



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

MINUTES FOR BoD MEETING August 17, 2020		
Voting Member	Title	In Attendance
Gary Stroick	President	Yes
Greg Warner	Senior VP	Yes at 9:46
Fiorenza Todaro	Secretary	Yes
Spencer Chang	Treasurer	Yes
Giacomo Steccaglia	DanceSport VP	No
Melissa Dexter	Professional VP	Yes
Open	Social VP	N/A
Roger Greenawalt	DanceSport Delegate	Yes
Inna Brayer	DanceSport Delegate	Yes at 9:14
Michael Murphy	DanceSport Delegate	Yes
Damian Pataluna	DanceSport Delegate	Yes
Herb McGurk	Membership Director	Yes at 9:24
Ross Pearce	College Network Director	Yes
Don Davenport	Chapter Relations Director	No
Daniel O'Connell	Guest – DanceSport Council	Left at 9:31
Andrea Miranda	Guest – DanceSport Council	Left at 9:31

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 $\frac{3}{4}$ vote of the filled seats; 0.75×14 so 11 votes would be required to amend the By-Laws.

1. Call to Order:

Gary called the meeting to order at 9:03 Eastern Time.

2. Agenda Approval:

The agenda was approved (Gary/Fiorenza) 8/0/0 (Greg, Inna and Herb not present at time of vote)

3. Virtual Competition:

Daniel O'Connell and Andrea Miranda from the DanceSport Council discussed a proposal to host virtual registered competitions for the remainder of the 2020-21 season. These would be run regularly (ex: monthly) as a competitive 'season' of 6-8 events during which athletes



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would achieve seasonal rankings. Daniel and Andrea presented several key details that are listed below:

- Season rankings would accrue throughout the season as athletes participate in events. This will encourage participation in multiple events and keep people engaged during this unusual time.
- The structure guarantees no loss to USA Dance. Overhead is limited (\$60 for registration system) and adjudication/staff costs can be structured to scale based on the number of entries (guaranteeing costs are \$0 if revenues are \$0).
- We would offer a 'season bundle' which would include the USA Dance competitive membership fee for 2021. The bundle rate would be discounted as compared to paying for all events individually, but priced above raw costs of the event(s) and membership. This provides affordable access that maintains, and possibly grows, membership numbers.
- Adjudicators will view one routine at a time, rather than several. They will be paid hourly rather than a flat fee, which allows them to take on as much or as little work as they'd like, and helps our professionals financially. Each routine will be given a numeric score, giving competitors unique feedback they wouldn't normally get. Scores, rankings and videos can be displayed on a free virtual platform like Flipgrid, currently in common use with distance learning. This will create an active sense of competition, motivate competitors and build excitement through the season.
- Daniel and Andrea left the meeting

4. Minutes from previous meetings:

Motion to approve the BoD meeting minutes of August 3, 2020 (Fiorenza/Gary). Motion passed 9/0/1 (Herb abstaining, Greg not present at time of vote)

5. USOPC Compliance Update:

Gary informed the Board that he has attended several meetings conducted by the USOPC over the past few weeks and updated us on various aspects of the compliance audit process for NGBs. He also informed that the USOPC will begin to audit member NGBs for compliance with the new standards starting in January 2021.

- Greg joined the meeting during Gary's update on the USOPC

6. Executive Session:

Motion to enter Executive Session (Gary/Roger). Passed 11/0/0. Enter Executive Session at 10:03pm



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Motion to exit Executive Session (Gary/Roger). Passed 11/0/0. Exit Executive Session at 10:45pm

7. Safesport Update:

Greg informed the Board that he met with the Professional Council to discuss SafeSport Education and that the council has requested to include the Adjudicator's Code of Conduct in the rulebook. Greg will work on details and will bring forth a modification to our SafeSport policy at the next meetings.

8. Talley Time Report:

Greg updated us on the Talley time report and informed that we are 10 hours under budget for the month of July and slightly overbudget for the year, possibly as a result of Talley getting familiar with our processes and procedures. Greg also emphasized the importance for the Board members to monitor the hours in the reports so we can stay as close to budget as we can.

9. New Business:

On August 25, 2020, disinterested members of the Board held a Uber Conference call with Mr. Ken Richards to discuss his reconsideration and decide on whether this nominee should be placed on the ballot for the USA Dance 2020 elections. Below is the minute item regarding the motion to approve that Mr. Richards be placed on the ballot:

Motion to approve Mr. Ken Richards on the ballot (Ross/Herb). Motion passed 6/0/0 (Michael and Inna recused)

The disinterested members of the Board attending the call were: Melissa Dexter, Herb McGurk, Ross Pierce, Fiorenza Todaro, Spencer Chang, Damian Pataluna, Inna Brayer and Michael Murphy (both recused)

10. Old Business:

None

11. E-mail votes:

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Motion to conduct an e-mail vote (Gary/Herb). Passed 10/0/0



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Motion to uphold the Nomination & Election Committee decision to withhold Mr.
Andrea Zaramella from the 2020 USA Dance ballot (Gary/Herb). Motion passed 8/2/0
(Ross and Inna opposing)

12. Next Meeting:

The next BoD meeting is scheduled for August 31, 2020 at 9:00 PM Eastern Time

13. Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 11:18 PM ET

Respectfully submitted,

Fiorenza Todaro, Secretary