

**Minutes – Cincinnati Contra Board Meeting –
March 3, 2024, 7:00 pm
DRAFT**

Present: Valerie Allendorf, Charles Wallner (joined at 7:30), Myra Mitchell, Larry Lankford, Josh Telescan, Audrey Eyman, Steve Edwards, Cori Yaeger, Deven Corzine,
Absent: Bonnie Carpenter and Philip Ogston

Meeting began at 7: 04

Introduction

Meeting Minutes from 02/04/2024 -delay approval to next meeting (secretary sent out wrong minutes).

Treasurer's Report for February – approved by consensus. Paypal for pigtown is being very accommodating.

Secretary's report – nothing to report. Cori has been spending a lot of her time on pigtown.

WFAC report – we have ballroom reserved for the next year. So time to get bands and callers for Saturday night dances.

Speakers are back. Josh suggested we get a power protector (better than a regular surge protector to protect speakers from whatever caused the problem last year.)

Charles reported that WFAC finances are not solid, as grants are not final, so we may be to explore options for other locations.

Deven suggested that Cori keep count as dancers come in at Saturday dances. That would catch most, but not the ones who come in after cash box is put on stage.

Valeirie reported that John Rozic is taking a break from contra so Deven will find someone to replace him on the closing schedule.

Social Secretary Report - Bonnie absent, but Charles sent card to Carolyn Tindal and Jeneene. Cori sent a get-well card to Rebecca Pace.

Scheduling Report – nothing on this

Old Business

Pigtown update – Valerie - everything seems to be under control. Josh suggested that we find a larger venue. Valerie reported that 40 venues were explored and found inadequate.

Josh asked if a la carte options still open? Charles said, yes, a few.

Saturday Dance –March 2, 2024 (50 present in March. Made \$85 profit mostly because of extra donations)

Deven asked if we could go back to 8-11 instead of 8-10:30 as we've done recently. Would need to pay band and caller more. Maybe start earlier. Valerie suggested that if we

have a big and enthusiastic crowd we'd announce that we will go until 11. Audrey suggested we as other cities what they charge and how long their dances last. Do at least one more until 10:30. Discuss more later.

Do we have facility/ band/caller/sound for April 13? Deven working on it. Steve will call and Josh will do sound if needed.

Calling Language Posting – callers decide whether and what to post.

New Business

Callers etiquette? Steve – Cary Ravitz has a nice callers pointers on website we can use as resource.

Website – Audrey. Proposal next month. Cori will work up a list of the content that we need to include. Current cost is \$300/year. Cori will ask Rose how much the cost is for domain and how much for the actual website.

Communications – kudos to Valerie.

Amendment to disciplinary policy – much discussion about whether we should make a temporary suspension into an expulsion after 6 months due to noncompliance with the disciplinary policy. Deven suggested that after 6 months the board could vote to make it permanent. Or “a person could only appeal after 6 months”

Josh suggested that we keep all records of people who have violated our rules. Cori pointed out that such information is not public, and all discussion happened in executive session, minutes of which are not kept.

No consensus to amend the disciplinary policy to have temporary suspension become permanent after 6 months.

Larry pointed out that we need to indicate ON the current policy when it was approved by the board.

Safety Policy – anything on CDSS – Board members responsible for implementing

Meeting adjourned at 9 pm

Next meeting: April 7, 2024, 7:00 pm zoom
