, 2014. They are \$1.00 each with half of this money going to our club. The theme is 'Life is Just a Dance.' Attire is anything bright and colorful.

Richard Covington presented the GRaM committee report.

Dave and Lorraine Burson are the chairs for the Toys for Tots dance on December 7, 2014 at the Richardson Civic Center. The MC is Chip Wagner from Fox4 News.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:35 pm.