

## DTU Dancing General Assembly 2013

Den 9/3 2013 kl. 11.30 afholdtes en ordinær generalforsamling på Kemitorvet 210, lokale 042 I henhold til indkaldelse af 1/3 2013. Til stede var bestyrelsen Thomas Egebak, Stine Rasmussen, Sofie Knudsen, Martin Jeppesen, Josefine Korzen, Thomas Christensen, auditor, Henrik Hansen, alternate auditor, Ola (Aleksandra) Checko samt 26-29 medlemmer til stede.

1. Election of meeting chairman
  - Ola is elected
2. Election of minute taker
  - Lars is elected
3. Election of vote counters (not on agenda)
  - Astrid: 15
  - Lene: 17
  - Cicil: 8
  - Astrid and Lene elected
4. Board's report of the year passed
  - Facebook group for more transparency, less bureaucracy
  - One teacher per class, hired by the board
  - TA are voluntary and not paid, but usually rewarded
  - Part of DTU Sport
  - Rewards for people who do much for the club
  - Clothes for the clubs, we pay half
    - Decided not to buy yet
  - Dance cafés
    - New rules, no more dance cafés
    - Reason: Unclear
    - We got an exemption
    - Permit gotten back
  - Dance workshop
  - We may start a class in Zouk next year
    - Depending on teachers schedule
  - Workshop in Halling was held
  - Music at parties:
    - People are dis-satisfied that not enough music of their kind
    - Every class complains about this
    - Distribution is: All classes should have equal amount of time
      - Regardless of number of members, numbers of people who show up, etc.
    - Now using Spotify
  - Spreading information about DTU Dancing around DTU
    - 90 posters were put up
  - Hiring external teachers
    - Salsa and Bachata has done so already
  - Discussion within the board

- Many points have been clarified
- Complaint to DTU Sport
- DTU Sport decided that the dispute has been resolved
- Comments/Questions:
  - Information was missing, Bachata dance workshop
  - Make a more comprehensive yearly report
  - Collect more information
  - Music at the party:
    - The problem is only getting worse as more classes is added
    - 3 classes = 33% of the time
    - 4 classes = 25% of the time etc.
  - Communication between board and classes is sub-optimal
  - Board should represent all dance classes
  - Minute of board meetings should be available
    - If the general assembly decides so, minutes should be published
  - Facebook not optimal, is not a discussion board
  - More flow of information
  - More clear how to communicate with board
  - Improve communication between Facebook, homepage, email
  - Should be possible to pay on the homepage
  - Point on website: Remember to sign up every semester
  - Why Bachata could not continue at intermediate
    - It is the spring, usually less people
    - Received criticism
    - Usually run for 2 semesters before starting intermediate
    - Decided not to make an exception
    - Deenesh asked in November, no reply until January
    - 12 people promised to go to intermediate
    - Teacher does not believe board acted in the interest of the dancers
    - Were asked by students to make intermediate
    - Decision was only for this semester, not permanent
    - Starting a new class and making a new level is different
    - System has been put in place to prevent mail from being forgotten
    - It is difficult to communicate from board to Bachata
    - Not everyone should have access to the Bachata Facebook page, but board members should. More communication.
  - The board, due to previous problems, should own Facebook groups.
  - Accepting the report:
    - Yes: 22
    - No: 0
    - Abstain: 4
    - Cannot vote: 7
    - Total present: 33
    - Missing: 3

- **Forsamlingen vedtog med 22 stemmer mod 0, at godtage rapporten. 4 af de tilstedeværende medlemmer afholdt sig fra at stemme.**
- 5. Presentation of finances for the past year and budget for the coming year for approval
  - Treasurer selected was Stefan, but he moved out of Denmark
  - Spring: Loss caused by board dinner and general assembly
  - Apart from those no loss
  - Fall: Surplus caused by more classes
  - Auditor confirms that the accounting is correct.
  - Club owns about 70.000 kr. at the moment
  - Why is Bachata paid 4800 kr, while Zumba is paid 6000 kr
    - Zumba teachers have a certificate and are considered experienced, and are thus paid more
    - This should be more clear
    - Should certificate, but no teaching experience be called experience?
    - The rules are necessary for the board to function
    - The board need more volunteers for communication
  - The club should have enough funds to buffer a “disastrous spring”
  - The plan is to continue with the same number of classes
  - This spring should have a surplus
  - Next semester expects to have another level of Bachata
  - Planned for starting a class of Zouk
  - That is: 2 new classes, if logistics permit
  - Why was the budget not handed out?
    - Due to minor adjustments needed
  - Voting accepting last year:
    - In favor: 27
    - Against: 0
    - Abstained: 2
    - Total: 29
    - **Forsamlingen vedtog med 27 stemmer mod 0, at godtage sidste års budget. 2 af de tilstedeværende medlemmer afholdt sig fra at stemme.**
  - Voting accepting next year:
    - In favor: 22
    - Against: 1
    - Abstained: 6
    - **Forsamlingen vedtog med 22 stemmer mod 1, at godtage næste års budget. 6 af de tilstedeværende medlemmer afholdt sig fra at stemme.**
  - General request for a printed version of the budget
  - By now the budget is fixed by now
    - Changes planned have been written down by the minute taker
    - This is what is voted on
- 6. Vote for change of §2 in club statutes to:
  - Expansion and clarification of what the spirit of the club is

