

**BANNER RAID MEETING**  
**October 9, 1993**

There were twenty-two people representing ten clubs and MVDC (1) present. Since there were not enough in attendance to vote for any changes, the time was spent discussing the program in general. They aired their concerns and made suggestions. I listened, commented, and answered questions. Millie White helped chair this meeting.

Here are suggestions presented—in no particular order.

Have a banner meeting such as this one at least once a year.

No top to number of raids above 500. Have a different-colored badge and add a stone for each additional hundred or just add more stones, instead of certificate.

Banner chairmen should notify the clubs whose banners they have.

If a dancer has credit with more than one club, he/she should get badge from the one with which the most raids were attended—if the dancer still belongs to that club.

Yearly banners should be awarded for the most earned from a large club and a small club rather than the most from any club and a percentage of membership. That way the same club would not receive both banners.

Badges should be presented by the banner chairmen. The badges should be given to the club rep at council meetings. The rep would then see that the banner chairman gets them.

Bring back boards to display bars at Pavilion. Could put on lower half of wall, so they could be read.

Instead of a book with names, have clear containers, like those in which posters are displayed, with the bars inside. These containers could be attached to a post on the wall, so the "pages" would turn and the bars could be viewed.

If rule No. 1, "...clubs should call the host club at least one week in advance, more if possible, specifying the raiding party size..." is followed, raiders should get credit for a raid even though all 16 (or 8) dancers did not show up. Banner chairmen have a problem getting dancers to commit to attending a raid. Even though they have enough signed up in advance or have verbal assurances, they really don't know how many are going to show up until they get to the dance. If the ones who made the effort don't get credit for being there because others didn't live up to their commitments, they aren't going to support the banner chairman the next time he/she asks them. To get credit the chairman has to have called in advance, so four or five dancers just don't show up and say, "Gee, let's raid tonight."

In bad weather conditions dances should automatically be cancelled.

In bad weather any cancellations should be at end of tape on hotline.

Raid-retrieve-return idea presented. If a club has another club's banner, and that club cannot get enough dancers together to retrieve their banner, the holding club could return it and receive a credit for the return. The club could then steal it again and return it again (for another credit) and so on. The group as a whole didn't seem too enthused. It was felt by some that this could be used only if there were time restrictions. (There is an article describing this idea in the coming *Dance News*.)

They felt it would be helpful to have addresses for all banner chairman. I said I would provide them a list.

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