

The meeting began at 8:00 pm

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

The meeting began with the question of how long the meeting should go. It was decided to attempt to stop at 9:00 pm.

Report on Talent for Resuming Monday Night Dancing

Bonnie reported that she had 3 weeks covered for bands and callers – Initially for February, but she will change to March if needed, and let those individuals know that all the windows will likely be open.

Bonnie also reported that being paid by check appears to be fine with band members and callers.

Resuming Monday Night Dances

Motion: Should we advertise that Monday evening dancing will start in February as long as the outside temperatures are 30 degrees or above at 10 pm. **Vote:** 3 yes; 8 no.

It was agreed that we will hold off on announcing starting date until after the February board meeting.

Talent (continued)

John reported that there are four sound techs who are ready to start, as long as the fourth agrees to get a Covid booster shot.

Tricia and Deb reported on openers and closers. Karen has stepped down from her job of coordinating openers, and will not be able to continue scheduling them. Tricia reported that there are about 3 closers, but that she has traditionally been around to help direct the tasks that need to be done. Mary reported that Chuck can help close when the Rosenthorns are playing and Charles said he can fill in as closer on some weeks as needed.

Deb reported that Deven Corzine will be the new scheduler for Monday-night dancing.

Masking.

The WFAC has agreed that the Caller can go unmasked (if needed for clarity of sound), but that exception is ONLY for the caller and ONLY while he/she is calling.

Motion: That CCD provide N95 masks for dancers as a welcome back gift- first week of contra. **Vote:** 7 yes, 2 no.

There was discussion of making masks free the first night, and after that asking a suggested donation of \$1 per mask. It was agreed that gaiters will not be an acceptable form of masking.

Motion: that we require N95 masks for all dancers. **Vote:** 3 yes; 7 no

The board **unanimously** decided to table the decision about “type” of mask to the next meeting.

Badges

Deb presented an idea for Color-coded badges that some groups are using, where dancers can choose a color of badge before the dance: Red – I only want 1 or 2 partners so don't ask me to dance; Yellow – I will agree to arm's length swing only; and Green – I am open to dance with anyone and will agree to a traditional swing. Further discussion of this topic was postponed to a future meeting.

Facebook Post Planned

Deb outlined what is needed for a Facebook and webpage post once dancing is scheduled to begin. The following are points to be covered:

- A. Vax and proof thereof
- B. Properly worn masks (plus any restrictions per above)
- C. All windows and doors wide open
- D. CCD will provide Covid waiver for dancers to sign
- E. List band, caller, & language for first night.
- F. Stay home if you have symptoms, have recently tested positive, or have recently been exposed.
- G. Please come early if you can, since checking people in will take longer than previously.
- H. Come to back door (new WFAC security protocol)
Perhaps a reminder to be nice to people who are at different anxiety levels.

Eileen offered to write this up when needed.

New Callers Class

Deb announced that Frank expects to have a class for new callers, and a committee to explore win-win language, during Summer 2022.

Posters for Dances

Eileen offered to make or find posters or signs for the entry table (and maybe on the wall?):

- A. Sign with reminders for good dance hygiene
- B. Sign re proper-mask wearing (including “Please politely, gently alert anyone you see whose mask has slipped.”)

Treasurer's Report and Financial Issues

Rebecca presented the Treasury Report (posted separately)

The report was approved –**Vote**: 11 yes; 0 no.

Discussion ensued around the treasurer's limit of writing no checks over \$200 (without a second signature) because a bill came in for email server from John Brockman for \$242. The board can't change that ruling – it would have to be changed by a vote of the membership. So, Rebecca will write the check and send it to John McCain for a second signature.

If Dance Attendee Reports COVID Infection

Discussion about how to handle information that someone who attended a dance subsequently tested positive for COVID. Because of the changing quarantine and testing rules (and confusion surrounding them), the board decided **unanimously** not to worry about it beyond posting on Facebook that someone who attended a specific dance tested positive.

Financial Issues (continued)

Referring to a past discussion, payment for talent at the dances will be made by check. It is likely that no individual would receive more than \$600 per year from CCD, so there is likely no need for W-9s to be completed.

Discussion of payment methods for dance attendees was introduced and will be taken up at a future board meeting. CCD has been given a card scanner but there is no information on how much it will cost and whether attendees could use a credit card at the dance or pay ahead via the website with PayPal or another credit form.

It was decided that we need more information on: 1) Costs to use it; 2) How to use it; 3) should we use this for Monday dances; 4) estimate of how many dancers would want to use this method.

In addition to checking into costs, it was suggested that we check with other contra groups to see if they accept credit payments. When asked if dancers have asked for a credit option, Rebecca indicated that there have not been any specific requests, but that some dancers have said that they don't have cash and will pay the next time. It was pointed out that a lot of younger individuals do not routinely carry cash.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 pm after scheduling the next board meeting for **Monday, February 7 at 8 pm**. Eileen will be zoom host.