Cincinnati Contra Board Meeting

Dec 6, 2021 at 8 pm

Votes are reported here as Yes/No/Abstain.

Deb called the meeting to order at 8 pm.

Present: Cori Yaeger, Steve Edwards, Deb Barrett, Bret Augsburger, Bonnie Carpenter, John McCain, Charles Wallner, Rebecca Pace, Valerie Allendorf, Mary Rekers (joined late), Tricia Gorman, Eileen Bens.

Reentry members present: Bret Augsburger, Bonnie Carpenter, Robin Roland, Susan Vogt

Question: Should we set a date for resumption? If so, when?

The ReEntry Committee reported that their recommendations include vaccinations and verification thereof, masks worn by all at the dance, and someone to make sure that these guidelines are followed.

Bonnie commented that the survey results were overwhelmingly positive about restarting.

Robin reminded the group that dancers need to be aware of what they are getting into when they come to the dance – in addition to the above – windows and doors will be open, and an agreement or waiver will need to be signed.

Bret recapped the numbers related to the survey. See the Announcements tab of this website for the survey results.

Three options for re-starting the dance were offered.

- 1. Start on February 14, 2022
- 2. Start on March 14, 2022
- 3. Too soon to plan.

Motion: Have an official start date of March 14, 2022 with the possibility of starting no earlier than February 14, 2022, depending on the situation with Covid 19 and the Omicron variant. **Vote**: 12/0

A question about 2022 Pigtown Fling was tabled until a later date, but consensus of the group was that no large weekend dance will be possible in 2022.

A question about (recommended) hepa filters for ventilation was discussed as a possibility. Each filter costs about \$350 and we'd need several for a room the size of the WCFA ballroom, so cost would be prohibitive.

The board agreed that proper mask wearing would be the responsibility of all the dancers – suggesting that all can be 'deputized' to graciously remind folks if their mask slips. In addition, we'll have a "proper mask-wearing" poster at the sign in table. **Vote** 11/1

Deb will be handling any issues/questions for the first month (at least). Two people will be at the sign-in table to manage sign-in, verifications, and waivers.

Types of masks and whether CCD will provide them will be discussed at a future meeting.

We must verify that callers & musicians are fully vaccinated and willing to wear masks. (The only exception is for wind instrument players who can take masks off while playing, but need to have them on when not playing.

Bonnie will reach out to bands and callers (from a list provided by Tricia.) She will also ask if they are willing to be paid by check and will complete a W-9 for our bookkeeping needs.

Mary will contact the Rosenthorns and Darlene for first dance (Feb 14 and/or March 14, 2022). Later in the meeting she reported that they confirmed for both dates,

John reported that the headset mic we own does not work well and that a handheld mic will probably suffice for callers.

Question: Does "fully vaccinated" include boosters? Yes/No **Vote** 10./2

Lead volunteers need to be contacted. Responsibility for that is as follows: John – sound techs Tricia – crew bosses Tricia will contact Karen to see about managing openers

These individuals will verify that volunteers are willing to abide by our guidelines and perhaps start tentatively scheduling them.

Discussion of calling language included Bret indicating that it is a perfect time for us to start fresh with gender-free calling. But the number of callers is very small and some have indicated they are not interested in calling gender-free

Motion: Caller's choice to get started. Vote 11/1

It was noted that members saying "caller's choice" does indicate that gender-free calling is being "allowed." (which is seen as a start...)

Motion: Donate \$200 to WFAC in appreciation for their patience in holding a spot for CCD. **Vote**: 12/0

Topics to be discussed at future meetings:

- Per Rebecca, we've been gifted with a card scanner how to use and costs for it
- w-9s needed for callers and band members
- Pay in checks rather than cash
- Charles wants board to establish policy and procedures.
- How to handle if we learn that someone who attended one of our dancers has tested positive
- We'll need more volunteers: 2nd greeter if we're requiring vax; also double Assistant Treasurers (recruited in the moment?)
- Some type of special dance event in place of Pigtown Fling 2022?
- Should we clear out some of the old FB Announcements?

Next meeting – Jan 3, 2022 – at 8 pm - Zoom host to be determined

Meeting adjourned 9:30 pm