- The change is adding: "I et socialt miljø"
- Vote
  - In favor: 27
  - Against: 0
  - Abstained: 2
  - **The proposed change is accepted as is**
  - **Forsamlingen vedtog med 27 stemmer mod 0, at gennemføre det foreslåede. 2 af de tilstedeværende medlemmer afholdt sig fra at stemme.**

"Foreningens formål er at skabe interesse for dans i et socialt miljø, og at tilbyde træningsfaciliteter og undervisning til fortrinsvis studerende og ansatte ved DTU, herunder ved de institutter, centre eller enheder, der er etableret under eller i tilknytning til DTU, jfr. §4."

and in English:

"The purpose of the club is to create interest for dancing in a social environment, to offer training facilities and teaching primarily for students and staff at DTU, including institutes, centers or units established under or with relation to DTU, cf. §4."

7. Vote for addition to §11 in club statutes that the members of the board should be currently affiliated with DTU:

- DTU Sport asked for this to be put in the rules
- The composition of the board
- An additional point
- Proposed amendment: "Såfremt dette er et officielt krav fra DTU Sport"
- "Insofar as this an official requirement from DTU Sport"
- Start discussion the idea, then the wording
- The wording "så vidt muligt/as far as possible" makes it ineffective.
  - In case no DTU members want to join, the club would have to shut down
- Revoking people's right to be members is violating people's democratic right to being members.
- We are allowed to make discriminatory rules
  - DTU Sport cannot enforce it
  - DTU Sport can remove us from their organization
- Prevents people from outside from running the club
- Alternative proposal:
  - "As far as possible, at least 51% of the seats of the board must be associated to a member according to §4.1. The seat of the chairman counts twice"
- We are allowed to say no, would be a sign to DTU Sport
  - Other clubs will have to close
  - We are a large club and can influence the decision of DTU Sport
- In a company, usually 51% of the board have stakes in the club

- Within 5 or 6 years after leaving DTU, you cannot join a board. Prevents new people from joining.
- What we are doing here could constitute excluding a minority, could violate general law.
- The rule limits who can do free work for the club
- We could reach a point where the club is far removed from DTU
- DTU keeps clubs that are minority of DTU members/alumni
- Vote "Who is in favor of rejecting this completely"
  - In favor: 19
  - Against: 0
  - Abstained: 8
  - **The proposed change is rejected.**
  - **Forsamlingen vedtog med 19 stemmer mod 0, at afvise det foreslåede. 8 af de tilstedeværende medlemmer afholdt sig fra at stemme.**

"Stk. 4. Så vidt muligt skal mindst 50% af medlemmerne af bestyrelsen, på datoen for generalforsamlingen, være tilknyttet DTU som studerende eller ansat."

and in English:

"(4). As far as possible at least 50% of the Board members must be associated to DTU as either student or employee on the day of the general assembly."

Anybody can volunteer for any of these positions.  
It is proposed that the vote is hidden.

1. The obligation of the members of the board is to represent all the members of the board, not only the ones they like
2. Decisions must be in the interest of all members, otherwise the decision is void
3. Whenever in doubt, a decision must be handed to the general assembly
4. The board follows the letters of the statutes unless these are in violation of the law.

#### 8. Election of chairman

- Candidate 1: Josefine Korzen
  - Starting Masters as MMC
  - Dances Salsa
  - Became board member last year
  - Started teaching Zumba with Maja last year
  - Main aim: widen communication between board and the rest of the club, and between the board and teachers
  - Improve the communication, has been improved the last few months but not done yet.
  - Want the people who are doing something for the club to feel appreciated.
  - Wants to make sure the quality of the classes stays high

- Want to be the chairman to improve the communication
- Wants everyone to feel welcome all the time
- Important to use the knowledge of the experienced board members
- Important to have newcomers with new experience/perspectives
- Important with diversity
- Candidate 2: Martin Jeppesen
  - Graduated 3 years ago
  - Been dancing salsa for about 5 years
  - Also dances Bachaca
  - Been on in the board for one year and party committee for one semester
  - Has been vice chairman 6 months
  - Have 5 years of experience from his dorm
  - Emphasis, should communicate clearly
  - No-one should feel bad about things that is going on within the board
  - People should be treated equally
  - Work should be recognized and acknowledged
  - Make everything run more smoothly
- Question to Josefine
  - What do you plan to do to improve communication
    - Everytime we send/receive an email
    - Should be received / seen by two members to make sure replies are quick.
- Question to Martin
  - What areas need to be improved, how change
    - Biggest problem has been email communication
    - Meet in person, or use phone
    - Something that could have been a huge thing can be solved quickly in person.
- A statement
  - Comment from a chairman:  
The board supports Josefine
  - Reply, not appropriate for the chairman voice support
- The vote:
  - Josefine: 24
  - Martin: 8
  - **The assembly elected with 24 votes against 8, Josefine to chairman. 0 of the present members did not vote.**
  - **Forsamlingen vedtog med 24 stemmer mod 8, at udnævne Josefine til formand. 0 af de tilstedeværende medlemmer afholdt sig fra at stemme.**

