

Cincinnati Contra Dance Board Meeting

March 21, 2022 at 8 pm

Meeting began at 7 pm

In attendance: Deb Barrett, Bret Augsburger, John McCain, Charles Wallner, Rebecca Pace, Valerie Allendorf, Mary Rekers, Tricia Gorman, Bonnie Carpenter, Cori Yaeger, Steve Edwards
Mary Rekers joined at 8:25 pm. Eileen Bens was absent.

Dance Re-Start 3.14.22

Deb thanked all for the work in restarting the dancing.

Report on Attendance: 62 checked in, including folks on stage. We turned away 3 unboosted dancers. One dancer entered through front door and didn't have appropriate mask and left when asked to use one of our N95 or KN95 masks, and let us register his vax card and sign his waiver.

Talent and Volunteers

Report from Deb: We now have 4 callers to rotate as we ramp up (Darlene, Frank, Beth, and Steve Edwards), plus one or two who can help in specific situations. Liz Burkhart can help some with near-term requests, or as a fill-in. Plus Steve Tossey has agreed to be in the caller rotation. Bonnie will contact Liz – if Liz fills in for another caller will she be using the same language?

We now have 5 - 10 Openers.

Crew Boss status per Tricia – 3 volunteers. Tricia will be there at every dance until they are able to go solo. Liz may be added to the crew boss roster.

Proposal from the New Band Committee: per Steve, Mary, and John – any band which has not played for contra before must attend one contra dance to see what is needed. Other bands (who have played for us before) just need to be talked with to ascertain that they know what we want. Individual musicians are to be encouraged to attend one of the open band sessions with a possible spinoff to a new band eventually.

Motion – callers get same pay as band members. **Vote:** 10 yes 0 no

Treasury Report

Steve asked why treasury report indicates take of \$157 for last Monday when we had 62 attendees. Minus band members, why not closer to \$250. Rebecca will look into this.

Motion: The board reviewed and accepted the treasurer's report." 10 yes 0 no 1 abstention

Dance Promotion

John Brockman offered to send email to about 400 people in the region that dances have resumed. Email will include protocol and links to our requirements on FB and website. The board unanimously decided to have him do this.

Board Meetings

Tricia offered to take responsibility for providing the Zoom link to members who want to attend Board meetings.

Cincinnati Fringe

Shall we dance at Cincy Fringe Festival in June, one evening from 7 – 10 pm. Mary suggested we have one person take charge of setting this up, if approved (getting band, caller, commitments from dancers, checking the condition of the asphalt on Jackson Street). Offered options of 6/15, 6/14, 6/7, 6/8. Bonnie volunteered to be the point person for the Fringe Festival. The board enthusiastically agreed to being part of FF – if asphalt is ok and we can get talent and dancers. **Vote:** 11 yes, 0 no.

FF is offering \$100 to split between caller and band members. FF provides the sound system onsite and someone to run it.

Motion: Gender free calling ok? 10 yes

Caller: Deb suggested asking Ryan to call the gender-free FF dance. Maybe Ryan working with Liz to do that?

Charles wants conflict of interest policy in place before we make a decision on FF caller/s.

Current Dance Protocol

Should we tweak the current (mask and vax) protocol? **Vote:** 9 no 1 yes This will be reviewed once the sewage reports have been released (Detection of the corona virus in sewage helps determine level of infection in a monitored community.)

Board Membership

Eileen Bens is stepping down from the Board. Our Bylaws say that we must have a special election ASAP to get a new co-Facilitator. Mary offered to cover that position for the rest of the year. Action on this was tabled until next meeting. There was unanimous agreement on this.

Policy and Procedure – Conflict of Interest

We need to establish a Policy and Procedure re Conflict of Interest, per Federal requirement for 501(c)3s. The board suggested we defer to Charles' expertise on this document. He will resend the document he recommends that we use, as well as the forms we will need to have board members (and others) to sign to be in compliance.

Dance 3.28.22

Pete Armstrong take care of managing the money for dance on 3/28.

Cori and Bret will help at registration table on 3/28/22.

Next meeting April 4, 8 pm

Meeting adjourned at 9:20