

Minutes of the Meeting of the Cincinnati Contra Dance Board 06-24-21, 7:35 PM, via Zoom

Attendance: Board members - Debra Barrett, John McCain, Larry Lankford, Bonnie Carpenter, Mary Rekers, Patricia Gorman, Kurt Grannan, Charles Wallner, and Frank Buschermann. Reentry committee members- Bret Augsburg, Jeneene Brengelman, Robin Roland, Bonnie Carpenter, and Susan Vogt.

Note: Votes taken are listed as Yes/No/Abstain, e.g. 7/1/1.

Report from reentry committee-

We should require vaccinations of all, we should require verification of vaccinations, those who send in verification of vaccinations [in advance of the dance] do not need to sign an affidavit to release the Wyoming Fine Arts Center (WFAC) and the Cincinnati Contra Dancers (CCD) from liability. The affidavit is only needed from those who come to the dance without verification. There will be a handout card at the door (for good hygiene/safety reminders). We will follow the Center for Disease Control (CDC) and WFAC policies. If someone does not have verification of vaccination and refuses to leave, have a designated person to ask them to leave. If they refuse, we call the police. This would be a step-by-step resumption of dancing. Mike Boerschig has offered his place for a dance on July 24. Our first Monday dance would be August 2 with masks due to WFAC policy. By August 9 we expect the WFAC will not have a mask policy.

A member of the Reentry committee will receive the vax info in advance at: cincycontravax@gmail.com. They'll then incorporate it into an alphabetized list to have at the door for the greeter.

Comments from Reentry committee members:

Jeneene: I can do the personal calls to bands and callers to get those early dances set up. Someone had said that the dances are scheduled six months in advance, and that is great to give to her whenever she can start it, but we need to set up the first dances now.

Comment: I am concerned about the security of the vaccination data.

Comment: People should block out information on the verification card that they do not wish to share, such as date of birth, or other sensitive information.

Comment: They should submit their name and dates of vaccinations. I don't see how that could be misused.

Comment: We are not requiring anyone to get vaccinated. We are only requiring that to dance with us, you must be vaccinated.

Board discussion of Reentry Committee recommendations-

Comment: I love the recommendation of vaccinations, but have any other dance communities required vaccinations?

Comment: Pinewoods [a CDSS camp] and a dance weekend in Fairfield, Iowa is requiring vaccinations and saying "do not ask for an exception". Every one I have looked at is requiring the vaccine.

Report about WFAC policies: Masks are still required in the center. Temperature checks are no longer required. Contra dancing is considered a private event, so we can set our own rules concerning masks. I don't know if we still need to maintain a list of participants.

Comment: I think it might be good to keep a list of participants, at least in the beginning, in case the CCD needs it for contact tracing.

Response: We intend to do that through the vaccination list.

Facilitator: We will describe the reentry plan at the voting membership meeting [on 06-28-21].

Question: Are there any legalities to be considered with asking for vaccinations?

Answer: As the elected board of the group, we are empowered to ensure the safety of the participants.

Response: As a teacher at a university, I cannot ask a student if they are vaccinated, or require them to wear a mask.

Comment: My understanding is that every business can require more restrictions than the state can do. As the duly elected board, we can set restrictions that we feel are necessary to protect the participants.

Comment: We can add more restrictions than the WFAC requires.

Question: Are we really going to accomplish anything with the handout card?

Answer: It is just to raise awareness.

Comment: After a month or two we could consider putting up a poster instead of handing out cards.

Kurt volunteered to produce the handout cards.

Comment: We need to be aware of the back door. People sometimes enter there instead of through the hallway entrance.

Comment: The door can be set to lock from the outside and allow exit from the inside.

Comment: The AC is really loud, and both units must be On, or else both units must be Off.

Comment: The masking requirements for the center are due to expire on 08-06-21.

Comment: WFAC is maintaining some covid precautions for areas that their students frequent. For example the dancers should wear masks when they leave the ballroom (except for getting a quick drink of water), and they're not permitted to go upstairs.

