

Cincinnati Contra Board Minutes – August 15, 2022

Meeting began at 8:05 pm.

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

Attendance at dances:

July 25 -- 28 dancers (plus Ashley who didn't dance): 34 attendees minus caller & 4 in band
August 8 -- 28 dancers : 34 attendees minus caller & 5 in band

Info:

- The Exec has not yet met to decide about disciplinary procedures.
- Bonnie will bring a card for Judy Doyle re Jim Johnson's death on 8/22 for board members to sign.

Webpage:

The board unanimously agreed to give Deven Corzine permission to redesign the CCD webpage, assuming it will not cost.

Board Election Update:

- Sylvia Hadley has agreed to act as our bookkeeper. This means she would maintain a spreadsheet showing our money in and money out, using our income and outgo note from each dance, plus a photo of our checkbook register and similar records. This spreadsheet would expedite the treasurer's work to pay bills, file taxes, prepare financial reports (especially for the annual member meeting), maintain our status with CDSS and the OH Secretary of State, help in formulating the budgets, and advise the board.
- Steve Edwards has agreed to run for Facilitator insofar as preparing meeting agendas and chairing meetings. He would need for the Co-Facilitator to handle all the coordination and miscellaneous issues that historically go to the Facilitator.
- So we still need candidates for Co-Facilitator and Treasurer, but we have some great support lined up that should make it easier to fill these offices.

Additional Dance September 19:

Diane Silver (caller visiting from Asheville, formerly from Cincinnati) offered to call a dance when she is visiting in September. She could do September 26 or September 19. Diane will accept

standard local-rate Monday pay. The **vote** to add an extra September 19 dance was 3 no, 7 switch dates as above, 2 abstain.

The board suggested that current callers for September 12 and 26 (Steve and Margaret) would try to switch dates so that Steve Edwards would bow out of calling on September 26 and offer that date to Diane.

Membership Issues

Cori confirmed that memberships are for calendar years – January 1- Dec 31. It was noted that 2022 membership renewals were not advertised to the members in January of 2022. In 2020 and 2021 (for the most part, no dances because of Covid) members were able to renew without paying by letting the secretary of the board know that they wanted to renew. A generous donor covered the payments for those 2 years for the folks who indicated they wanted to renew. Since we did not address membership issues early in 2022, the board considered making a similar opportunity available to current members and dancers who wish to become members for 2022-2023.

Motion: Ashley moved that we construct a google form (with a link that will be available on Facebook and possibly on our website) as a way of joining or renewing membership in CCD; and also making membership arrangements available at the dances or having dancers send their registration information to Cori's email (contrasecretary@gmail.com). Brand new voting members must register by October 1 at 11:59 pm so they are able to vote at the annual meeting October 3, 2022 at 7 pm via zoom.

Generous donors have agreed to cover membership or renewal fees for 2023 if dancers renew before the Annual Meeting. Anyone who joined in 2022 as a new member will have their membership rolled over and be effective until January of 2024, at which time all will need to renew. **Unanimous** acceptance of this motion.

The board decided not to announce that we missed the 2022 membership signups as dictated by our bylaws **Vote:** 11 don't do it 1 abstain.

Simplifying procedures

The board voted to remove the little table in the foyer with masks and signs about masks and incorporate them into the signup table in the ballroom. **Vote:** 8 yes; 0 no; 3 abstain.

The board discussed how to simplify procedures at check-in for the Monday night dances.

Motion: have a check list for folks to mark attendance if they are on the list indicating that they have attended before. The cash box will be on the stage. The greeter just checks masks and gets info for new dancers' vax and waiver. **Vote** 9 yes; 1 no

The board members agreed by consensus that check-in folks can rotate that responsibility; with one person handling the time between 7:15 and 8pm and others rotating in and out per dance. It was suggested that these folks be board members initially, but later could be trusted dancers who understand procedures.

Discussion about removing the front round table (name tags, water bottles etc.) tabled until a future meeting.

The board agreed that adding Monday night dances should likely be the first priority that we discuss for expanding CCD dances. Discussion tabled to future meeting.

The CCD board meeting adjourned at 9:39 pm.
Next meeting tentatively set for 9/19/22 at 8 pm.