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WARNING: Entering Summer Doldrums

No Gotham Dance this Saturday!

A reminder that we're in our summer quiet period. We do NOT have our usual first-Saturday dance in July, August, and September. Instead, our annual member Free Day workshops and dance will be in late August. And the first Saturday in September, Gotham will be at the fantasmagoric Hudson Swing Affair across the river in Jersey. So we'll all see each other on the dance floor, just on a slightly different schedule than during the rest of the year.

NO GOTHAM DANCE THIS SATURDAY, JULY 2 !!

We'll send you email about the Free Day dance in late August as we get closer to the event.

Gotham Election Results

Our Annual Election Results Are In !

Gotham members recently voted in our **annual election of Gotham Swing Club Board members.**

We're happy to report that **Laura Ciabarra, a current Board member running for re-election, has been returned by the members for another full two year term.** And **Barbara Jackson, a current appointed at-large board advisor, has been elected to full Board position** in her own right.



Congrats to both Laura and Barbara! Their new terms start this July for a two-year period. Our remaining Board positions will open up in the 2012 election cycle next May.

We'd also like to take this opportunity to **thank Ken Kreshtool again for his work on the Board during the past year** as he finished out the remainder of Tybaldt Ulrich's term.

Some members asked me over the Liberty Swing weekend exactly how the process for counting ballots occurs. I thought you all might be interested so here's how it works:

First off, a current Board member who is **not** up for election is in charge of the entire procedure. This year that was Brian King, he of the curly moustache. Brian's job in this regard was to oversee the election process to ensure it conforms with Gotham by-laws and is conducted in an impartial manner, which is an particularly important function during years when we have a contested election (that didn't occur this year) or when one of the candidates has not previously been elected directly to the Board (such was the case this year with Barbara). Brian was also charged with ensuring collection of the ballots delivered by mail and their physical safety between their receipt during the 5 week voting period and the actual vote counting. Brian did an excellent job in both these regards.

Once we are ready to count the ballots -- which we traditionally do during Liberty Swing -- Brian then oversees the counting of the ballots. How is that handled? We take one additional current Board member (this year, it was me) and one Gotham member who is *not* part of the Board (this year, that was Sam DeFrancesco). Sam and I counted the ballots individually and checked our count against each other. We then re-counted the ballots a third time in Brian's presence to ensure we got the same total. We then applied a special rule in our by-laws that requires that each winning candidate receive at least 50% of the total votes cast by members. Both candidates met this hurdle handily. Brian then certified the results.

In summary, two Board members who are not up for election as well as one non-Board club member are involved in handling, counting, and certifying the results. It sounds a tad on the fussy side but it keeps the process much more transparent, which I hope you'll agree is a good thing.

If you're interested in raw numbers, Laura received 53 votes (96% of the total cast) and Barbara received 54 votes (98%) of the total cast.

Congrats to both L & B !

Liberty Swing

A quick congratulations to all the Gotham members who were at Liberty Swing last weekend! This was a large turnout and Gotham filled five full tables.

And even bigger congrats to all the Gotham folks who made it thru various prelims, semis, and/or finals. What a great job and a way to show off Swing! You go, New York!

Members: Speak up with what you want from a swing club, please! We listen! And we often need volunteers (hint, hint) for very small but important useful jobs that help us do our thing.

Sincerely,

John Quarto-vonTivadar
Gotham Swing Club