Motion: Shall we resume dancing at the WFAC in August, specific dates to be determined, requiring vaccinations of everyone, requiring proof of prior vaccination, requiring masking per the WFAC policy in effect at the time of the dance? **Vote:** 9/0/0

Question: Should we wait until Aug 9 due to children's classes and the mask requirements?

There was discussion of pro's & cons for different dates, including that there would be scaffolding on the outside of the building starting 8/9/2021.

Motion: Shall we restart dancing on August 9, 2021? **Vote:** 9/0/0

Motion: Shall we have a dance on Saturday July 24 at Mike Boerschig's "Pretty Good Dance Hall"? [Note: Mike placed a sign on his shelter that says "Mike's Pretty Good Dance Hall"].

Question: Do we have a band and caller and sound equipment lined up for this dance?

Question: Do we still have access to the old mixer [that was loaned to the WFAC for a theater camp]?

Answer: It has not been donated. I am going to email the center and ask them to store the old

mixer and cables in a safe place until we can retrieve it.

Comment: Two people have contacted me with interest in buying our old sound system.

Comment: We should retrieve it [from the center] and get pictures to send to the prospective buyers.

Motion restated: If the essentials of a dance would come together, should we attempt to put on a dance at Mike's place on July 24?

Question: What about vaccinations and masks? It is on Mike's property, but we are talking about the CCD putting this on. We have to have some consistency.

Comment: This all seems so complicated to put everything together in the time we have.

Maybe the CCD should not do this.

Comment: Our liability insurance does not currently cover us at Mike's place.

Vote: 3/5/1

Facilitator: Comments were made on Facebook about the proposed bylaws. The period for making comments and making revisions of the proposed bylaws has passed. We will not try to do another round of revisions to take into account these concerns. At the voting membership meeting, we will vote on the proposed bylaws as approved by the board on 05-02-21. Some of these points may be taken up during the meeting.

Comment: Bylaws should be evaluated periodically to keep them up to date, then any changes should be minor.

Demo dance at Sinclair Community College (Dayton)-

Discussion: The dance would likely be on concrete. It would require an enormous effort to get sound equipment, dancers, and a caller for an 11:00 AM dance. We should not try to do an outreach dance in Dayton while we are trying to restart our own dances.

Motion: Shall we try to present a dance in Dayton for Sinclair Community College?

Vote: 1/6/1

Comment: It would be good to introduce college students to contra. It may stick with some.

Comment: This is the oldest form of recruitment for dancing.

Question: Should we have someone in charge of outreach? The fall arts festival would be a good time to invite people into the WFAC.

Motion: Shall the facilitator send a note from the board to the voting membership requesting a yes vote on the proposed bylaws, describing the process used in producing the proposed bylaws, and that amendments may be submitted and be voted on by the voting membership. The note will be reviewed by the board before it is sent. **Vote: 8/0/0**

Committee to find a win-win solution for the calling language-

We will leave this for the member meeting.

Question: How will we deal with the gender free calling going forward?

Answer: At the last board meeting, we agreed that we would call for volunteers who feel really strongly about the issue to meet and come up with a win-win approach to language for the

calling, and that we would reiterate that at the member meeting and on the website.

Reimbursement for CCD expenses paid personally by the treasurer-

Frank: The Directors and Officers insurance has been renewed at a cost of \$705. I paid for this personally, not using CCD funds. I need to ask for approval from the board to reimburse myself for \$705, which is more than the treasurer is allowed to approve on his own.

Motion: Shall we approve the reimbursement of \$705? **Vote:** 8/0/0

Motion: At the voting member meeting shall we announce callers' choice [for gendered vs gender free language] for restarting and announce the forming of a committee to devise a win-win solution from calling terms? **Vote:** 8/0/0

Comment: We should specify that the gender free caller language be limited to Larks and Robins to avoid possible multiple terms.

Next board meeting-

The next board meeting will be Thursday July 15 at 7:30 via Zoom.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 PM.