

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Cincinnati Contra Dance Board
10-12-20, 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 and new/renewed voting members-

Larry: The candidates for the board as of the time of the meeting are Debra Barrett, John McCain, Frank Buschelman, Larry Lankford, Charles Wallner, Bonnie Carpenter, Kurt Grannan, Mary Rekers, and Patricia Gorman. There are 49 new or renewed voting members. Most of these are renewing members. The deadline for new/renewing voting members is midnight tonight.

Who will be sending the ballots and Bylaw proposals to the voting members?

Frank will send the ballots. Larry will send the proposed Bylaws.

The Bylaws will not be voted on at the annual voting membership meeting. Comments and questions will be invited in the chat area of the meeting. The proposed Bylaws will come before the voting membership in December or January. If the proposed Bylaws are rejected by the voting membership, the proposed Bylaws will be divided into sections to be voted on separately as individual proposals to find which parts are acceptable to the voting membership.

Report on Cincinnati Zoom contra-

Darlene: We will not have an October Zoom contra due to timing issues. When we decide about the November Zoom contra, we will announce it immediately. The decision will probably be made on November 03. If we go ahead, the date will be November 15 at 2:00 to 3:30. There will be one swing dance, two waltzes, and the rest will be contras. Frank will be the Zoom manager.

CDSS is having a Zoom Web Chat for community dance organizers on 10-21-2020 at 7PM about Working Together Now for a Strong Return to Dancing.

A statement about elections to be posted on Facebook proposed by the executive committee-

Motion: Do we approve the following message to be posted on Facebook?

“As we have done for many years in the past, the Board will be elected, and then members of the Board will decide which office they want to fulfill. This long-time precedent supports the collaborative nature of the Board (and the entire group of the Cincinnati Contra Dancers). This practice also satisfies the Bylaws, because the Voting Members elect the Board, and the Board selects the specific officers from their number.

In addition we actually included a clarification of this point in the revised bylaws that we're presenting to the Voting Members for the upcoming Annual Member Meeting. This clarification should meet the concerns of any members who are worried about an apparent contradiction. At the Annual Member Meeting on October 26 we will invite our Voting Members to offer any comments about the proposed bylaws in the chat room. Then the board can address those comments before the Voting Members decide about the bylaws (at a follow-up member meeting)." **Vote: 9 yes, 0 no.**

Reimburse 2014 Treasurer for late penalties paid out of pocket to the State of Ohio-

The 2014 treasurer declined to accept reimbursement.

Response to Ryan Smith from the executive committee-

An email was sent to Ryan explaining why he was removed from the callers' roster and to address the concerns he expressed on social media.

Proposed Bylaws-

At a retreat meeting of the board on March 01, 2020, facilitated by professionals in non-profit governance, proposed revisions to our Bylaws were developed. Some changes were discussed and approved by the Board over the ensuing months.

Motion: to accept the proposed revisions to the Bylaws. **Vote: 10 yes, 0 no.**

These proposed revisions to the Bylaws will be presented to the voting membership at the Annual Member Meeting for them to begin considering. The voting members will vote on these proposed changes at the following member meeting.

Pigtown Fling 2021-

Lea will not take the lead if there is a Pigtown 2021. She would help the previously chosen Pigtown royalty as much as is needed.

Comment: Pigtown is in March. I doubt that there will be anything to prevent Covid-19 by then. I think we will be lucky by 2022, but 2021 will not work.

Comment: A swing dance on the east coast infected 75 people with Covid-19 and 2 people died from Covid-19.

Comment: There is a lot of effort that goes into Pigtown well ahead of time. That would be a very large investment for an event that would very likely be canceled. We cannot wait to cancel.

Motion: Shall we cancel Pigtown 2021? **Vote: 10 yes, 0 no.**

Comment: Maybe we could have a concert by our proposed Pigtown lead band (Snaps for Sinners) on the weekend that would have been Pigtown to help them possibly raise funds to offset their loss of a gig. Maybe we could use our Facebook page to help promote the band's CD(s).

Report on WFAC Capital Campaign-

Deb: The WFAC is asking for lots of contact information from donors. The WFAC expects to follow up with donors.

Mary: The WFAC is trying to upgrade their records on many items. They should not ask you to donate again.

Comment: The information requested is normal for non-profit fund drives.

Comment: In standard arts-organization campaign fund raising, the theory is that you go back three times to a donor for a specified time period.

Comment: I make donations to organizations that follow up. I just ignore the follow up communications.

When should we resume discussing a timeline to restart dancing?

We cannot predict situations at this time. We should table this agenda item.

Forward Looking Considerations-

Some things from the CDSS Flurry meeting:

A- Hybrid dances. When in-person dances start again, you can stream the dances online.

Some people will be ready to dance while those who are not ready can get some of the experience of the dance.

B- After the 1918 flu there was an amazing eruption of social dancing. We need to be laying the groundwork now for how to satisfy that craving for personal interaction.

C- Making connections now to collaborate with other dance groups to cross link.

Comment: It might be more successful to bring in people of color and other minorities if we set up something like an exchange program by checking out dances in other communities such as African American dancing, Spanish dancing, or Thai dancing. If some contra people go to some of these other adventures and invite some of the folks they meet to try contra, there might be a bit more take-up because of a different type of cross pollination going on.

Comment: Maybe we should connect with Arts Wave. They have annual presentations from all kinds of dance groups. Even at the WFAC there have been different kinds of dancing including Latin.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 PM

Respectfully submitted by Larry Lankford, secretary.