

Board Buzz—October 11, 2010.

At our monthly meeting, the Rebels Board discussed some important topics:

- Penny is already planning MMISL 2011 at the Millenium Hotel downtown September 22-25. Room rate will be \$82 with \$5 for parking. The ballroom is twice the size and the dance floor will be bigger.
- We will continue to learn the Flash Mob in October.
- There is a Jack & Jill contest this Saturday with St. Louis Imperial at St. Ann's Community Center. Check out the Federation calendar for more places to dance:
<http://www.midwestswingdancefederation.com/CalPage.html>.
- Pros for 2011-Heather will be contacting Matt & Crystal Auclair, John Lindo, Damon & Lisa D'Amico, Brent & Kellese Key, and Jennifer DeLuca about availability and fees. We have several additional names in mind as back up.
- The following out-of-town events were selected as sponsored events for 2011. For Rebels members, who purchase early bird tickets through Christy, \$10 will be taken off the registration fee for:
 - * The Chicago Classic, Chicago, IL, Mar. 18 - 20, 2011
 - * Tulsa Spring Swing, Tulsa, OK, Apr. 21-24, 2011
 - * Swing Dance America, Milwaukee, WI, Apr. 28-May 1, 2011
 - * DFW Pro Am Jam, Dallas, Tx, May 27 - 29, 2011
 - * Wisconsin Dance Challenge, Green Bay, WI, July 8-10, 2011
 - * Jammin' In July, Columbus, OH, July 14-17, 2011 (social, no competitions)
 - * Grand Prix of Swing, Kansas City, MO, Aug. 4-7, 2011
 - * Swingin' Dance Party, Fort Mitchell, KY, Aug. TBD, 2011 (social, no competitions)

And \$25 will be taken off the registration fee for:

- * America's Classic Championships, Houston, TX, January 13-16, 2011
 - * Dallas Dance, Dallas, TX, Sep 1-4, 2011
- If you would like the monthly list of out of town events, contact your club secretary (me).
 - The board re-evaluated and increased our bookkeeper compensation, which has not changed in over a year.
 - Upcoming events:
 - * Pink Night and Pizza Party October 15th-free food. A portion of entry fee will be donated to support breast cancer awareness and research. WEAR PINK and show your support!
 - * Rebels Bonfire October 23rd-at Linda Schmidt's house. Be sure to RSVP.
 - * Halloween Costume Party October 29th-prizes, fun, and dancing.
 - * Pro Workshop Weekend-Ben Morris November 5-6 (unfortunately, Melina may not be available). Get your discounted member tickets early.
 - * Hollywood Nites December 31st-we are still waiting for prices from the Stratford.
 - Here we go again: nominations will be accepted soon for President, Secretary, and 5 Members-at-large. Elections will be in December for the new board starting January 1.
 - Greg announced he will not be able to continue as Webmaster next year, so we are seeking a board member with this skill.

- Safety-a CPR breathing barrier will be purchased and kept in the storage closet in case of emergency.
- Early notice: on December 17, our regular Friday night dance will be in the Garden Room at the Stratford.
- Special thanks to Katie Slater-Hicks, who has been invaluable as a Junior instructor and supporter, and for her tireless efforts to produce a fantastic weekend at MMISL.

—St Louis Rebels Board/lmg

To review 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!