

Minutes of Meeting  
May 11, 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 7:35 p.m.

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

**Minutes of meeting** - The April minutes were approved as submitted.

**Treasurer's Report** - Treasurer Nelli Szauter gave the report. A payment of \$128 was made for the yearly Post Office Box. The Kapiolani Community College check for \$400 (for 2014 and 2015 International Festivals) was received and deposited. Of the \$324 received at the Ward's Rafters Shimmymob fundraiser, \$299 was deposited and \$25 was given to Larry Ward for expenses. \$80 was deposited for membership renewals (\$20 cash, \$60 in checks). Total deposit was \$799, resulting in a balance of \$4,068.20. Paypal receipts of \$100 for new members had not yet transferred nor counted in the balance. To change the treasurer / contact person from Willow Chang to Kornélia Szauter, Miko is to write a letter on MEDAH letterhead. The same must be done for Paypal to change the contact person from Tara Severns to Kornélia. Webmaster Tammy Yee-Custodio will be asked to include this information in the MEDAH handbook.

**Old Business:**

Morning Brew - Christian, the former manager who was our contact, may no longer work there as no phone calls were returned to Helena. We will revisit the use of this venue in the future, in a month or two.

Hono Night Market - Miko and new MEDAH member Anchraf Debbour played drums as MEDAH members for 15 minutes. This is a monthly event. Helena received an application to fill out for MEDAH to perform there in the future. Miko met the sound man and there were microphones there, and they played for entrance and exit of models in a fashion show. There was a stage area.

Ward's Rafters Benefit/Shimmymob - April 25. This event was set up quickly after the last meeting and the Board voted on Facebook. We raised awareness about MEDAH and the Shimmymob fundraiser for women's charities; We received \$324 in donations at the door, and gave Larry Ward \$25 for expenses; MEDAH collaborated with other performers such as the Bollywood dancers Aaja Nachle, a classical Indian singer Anchal, international singer Kiana Luna, and African dancer Milica. IHS does not have a shelter for domestic violence victims and they do not need help from us, as they have big donors. We cannot perform at their site (too small), but can possibly do so at a future fundraiser of theirs. Therefore, MEDAH will donate \$299 to another charity. Some Options: Family Peace Center (domestic violence

victims); Hale Ola (shelter); Parents and Children together (PACT, shelter); Ho'ola Napua (sex trafficking victims). Renee will contact her friend who is a behavioral health counselor for more options. Miko will contact Alicia Yang, a recent participant in the Shimmymob who formerly worked in the shelter industry, for ideas of some domestic violence organizations to whom we could donate.

Shimmymob Event - 9:00 - 10:30 a.m., Saturday, May 9, at Magic Island. Photographers Bob McKeand, Mike Bambi and Kyle Nishioka documented the event and Bob made a video. Ten dancers performed with Diamond Head in the background. We collected \$41 in donations (one dancer donated \$20). Parking was difficult due to another event at the park. Next year MEDAH may consider asking a limo company to sponsor and drive dancers around to different locations. Helena will ask Shimmymob founder Sabeya if MEDAH could be the group leader, instead of an individual person. Five "shimmymobsters" raised awareness by performing at another dance event that same night, contributing to a successful fundraiser for the tribal dance community, for the annual Tribal Fest. They were allowed free entrance to the event. Miko attended and offered to promote an event for the Tribal dancers if they want to showcase what they learn there.

Casual gathering - at Kapiolani Park, April 19. This event was successful in that the drumming and dancing attracted curious onlookers and could result in new membership.

Banner - Nelli volunteered to make a new MEDAH banner to match some of the fabric we have for decorating. The board voted to allow her to buy the materials for up to \$150 with the MEDAH card. We will also pay a flat fee of \$90 to the person who will embroider the banner, upon delivery. Vice President Masayo Loyd brought the fabric to the meeting to loan to Nelli.

### **New Business:**

Foster Gardens Midsummer Night's Gleam - July 18; MEDAH will participate. More discussion at the June meeting. Renee is in contact with the new person, Iris Fukunaga, who took over for Joyce. We have the same time and stage as last year.

Student Recital - end of June, beginning of July; Venue options: 1) Aloha Dancesport Center, where Masayo teaches, is \$500/night, has chairs, tables, kitchen, sound system - up to 200 chairs. She will try to get it at a discount. 2) Dream to Dance (no water bottles on floor), 3) Still & Moving Center (can have catered event). M nightclub (has food) in Restaurant Row; 4) Academy of the Pacific and Natsunoya Tea House (Nelli will contact); 5) Next Door; 6) Bar 35; 7) Ethiopian Love Restaurant; 8) Waiole Tea Room (is there room for dancing?); 8) Unitarian church on Pali; 9) Queen Emma Palace?

Aisha Ali workshop & hafla - Willow is not yet a member, but we already sent out an eblast about the new May event (after the February workshops were canceled). We have already shown support for the event. Willow did not mention a discount for

MEDAH members. The Board will promote it in the same way we support other dance events.

Katalin Schafer - new MEDAH member Amala Gameela will host Hungarian visiting dancer Katalin Schäfer on May 30, and MEDAH will help advertise. Renée will send a message to Lita and Tammy to promote this event, with posting on Facebook, etc. The eblast should mention the MEDAH member discount.

Purchase of Sound system - This was discussed again and deferred to another meeting. Purchase of camel lighting as we had years ago - Bob will check online for them.

Sotos - Los Angeles-based Greek guitarist who has performed for over 30 years at the Honolulu Greek Festival and friend of Renée's, offered to come this summer for a MEDAH event. The Board is open to having him perform at an event. Renée will contact him; more discussion is needed.

Photo shoot - for promoting Shimmymob; to be held at Schofield (indoor mall, more customers) or Hickam outside the mall (more central for dancers); we pay 20% to the base, we charge for photos of dancers; on Sat or Sun in May. Helena is to make sure security is not too tight; no swords allowed; She will ask about the use of her own GE tax number or MEDAH's tax number. She will send information to Miko to edit, and it will be sent to Lita for an eblast.

NEX - Naval Base - MEDAH can perhaps perform for Fourth of July and Labor Day.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:00 p.m. The next meeting will be on Monday, June 8, 2015, at 7:30 at the office of President Miko Ries, 1164 Bishop Street.

Respectfully submitted by

Renée Arnold  
MEDAH Secretary