

Annual CCD Voting Member Meeting Minutes October 10, 2023

Members present: Steve Edwards, Valerie Allendorf, Cori Yaeger, Charles Wallner, Myra Mitchell, Larry Lankford, Bonnie Carpenter, Deven Corzine, Philip Ogston, Francie Wolgin, Sylvia Hadley, Rebecca Pace, Chuck Reidmiller, Josh Telescan, Nada Huron, Audrey Eyman, Mike Kop (newly joined), Christie Armstrong (late – 8:33 pm – did not vote).

Meeting began at 8:07

1. Establishment of Quorum – 18 in attendance (19 with latecomer Christie Armstrong)
2. Treasurer's report YTD approved
3. Secretary's Update on Activities Since 2022 Annual Meeting approved

Annual Meeting Secretary's Report approved

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First, I'd like to express my appreciation to my fellow board members for the excellent collaboration and dedication to Cincinnati Contra during the past year. I'm pleased that the officers and 4 of the at-large members have decided to run for their board positions again. And we look forward to new members joining us who will bring new energy and ideas to make CCD even better.

We currently have 71 voting members.

Since we started dancing again in 2021, we have had well over 300 dancers attend at least one of our dances.

Dances were held 2nd and 4th Mondays until October 2022, when weekly Monday dances began. Mask and vaccination/booster requirements were lifted in March of 2023, with the caveat that the board may reinstate them if indicated by a rise in Covid infections and hospitalizations.

Average number of dancers has risen slightly (about 35), but still not enough to cover expenses. Many callers, sound techs, and band members have waived their pay to help us financially. Also, many dancers are paying more than \$5 per evening. We still need 60 dancers paying \$5 each in order to meet our expenses.

In order to save some money, we have let lapse our bulk mailing permit (\$...) and our bulk email subscription. (\$) We are finding that using Gmail for communication is working well in the interim. We are also experimenting with MailChimp.

Students still pay \$2 per evening, and all dancers get their first (changed from second) evening free.

Several board members spent exhaustive hours searching for a new PigTown Fling venue. We lost Purcell-Marion because they re-finished their gymnasium floor and wanted us to dance on a tarp. Finally, a new venue was found and PTF 2024 will be held March 22-24, 2024 at Mercer Elementary School in Anderson Township. The PTF committee is now working to finalize the bands, callers, and workshop leaders for the weekend.

Oscher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) from UC has added contra to its class list for the past two sessions (May and September). Thanks to Tammy Goyke, we now have a relationship with them and welcome up to 20 “over 50s” to a 3 week contra class. Although the OLLI students don’t pay, we consider this a valuable community outreach and have a few of the students who have continued with us.

In September we sponsored a Mostly Waltz Night, and we’re happy to report the accounting came out positively. The board will be looking into whether we will continue to underwrite Waltz Nights in the future.

On October 14, we will host a Saturday Contra and we’ll evaluate whether to continue these based on income and losses. Traditionally CCD has hosted contra dances on the 2nd Saturdays. Our next Saturday dances would not occur until January 2024.

Respectfully

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4. Elections

A. Officer candidates as of 10/9/2023 are Steve Edwards (Facilitator), Myra Mitchell (Co-Facilitator), Larry Lankford (Treasurer), and Cori Yaeger (Secretary) Request to vote by acclamation. Officers elected by acclamation. 1 abstention.

B. Candidates for board-members-at-large as of 10/9/2023 are Valerie Allendorf, Bonnie Carpenter, Deven Corzine, Charles Wallner, Audrey Eyman, Philip Ogston, and Josh Telescan.

C. Decide the maximum number of board-members-at-large for the coming term. Unanimous decision for 8 at large members. Above 7 candidates voted in by majority exceeding 50% via Google ballots.

5. Recognition of outgoing board member Patricia Gorman (absent) and Steve Edwards applauding the monumental efforts expended by the PigTown Fling committee for 2024.

6. Member Questions or Comments - Kudos to Valerie for weekly emails and FB posts

7. Adjournment 8:40 pm