

Minutes of Meeting  
February 9, 2015

**MEDAH BOARD** meeting was held at Finance Factors Building, 1164 Bishop Street, at the office of President Miko Ries. He called the meeting to order at 7:36 p.m.

**In Attendance** - President Miko Ries, Vice President Masayo Loyd, Secretary Renée Arnold, Treasurer Kornélia Szauter, Members at Large Helena Ratzlaff Bauer and Bob McKeand.

**Minutes of Meeting** - Minutes of the January meeting were approved as submitted.

**Treasurer's Report** - On February 7 a deposit of \$20 was made for a membership renewal. The balance after the deposit is \$3,031.00. \$50 cash (10% of the profit over \$300) was received for the Morning Brew event on February 7. PayPal balance as of February 9 is \$239.70, including a reversal charge of 46 cents for the refund of a member's duplicate renewal payment. The second P.O. key was received from outgoing Treasurer Marsha Robinson and given to President Miko Ries, along with the bank account number.

**Old Business:**

Valentine Veils at Morning Brew, February 7 - The event was a big success although the venue did not advertise and the audience was small. Helena had spoken with both managers, Pete and Peter, but neither was present, nor answered the phone, and the workers were unaware that we were holding the event. Christian, the previous manager at the time of our last event, was there and able to help us. Adly performed and the cord to the amplifier blocked the entrance, preventing access to the door. For the future, the amplifier must be positioned differently. Miko is now friends with Christian on Facebook, which can be of some help with future events there. Contacts: Managers Pete 808-687-1602; Peter 808-392-3192. The customers were very happy and several joined in dancing at the end. Helena will follow up regarding the problems and to talk about a future event perhaps in April. We must have a flyer and distribute it to the venue and surrounding businesses.

Vietnamese New Year at Kapiolani Bandstand, February 8 - This was a wonderful event and the organizers were extremely appreciative of MEDAH's participation. We were awarded a beautiful certificate and lunch was provided.

MEDAH materials - After several failed attempts, Bob contacted former MEDAH President Kunti Devi just before this meeting and she agreed to be at her store tomorrow, February 10. Bob and Helena will go in person to offer her a card from the Board, and to pick up the MEDAH boxes.

**New Business:**

Aisha Ali Hafila - Willow Chang is sponsoring workshops and a hafla for Los Angeles dancer Aisha Ali she offered to promote the hafla as a MEDAH membership drive. The Board voted to pay \$52.50 to Willow to cover half the rental expense for the venue, Dream to Dance Studio, 1070 N. King, on February 21. The check will be paid on the day of the hafla. Entrance: dancers free; MEDAH members \$7; non-members \$10. Treasurer Nelli will ask Willow about how to promote the event, and Shirilita Jones will be asked to send an eblast. Renée will provide Nelli with a list of current members (names only) to be forwarded to Willow. Willow contact: 808-292-0820.

Heaven Mousalem workshops and hafla - Malia Delapenia is sponsoring this event for visiting dancer Heaven Mousalem of Oakland, CA., and has offered MEDAH members a \$10 discount. She is also giving a free show at Kan Zaman restaurant on February 25. Nelli will ask Malia about how to get the discount to the members. Shirlita will be asked to send an eblast to the membership. Renée will provide Nelli a list of current members (names only) to be forwarded to Malia. Contact Malia: 808-381-3100; maliainhawaii@mac.com.

World Belly Dance Day - Saturday, May 9 - Shimmymob.com - proceeds go to charities, abused women and children; This event was brought to the Board by Member at Large Helena and the Board discussed sponsoring the event in Hawaii, including all dancers, members and nonmembers. Each dancer registers by April 3, purchases a t-shirt for \$35 and receives access to the music and choreography. We could ask for sponsors to help us in return for advertising; ask KTUH to post on the community calendar; contact Nocturna. More discussion is required after the Board has a chance to check out the website

Tribal Fest is May 12-17. The Board will avoid planning events on these dates.

Membership of minors - The Board discussed minors dancing in troupe numbers. Parents can be asked to be members. If more kids in one family want to dance, just one membership could be required. More discussion is needed.

Zagoreets - Renée brought up archiving some Zagoreets that were found in the Treasurer's papers when Nelli received them from Marsha. Deferred to the next meeting.

KCC International Festival - Miko, Renée and Helena are available to perform at this year's festival (Mar 16-19). Renée will contact the short list of renewed members to see if anyone can perform in the afternoon before asking the director for a timeslot. She will also follow up on the status of the \$200 stipend from last year's festival, which MEDAH never received.

Business Cards - Several Board members brought business cards for new Board members Helena and Bob.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:13 p.m. The next meeting will be on Monday, March 9, 2015, at 7:30 at the office of President Miko Ries, 1164 Bishop Street.

Respectfully submitted by

Renée Arnold  
MEDAH Secretary