

## BOARD BUZZ

The St. Louis Rebel's Board held its regular meeting on February 15, 2010 at the Stratford after canceling February 8<sup>th</sup> due to poor road conditions.

- We welcomed new board members: Vangie, Christy, and James. Please be patient as they become accustomed to using the register.
- Lisa, the club treasurer, reviewed our account balances/cash flow for 2009 and is preparing (like all of us) the tax documents.
- The 2010 Budget was presented and approved by the board.
- Heather confirmed the 2010 Pro Line Up:  
Feb. 26-27 John Lindo  
Apr. 30-May 1 Kyle Redd and Sarah Vann Drake  
July 30-31 Doug Rousar  
Nov 5-6 Ben Morris and Melina Ramirez
- Be especially courteous this Friday and Saturday since we expect a larger than usual turnout for John Lindo in the Gazebo Room. We have several out of town groups who will be attending, from Memphis, Springfield, MO, Indianapolis, and more. Be sure to ask them to dance. Ruth and Keith are looking at purchasing portable flooring to put on carpeted areas to create more dance space.
- Watch for information about a future Juniors' Fundraiser. This will probably be a Saturday night workshop offered by Matt and Crystal Auclair, who are donating their time to benefit the Junior program. This would include snack/dinner, a silent auction, demos from our Juniors, and a Jack & Jill competition with a MMISL pass as the first place prize. If you have prizes to donate that are valued at \$20 or higher, you will receive a free pass to the dance.
- Speaking of Juniors: the need for a curfew was discussed and determined to be covered under the specific bylaw requirement stating that Juniors must be accompanied by a parent, guardian, or responsible adult.
- Speaking of Bylaws: these are now being reviewed and updated. Contact Linda G, Secretary, if you would like a copy of the revised version.
- Penny, as MMISL Event Director, is finding this to be a year-round job. She continues to bring in professional staff and is working with the Renaissance to secure additional double rooms. Some additions are Damon and Lisa D'Amico and Parker Dearborn. In addition, Deborah Szekely will be offering a "ladies-only styling class." There might be one for "men-only" also. Watch the MMISL website for the full list of professional staff
- Speaking of MMISL: April 30 is the last day a Rebels member can purchase the weekend pass for \$79, this is a MEMBERS-ONLY rate.
- Speaking of Dance Competitions: if you have never attended a swing dance competition, you will be amazed at the number of excellent dancers and the opportunities you will have to improve the level of your dance skills. Besides MMISL, several events are supported by the Rebels with a discounted registration. You must purchase your ticket by the early bird deadline through Christy, our Out-of-Town Events Coordinator, to receive \$10 off the price of registration.
- Rebels Sponsored Out of Town events for March and April:  
Chicago Classic, March 12-14  
USA Swing-Nashville, April 2-4  
Tulsa Spring Swing, April 2-4  
Swing Dance America-Milwaukee, April 23-25

The Chicago and Nashville event directors are offering special discounts/rebates for Juniors when adult tickets are purchased.

- As members of the Midwest Swing Dance Federation, we try to avoid Saturday dance conflicts with major Imperial dance events and we encourage all of you to support their dances. Our DJs even spin tunes for some of these events.
- Speaking of the Federation: an Inter-club softball tournament has been proposed. More information will be forthcoming and will be printed in the Out & About newsletter. Let us know if you are interested in participating.  
\*\*A previously described Federation club ad was declined when we found out the price quoted was monthly, not annually.  
\*\*This year's Federation picnic will be June 6, 2010, Concord Hall, tickets will be available soon, cost has gone up slightly to \$7.
- As always Feedback from dancers is appreciated and reviewed-one member suggested bringing in Maren Oslac for a workshop, another member commented on the distance they travel just to dance with the Rebels.
- Rick shared his new Rebel's commercial. Way Cool!

—St Louis Rebels Board/lmg

*To review a copy of the approved minutes of any Board meeting, please contact one of the Executive Board Members. Board meetings are held at 7 p.m. on the second Monday of each month at the Stratford Inn. We welcome comments and concerns. These can be presented to the Board by completing the questionnaire available at the front table of the Friday night dances.*

Keep on dancing!