#### 9. Election of vice chairman

- Thomas Egebak
  - Been the chairman the past year
  - Have had disagreements with Josefine
  - Not a problem, gives two sides to an argument
  - Been very productive, have given rise to new points

- Wants to assist her, supports her communication program
  - Have a lot of experience to draw on, not only his own
- Martin Jeppesen
  - Josefine and Martin agrees
  - Will be more like a collaboration
  - Many thing need to be done at a specific time
  - Work should be distributed
  - Because they are similar, should not be a problem
  - Would help making things faster and more smooth
- The vote
  - Martin
  - Thomas
  - **The assembly elected with 17 votes against 14, Thomas to vice chairman. 1 of the present members did not vote.**
  - **Forsamlingen vedtog med 17 stemmer mod 14, at udnævne Thomas til vise formand. 1 af de tilstedeværende medlemmer afholdt sig fra at stemme.**

#### 10. Election of treasurer

- Thomas C
  - Works in Danske bank
  - Knows what such data look like
  - Started as treasurer this year, getting the hang of it
  - Make it easier to do the accounting
- The vote
  - For: 30
  - Against: 1
  - **The assembly elected with 30 votes against 1, Thomas C to treasurer. 1 of the present members did not vote.**
  - **Forsamlingen vedtog med 30 stemmer mod 1, at udnævne Thomas C til kasser. 1 af de tilstedeværende medlemmer afholdt sig fra at stemme.**

#### 11. Election of remaining Board (2-5 members)

- Søren Bøg
  - Have been there before
  - Sort out the statues
  - Re-arranging the party
    - Want input
- Steven H. Spangsdorf
  - Studies at DTU
  - Has never been a board-members
  - Wants to help out
  - Has been dancing Salsa, dances standardLatin
- Frank Schilder
  - Dances salsa, jitterbug, standardLatin
  - Statutes are not well written
  - Want to sort it out
  - Wants to improve communication

- Have proposals
  - Easiest way is to be part of the board
  - Improve democratic participation
  - Involving more people
- Comment
  - With current lineup, all classes are represented
- The vote
  - For: 29
  - Against: 2
  - Not present: 0
  - Invalid: 1
  - **The assembly elected with 29 votes against 2, Frank, Steven, Søren and Martin to board members. 1 of the present members had a invalid vote.**
  - **Forsamlingen vedtog med 29 stemmer mod 2, at udnævne Frank, Steven, Søren and Martin tilbestyrelsesmedlemmer. 1 af de tilstedeværende medlemmer afholdt sig fra at stemme.**

#### 12. Election of auditor

- Duties:
  - Verifies that the treasurer does a correct accounting
  - Verifies that no shenanigans happen
  - Has been auditor for a long time
  - Has managed the IAESTE account for a long time
- Henrik Hansen
- Elected along with the alternate auditor (see below)

#### 13. Election of alternate auditor

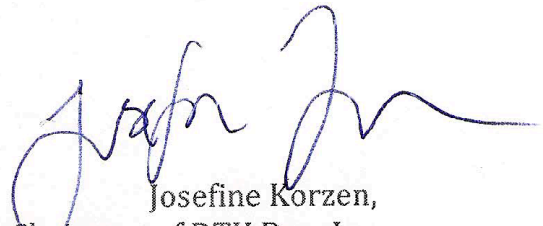
- Ola Checko
- Vote:
  - For: 30
  - Against:
  - Not present: 2
  - **The assembly elected with 30 votes against 0, Henrik as auditor and Ola as alternate auditor. 2 of the present members did not vote.**
  - **Forsamlingen vedtog med 30 stemmer mod 0, at udnævne Frank, Steven, Søren and Martin tilbestyrelsesmedlemmer. 2 af de tilstedeværende medlemmer havde en ugyldig stemme.**
- TA pays to join the party, but the teachers do not. Is this fair?
  - Should TA be considered on par with teachers
  - TA is a ordinary member of the class, is not a teacher
  - Previous board decided that TA's also gets free dinner at biannual parties.

#### 14. Other business





Aleksandra Chećko,  
Chairman of DTU Dancing General Assembly



Josefine Korzen,  
Chairman of DTU Dancing