

## Cincinnati Contra Dance Board Meeting Minutes

July 18, 2022 at 8 pm

Present: Deb Barrett, John McCain, Rebecca Pace, Tricia Gorman, Bonnie Carpenter, Cori Yaeger, Steve Edwards, Valerie Allendorf, Mary Rekers, Frank Buschermann, Ashley Greathouse and Bret Augsburger. Absent: Charles Wallner.

Valerie Allendorf hosted this zoom meeting.

### **Dance Attendance**

July 11 -- 25 dancers (28 people including caller and 2 in band).

June 27 -- 40 dancers (45 people including caller and 4 in band).

### **Openers**

Deb reported on Deven Corzine's efforts to confirm openers for the second half of the year.

### **Future Board Positions**

Tricia Gorman, Steve Edwards, Cori Yaeger, Bonnie Carpenter, Valerie Allendorf, Bret Augsburger, and Ashley Greathouse indicated interest in running for board member again. Ashley indicated she would serve on the board, but not as an officer. Mary Rekers reported that either she or Chuck Reidmiller are willing to serve. That means we'll have 3 exec committee positions open (facilitator, co-facilitator, and treasurer).

### **Volunteer Management Policy**

The Volunteer Management Policy was adopted by a **vote** of 10 yes and 1 abstention. The policy will be posted on our website.

### **Treasury Reports**

The Treasury reports from outgoing treasurer Rebecca Pace were unanimously accepted.

### **Caller Language**

Discussion about caller language resulted in a motion "will we require callers to stipulate which language (gendered or non-gendered) ahead of time?" **Vote:** 1 yes, 9 no, 1 abstention. So Callers will not be required to stipulate language they will use ahead of time.

Motion: Can callers choose the language they use, whether they stick with one particular set of terms or any mixture of any language they so choose?" **Vote:** yes, 8 no, 3.

Question: “Should this be presented to the membership at the annual meeting?” Vote: yes 4, no, 6, 1 abstention. (Rationale: the membership chooses board members and empowers the board to make decisions about the functioning of CCD).

Rather than dictating that the caller use the same language for all the dances during an event, the board members agreed to trust the callers to make the best choices. For example, they could mix gendered and gender-free, and new callers wishing to try gender-free calling, could arrange with an evenings’ caller ahead of time to be a guest caller for a dance or two.

Ryan Smith requested clarification about rules, discipline, and appeals policies regarding callers. The board decided to email a response from the executive committee indicating that we are considering these requests and will have an answer soon.

The Exec will respond case by case to violations of rules and unacceptable behavior. Vote: 10 Yes, 0 No, 1 Abstention.

The Exec is to decide about the appeals process, then write to Ryan.

The board decided unanimously that the annual meeting shall be held at 7 pm on Monday, October 3, 2022 via zoom. Among business items for that meeting will be election of board members/officers, and review of the annual treasury report.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 pm  
Next meeting: Aug 15, 2022 at 8 pm