

## Minutes – Cincinnati Contra Board Meeting – August 6, 2023 7:00 pm

**Members present:** Bonnie Carpenter, Tricia Gorman, Steve Edwards, Cori Yaeger, Larry Lankford, Myra Mitchell, Deven Corzine, and Charles Wallner. Note – Valerie started the zoom meeting and made Larry and Cori co-hosts, as she was unable to attend the meeting.

**Meeting began at 7:05**

### Introduction

Meeting Minutes from 7/2/23 approved with deletion of one “comment” paragraph

Treasurer’s Report for July 2023 approved

Secretary’s report

Dance Attendance Numbers stable

July numbers have averaged 47

WFAC report – per Charles status quo seems good – no changes. **Myra will check to see if we are ok at WFAC for Mondays in perpetuity as well as possible dates for Saturdays.**

Social Secretary Report – Chris Widmer has died so sent cards out.

Scheduling Reports – January 1 is on! All is well. Kenny Greer is pitching in for Frank on August 7, 2023. Bands and callers and openers are scheduled for the remainder of 2023.

### Old Business

**Pigtown** – venue report & committee update

Tricia indicated that she hopes we have kept a record of reviews with details that might apply to future searches. Charles and Valerie affirmed that there is a record.

Charles reported that Mercer (Forest Hills) is likely going a go, but we are waiting to hear from principal who has been off for the summer. Charles is still looking at Wyoming Schools but timing is an issue for schools.

Cori pointed out that we decided at our last meeting that we would make a decision by the end of August.

We are looking at Mercer as plan A – a larger event, need to have budget and options. Plan B (WFAC and smaller event) would need the same.

**Steve requested budgets and plans since we are close to accepting a contract.**

Bonnie reported that we likely have bands and callers lined up for a 2024.

Cori pointed out that we might want to be sensitive to callers and bands that may have been part of controversies in the past. Charles mentioned that we must avoid being “blackmailed” by trying to please a faction that may or may not still have influence.

Steve asked if we were using the March 22-24, 2024 date. He reported that using the FC Ragtime Ball date would affect us more than them according to Tamara from FC. Charles thinks we need to be flexible, but keep close to our original dates.

**Fliers and Publicity** – Phil and Audrey will meet in next few weeks with Steve and Cori.

**Annual meeting** – October 10, 2023 – ZOOM – Cori will send notices out to voting members (email). A courtesy notice may be sent to our entire local list? (stipulating requirements to be voting member etc?) – if Cori can sort John’s most current list into folks who have attended dances in the past 18 months since we started back dancing after Covid.

New board candidates – Phil and Audrey are possibilities. Looking for younger members, maybe? Deven suggested Josh.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION began at 7:43 pm - Ended at 8:09 pm**

**Result of Exec session** – The board directed Steve to contact an attorney to ask for legal advice regarding how to enforce our Dancer Expectations/Etiquette and our Disciplinary Policies.

Charles suggested as a future agenda item – a safety protocol for dances (the ability to stop the dance if safety is endangered). It was also suggested that we familiarize ourselves with how to respond to an immediate problem at a dance.

### **New Business**

**Annual meeting details** – agenda items

next year’s board election

recap of the year – secretary report

financial report

The board directed Cori to make edits to the **disciplinary policy** to remove the term “member” because of confusion over the difference between a member (attendee) and a voting member (one who has paid dues and is eligible to attend the annual meeting and vote). The Disciplinary Action Policy proposed changes were approved by acclamation, with the major change being substituting “attendee” for “member”.

**Cori will make sure that the etiquette does not have confusing member verbiage.**

**Waltz night** – Trish said some folks have asked her about waltz nights. Look at that for after the new year. Saturday night dance? Waltz dance? Special dance for special occasions?

Charles suggested we do a waltz night in conjunction with WFAC and community.

Larry suggested **September 30 waltz night and October 14 Saturday dance**. Consensus.

**Myra and Bonnie will work on October and Trish on September**. We will need band, caller, sound person for October. Band and sound person for September. Both dates need to

be checked with WFAC as well as charge for use of the building on Saturdays. (same as Mondays, or different?)

Postponed to future meeting:

Open mike nights (suggested by Liz B – with current issues, suggest we table this)

Communications

Teaching Tips – is there a way to incorporate some teaching into our dances?

Hall of Fame

Ended meeting: 8:52

Next meeting: September 3, 2023, 7:00 pm

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