

Cincinnati Contra Board Meeting

Feb 7, 2022 at 8 pm

Meeting started at 8:10 pm

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

(Steve, Mary and Bonnie joined a few minutes late)

Monday Dance Resuming March 14, 2022

Vote: 8 yes, 1 no.

Deb reported on **personnel to resume dancing:**

- Talent: We have 4 bands in rotation and 3 callers, with 2 callers who will help in a pinch. In order to obtain more bands, it was suggested that we reach out to other possible bands per an appeal on our website. It was also suggested that we start by not having weekly, but biweekly dances.
- Sound Techs are all set per John – it appears we have 4
- We have 5 Openers (Deven will schedule)
- We have enough Crew Bosses to get started
- Bonnie would like to act as talent scheduler for Monday nights. (She would need to convey the resulting info to the Sound Techs so they know how to set up. If ok with Deven – ok to have Bonnie do this... consensus: **yes**

Frequency for dancing 2x month? vote: 11yes, 1 no

It was **unanimously** decided that we will schedule now for 4 months out, with a review in the 3rd month to see if we want to resume weekly dances in the summer. We'll need to see how many folks turn up to dance and whether there is a demand for more bands and more frequent Monday night dances.

Should we schedule for the 1st and 3rd Mondays or the 2nd and 4th Mondays? 2nd and 4th? **vote:** 10 yes, 2 abstentions.

Masking:

An extensive discussion centered upon the type of mask to be required. Some felt that we need to say that we require N95 or KN95 and that we

provide such masks at the first dance in case dancers don't have one of that quality. Or we could accept whatever masks people bring (other than gaiters or bandanas).

Offer N95s or KN95s if people forget their masks? **Vote:** 9 yes, 3 no.

Dancers are required to have an N95 or KN95 mask? **Vote:** 8 yes, 3 no, 1 abstention. * See addendum

Commented [CV1]:

The discussion surrounding color-coded badges was tabled to be taken up at a future meeting.

Discussion around the document that Eileen prepared describing our dance protocol:

- Clarify Point 2 – about masking requirements and type of masks that are acceptable.

- The following points were discussed to be included with **consensus voting:**

- a. All windows and doors will be wide open - **yes**
- b. CCD will provide a Covid waiver for dancers to sign - **yes**
- c. List band, caller, & language for first night – **no** omit this (separate post)
- d. Stay home if you have symptoms, have recently tested positive, or have recently been exposed - **yes**
- e. Please come early if you can, since checking people in will take longer than previously - **yes**
- f. Come to back door (new WFAC security protocol) - **yes**
- g. Perhaps a reminder to be nice to people who are at different anxiety levels. **Skip this**

Post the “return to dancing” document to FB and our website – **yes**

It was suggested that the document might be made “shorter” by using bullet points and not needing full sentences, since folks might not read a longer document. Eileen agreed to work on editing – to include above points and to make the document shorter.

The remainder of the agenda will be addressed at an additional board meeting scheduled for February 21, 2022 at 7:30 pm.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 pm.

* Post-meeting email discussion centered on whether we should or could “pre-approve” masks other than N or KN 95s. The board members were asked to respond to the following 3 items:

1) Is someone willing to take over as head crew boss? You need to stay until the end of cleanup after every dance, and you also need to work with other crew bosses to make sure they understand and follow the procedure on the instruction sheet. (current crew boss prefers not to use N or KN95 mask but uses a mask with HEPA filter that is documented as exceeding the standards of the 95s).

2) Cori suggested that masks other than N or KN95s which meet or exceed the efficacy of those masks, can be used if they are pre-approved. Pre-approval would be done by email at least 3 days prior to a dance, with the requester supplying documentation of equivalence. Is anyone willing to handle any requests that come in?

3) Do we say that the Mask Pre-approver is authorized to make the judgement on their own about whether the proposed substitute mask is equivalent to a 95?

Seven board member votes (majority) resulted in acceptance of pre-approval for masks equivalent to N95's. Cori will handle the pre-approval requests and contact Jeneene so that she can document such approvals and add them to her spreadsheet for use at registration for the dances.