

## Cincinnati Contra Board Meeting Minutes

Sep 19, 2022 at 8 pm

Present: Deb Barrett, John McCain, Tricia Gorman, Bonnie Carpenter, Cori Yaeger, Steve Edwards, Mary Rekers (arrived around 8:45), Frank Buschermann, Ashley Greathouse, Bret Augsburger, and Charles Wallner (arrived at 8:15). Absent: Valerie Allendorf

Information items

### **Report on Dance Attendance**

8/22/22 – 36 or 37 dancers

9/12/22 – 38 dancers

**CDSS Philly region hosted regional Zoom** on 9/6/2022, with 2 dance organizers (1 epidemiologist and 1 nurse practitioner) reporting:

Multi-pronged approach (like we use) is preferable: masks + vax + current booster + maximum ventilation.

Dance organizers should start requiring newest booster 1 month after it's become available\*, because original vax & booster are nearly useless against variants circulating now. (\* unless it's less than 2 months after prior booster)

Currently 400-500 people are dying of Covid daily in USA.

Case counts are incomplete because of home testing.

5000 new hospitalizations daily.

More than 40% of adults in USA report having had Covid. 20% of them still have symptoms of long Covid.

Dances should wait to go maskless until Covid deaths are on par w/ flu deaths. (Currently they're 3x higher than pre-pandemic flu deaths.)

### **Appeals Process**

The Executive Committee has agreed on the following appeal process:

"You have a right to appeal this decision, in writing, to the board's executive committee. It will be reviewed by the exec committee and a recommendation will be made to the board. You have the right to attend that board meeting (as all members/CCD participants do). You will be given time to make a brief statement prior to the board voting on the exec's recommendation." **VOTE:** for approval: 8 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain.

### **Current Board**

Of the current board members, the following are planning to submit their names for re-election to the board: Bonnie, Tricia, Cori, Steve, Mary, Charles.

### **Talent and Volunteers:**

Deven and Bonnie will share responsibility for scheduling bands and callers. Deven will schedule openers and closers.

Deven and Bonnie are working together on redesign of webpage.

### **Dancing on Additional Mondays**

Bonnie reported that it would be OK with bands and callers to add Mondays starting in November. Also OK with sound techs. Per Tricia, closers can work it out. Deb will ask Deven to check with the Openers re their availability to add Mondays.

Board members suggested we start weekly dances on a trial basis – subject to change if not enough dancers or covid issues. Motion to restart in November as long as we can get the needed talent and volunteers. **VOTE:** Yes: 8, No 0, Abstain: 2

### **NYE Dance**

After discussion, **VOTE:** YES 0, No 11. Reasons for choosing not to plan a New Year's Eve dance included: too much work to pull it together; significantly higher expenses for the hall and the talent; finding talent willing to work until midnight; and Covid concerns.

### **Digital Payments**

Recommend to the incoming board that they implement a digital payment plan, because folks are increasingly expecting to use digital payments. **VOTE:** Yes 9, NO 1, Abstain 0.

The board decided to try PayPal for a while to see how it works, since we already have a PayPal account. **VOTE:** Yes 11, No 0. Frank will look into this and have it ready as soon as possible.

### **Covid Issues**

Should we start requiring the newest booster? **VOTE** unanimous NO

### **Facebook**

Ashley cleaned up FB pages – majority say no need to delete old posts.

### **Tips for Talent**

Motion – Because our talent works for very little money, we offer the opportunity for band and callers to have a tip jar or virtual tip jar that they set up and manage at dances to earn extra money that they keep track of. **VOTE:** Yes 11. No 0.

### **Appreciation:**

Without much discussion, a motion was made to send more than just a card to Mike B for his years of calling for us. **VOTE:** Yes 5. No 6. This issue will be discussed again at a future meeting.

**Memorial gift:**

Board members discussed sending something to Judy Doyle in response to Jim Johnson's death.

Charles said that we're allowed to organize a charitable donation to someone if the funds do not flow through our treasury. But that, if we're honoring a deceased participant, the rules are different. It is then OK for us to contribute to CCD for that designated purpose, and for CCD to write the check to the charity. He felt this would be preferable so as to convey more officially the appreciation that our entire organization had for Jim's presence and his contributions. The plan was approved.

Meeting adjourned at 9:32 pm

Next meeting will be scheduled after the annual meeting on October 3 to check availability of the new board members (likely won't be Mondays if we start weekly dances).