

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Cincinnati Contra Dance Board
09-14-20, 8PM, via Zoom**

Attendance: Board members - Debra Barrett, John McCain, Frank Buschelman, Larry Lankford, Charles Wallner, Darlene Underwood, Ashley Greathouse, Kurt Grannan, Mary Rekers, Patricia Gorman.

Note: Due to technical or other issues, not all board members were able to vote on every motion. Inability to vote was not recorded as an abstention.

Candidates for the board so far-

Debra Barrett, John McCain, Frank Buschelman, Larry Lankford, Charles Wallner, Darlene Underwood, Bonnie Carpenter, Kurt Grannan, Mary Rekers, Patricia Gorman.

Report on WFAC sound system video-

The WFAC asked us to make a video about how to use their speaker system. Larry wrote instructions, John Bealle made the video while Bonnie narrated. Larry plugged cables and John McCain was stage director. This will allow the WFAC to connect to the speakers with a phone, laptop, boom box, Bluetooth, or their mixer. Someone asked if we need to approve the WFAC final edit of the video.

Motion: Should we ask to approve the final edit of the videos?

Discussion: This was requested by the WFAC for the use of WFAC equipment, not CCD equipment.

Vote: 0 yes, 9 no.

Report on test Zoom contra-

Comments: Board members who attended the test Zoom contra thought it went well. Darlene and Mary: We have come up with an interesting format. We may want to do breakout rooms to have a sense of community. We need to have someone be a manager of the Zoom meeting. We have committed to two Zoom dances on the third Sundays of October and November from 2 to 4 PM. Depending on how things work out, we may have a New Year's Eve Zoom dance. We will have two English Country Dances in each of the two dances to bring in ECD dancers. Frank said he could be the Zoom manager for these two events.

The old sound equipment-

Kurt: I want to update you on the sale of the old sound equipment. It is listed on Craigslist and had no interest. I have yet to list it on Market Place. I will keep the equipment until someone has a lead on an interested party. I will lower the price by \$200 and send the list of equipment to the board members in case a board member has the opportunity to talk with someone about buying the equipment.

The CCD Logo-

Kurt: There was an impression that I wanted to do the logo. I really don't want to do the logo, but I will willingly participate in the process.

There was much discussion about procedures to choose designs, how to judge/select designs, and whether to pay for the design.

Motion: Do we want to have a logo at this time? **Vote: 3 yes, 4 no, 2 abstain.**

How to respond to a dancer who wanted to start a small contra dance saying they were not concerned about the Covid-19 virus.

After much discussion: We need to restate on our Facebook page that we do not support or endorse any events posted about in person dancing at this time. Maybe we should take down any posts that announce or encourage in person dancing. Maybe we should add that because it is not safe to dance in person, that we recommend that nobody dances in person. Larry has responded to the dancer and said "Although we all miss dancing, I don't know anyone who is willing to risk themselves or others to start dancing anytime soon. The close proximity of contra dancing seems like a possible super spreader event."

Motion: To endorse Larry's statement and leave it at that. **Vote: 10 yes, 0 no.**

Motion: We leave our statements about in person dancing and posts to our Facebook page as they are. **Vote: 7 yes, 1 no, 2 abstain.**

Renewals and new voting members-

Larry: We have 22 renewals and 10 new members. We need to make clear in the next announcement that to renew, the person must request renewal and provide an email address. Some people asking for renewals thought it might be automatic. I did not know if they were referring to the renewal or the payment.

Annual Member meeting-

October 26 at 7 PM was chosen for the annual member meeting. The deadline for being a candidate for the board and for renewing or new memberships will be October 12. This may be via email (larrylank4d@gmail.com or lank4d9@gmail.com) or by USPS to Larry Lankford, 78 McClure Rd. Lebanon, OH 45036.

Question: Should we have social time before the meeting?

Discussion: Louisville has open time for socializing before the meeting and music or a concert to end the meeting. We should have a Zoom concert every month or two to keep the community engaged.

Motion: Should we have a concert as part of the member meeting?

Vote: 9 yes, 0 no, 1 abstain.

Motion: Shall we allow Frank to make the decision about how to run the 15 minutes before the meeting as people arrive, for possible socializing. **Vote: 9 yes.**

We will briefly report at the beginning of the annual meeting what the board has been doing during the past few months (video of instructions for operating the WFAC sound system, reorganizing our supplies, the WFAC capital campaign, discussing a possible logo, Zoom contra dance, WFAC friendship letter, efforts to sell the old sound system).

Board elections-

Motion: Shall we post candidates' names on Facebook and the CCD website, and email the list to all voting members. **Vote 10 yes.**

Motion: Shall we use Google Forms to record votes at the annual meeting? **Vote: 10 yes.**

Motion: Shall we send out Google Forms ballots to the voting members before the meeting to eliminate the need to maneuver around to different screens during the meeting?

Vote: 10 yes.

Motion: Shall we send the ballots on Thursday Oct 22? **Vote: 10 yes.**

We will announce the WFAC capital campaign at the annual meeting.

Some changes to the proposed by-laws-

Motion: In article 6, paragraph 3, shall we change the word "roles" to "roles and responsibilities"? **Vote: 6 yes, 0 no, 1 abstain.**

Motion: In article 7, paragraph 2, shall we change the word "hear" to "communicate with"?

Vote: 6 yes, 0 no.

Motion: In article 8, paragraph 1, shall we change the words "Election of Board members, using paper ballots, concludes at the annual member meeting." to "Election of the board members. We will vote by paper ballot. However, if an emergency we may use electronic technology."? **Vote: 9 yes, 0 no.**

Pigtown Fling 2021-

Question: Should we announce anything about Pigtown Fling?

Motion: We should announce at the annual member meeting that we do not know at this time whether Pigtown fling can happen in 2021. We are continuing to work on it.

Vote: 6 yes, 0 no.

Kurt volunteered to draft an announcement for the annual meeting detailing:

1. the date of the meeting (October 26 at 7 PM via Zoom)
2. the deadline to register as a voting member and as a candidate for the board (October 12)
3. reiterate that voting membership renewal is not assumed
4. briefly describe the method for making decisions
5. Proposed by-law changes will be posted (or emailed to all voting members) before the meeting. There will not be open discussion of the proposed by-law changes during the Zoom meeting. Comments concerning the by-laws for the board to consider can be made in the "chat" of the Zoom meeting. The proposed by-law changes will be voted

on during a membership meeting to be announced later. A two-thirds majority of those voting is required to adopt the changes.

6. meeting agenda and list of board candidates will be posted (or emailed to all voting members) before the meeting.

10:22 Meeting adjourned

Respectfully submitted by Larry Lankford, secretary