

Minutes – Cincinnati Contra Board Meeting –May 7, 2023 7:30 pm

Introduction

Present: Larry Lankford, Steve Edwards, Myra Mitchell, Bonnie Carpenter, Valerie Allendorf, Cori Yaeger, Charles Wallner, Absent: Mary Rekers, Patricia Gorman. guest: Sherry Corzine. Tricia joined at 8:00 pm.

Meeting Minutes from 4/2/23 were approved.

Shall we send a draft of minutes to board members a few days after the meeting and again before the next meeting? Consensus Yes

Treasurer's Report approved.

Review Talent Payment Formula –see * below – policy of 2/1/16 was put in place as a pilot project to share some of the excess profits with bands (at a time when CCD had a very large balance in accounts.) Suspend the policy because we don't have excess funds at this time? Yes. Reconsider later if warranted.

Bonnie asked for increased payments for callers and bands who come from out of town. We don't have the money to add this, and we seem to have plenty of local callers and bands, so don't really need out of town talent for the dances. No change to rates at this time. They can put out a tip jar (as we've already approved).

Valerie mentioned that a dancer asked why we are charging only \$5 while other groups are charging 10-12 per dance. – tabled discussion.

Deven wanted to discuss "free dance" – currently we have 2nd dance free – go back to policy of having 1st dance free? Why do we even have a free dance policy? Consensus to make first dance free. Caller will announce.

Secretary's report

Dance Attendance Numbers for April numbers have averaged 35-40

Etiquette Change Suggestion from Bernadene

"If a dancer has a conflict with an individual, he/she is encouraged to resolve the conflict with that individual. If that is not feasible, please contact the board via contrasecretary@gmail.com or 513-608-9362." – approved to be added to Dancer Etiquette. Cori will do word document.

"Dancer Expectations" document gives examples of inappropriate behavior and indicates that one engaging in such behavior "may be asked to leave the dance."

WFAC report – Myra will check on the email about Katie Wells being the new event/fundraising coordinator.

Social Secretary Report – Frank Fitch seriously ill. Death of Richard Berryhill Kern. Bonnie will send cards

Scheduling Reports - Bonnie sent to callers and bands.

Calling Language - Gendered or gender-free calling indicated on the schedule? callers make the decision of whether they want their calling style to be posted on the schedule? G, GF, Mix, unknown. Bonnie will ask when scheduling callers and post on the schedule if they are ok with posting.

Old Business

Pigtown Report -Venue Update and Discussion of PGT vs. PGT Lite - need royalty and overall volunteer leads. Also, national or regional (size). Per Tricia, Elizabeth Keller has volunteered to be royalty. (local person who is currently not dancing bc of pelvic injury). Venues are still being explored. Will discuss the need to make decisions at June meeting.

Meeting adjourned 9:08 pm

Next meeting: June 11, 2023 7:30 pm