

BOARD BUZZ

The St. Louis Rebel's Board held its regular meeting on March 8, 2010 at the Stratford Inn. Springtime is just around the corner. Yay!

- We finally got to welcome David Brown as a new board member. David will be primarily working with our Junior dancers, and he already has shown his fundraising ability.
- Our weekend with Angel Figueroa was phenomenal. Thanks to John Lindo and Heather for bringing in Angel at the last minute, after John got snowed in. John will be in town for MMISL.
- Financially, the club is doing well. The Pro weekend with Angel showed a profit (which is not typical after paying the pro fees, airfare, etc.). Lisa is doing a great job of keeping our financial records updated.
- The Federation Picnic will be June 6. Tickets will be available soon, \$7 adults, \$4 kids, age 5 and under free. DJ's are being arranged among the clubs. The softball tournament will end just before the date of the picnic.
- Watch for the Hotline Number that will be posted on our website. This will give you updates on club happenings.
- Mark your calendar for the Juniors Fundraiser on May 15. Workshop with Matt and Crystal, silent auction, 50/50, Junior demos-this is only part of the fun. If you donate an auction basket valued at \$20 or higher before May 15, you will receive free admission. Location: to be determined.
- "There ain't no such thing as a free lunch" (or a free dance). The admission fee is charged of everyone, even if you are only there for the beginner one lesson.
- We have had unusually large crowds and it can take time to get everyone through the line. So please be patient, have your membership card out, and your cash ready. If you want to renew your membership, come back to the register later in the evening. We may have to start the lesson a few minutes later and start the dance a few minutes later to compensate.
- MMISL-keep watching the website for updates. The website is being maintained by our own Katie Slater Hicks. If you have out of town guests attending, be sure they know there is a free shuttle from the airport to the hotel.
- We had a suggestion on a feedback form for Polka. What do you think?
- More to do:
 - ✓ Saturday March 27 Rebels Spring dance, in the Gazebo room. See website for flyer.
 - ✓ Out of town events in Nashville and Tulsa April 2-4. Deadline for early bird registration March 20. Swing Dance America April 23-25. Deadline for early bird registration March 27. Talk to Christy.
 - ✓ Kyle and Sara-pro workshop weekend, April 30-May 1.
 - ✓ Jason and Sophie will be in Springfield, MO, June 12-14. Let's see if we can get a crowd and invade Springfield.

✓ Rebels picnic is being planned, possibly June 26, more details to follow.

- Thanks to Rick's tireless efforts for improving our Out & About newsletter, the Rebels have been awarded All Star Status by Constant Contact. We don't know what this means yet, but it sounds good.

- **ON A VERY SERIOUS NOTE:**

Unfortunately, a grievous incident occurred at a Friday dance a couple of weeks ago and one of our board members was injured. This matter is being dealt with from a legal perspective and, thankfully, the board member was not seriously hurt. But this brings up an important issue.

From our bylaws: "The purpose of the Club shall be to provide a friendly, energetic and supportive environment ..."

ALL DANCERS MUST FEEL SAFE AND SUPPORTED, AND WE WILL NOT TOLERATE ABUSIVE, DISRUPTIVE, OR ASSAULTIVE BEHAVIOR OF ANY KIND.

It is especially important that any disruptions or conflicts be brought to the attention of a board member as soon as possible. We will not hesitate to take action against any person whose behavior is deemed detrimental to the club and any of its members. As always please exercise caution in general and ask for assistance or an escort if needed.

—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!