

## Cincinnati Contra Dancers

**Date:** November 20, 2006

The meeting began at 7:00 and adjourned at 8:20.

**Attendees:** Larry Lankford, Chuck Reidmiller, Don Woerner, Susan Vogt, Karen E. Keeton, John McCain, Debbie Lucas, Joseph Gracie, Eileen Bens, Paul Fox, Jim Vogt, John Brockman, Sylvia Hadley, Fred Stoll, Colette Palmer, Adrienne Dorais, Pam Stoll.

### Topics

**Minutes** from the September 11 were approved as read.

### New Leadership Team

The following people have agreed to serve in these positions: Facilitator -Jim Vogt, Assistant Facilitator -Debbie Lucas, Secretary –Larry Lankford and Colette Palmer, Treasurer –Karen Keeton, Volunteer Scheduler – Eileen Bens, Membership Coordinator –John Brockman. John Brockman said that Jim Bolling might take on the responsibility of the database. A suggestion was made to have the presiding facilitator find and nominate a facilitator for the next term, similar to the way the Pig Town Fling head chooses a successor.

### Committee to deal with band issues

There is a proposal to add a new band to our Monday night band schedule. This would increase the number of regular bands from 8 to 9 and therefore reduce the number of times that local bands can play. There was a proposal (see attached) to organize an ad hoc committee of dancers, board members, musicians, and callers to discuss details of band schedules to address these issues. The following people volunteered to work on the committee: John Brockman, Eileen Bens, John McCain, Fred Stoll, John Bealle.

### New Year's Eve Dance

## Music

Should we choose three bands to play or have it open to all musicians and callers as it was in the past? Larry said that organizing open bands the night of the dance was difficult because bands would call before the event to ask for spots. This resulted in not having any openings the night of the dance for an open or "pickup" band. It was proposed that we choose three bands and rotate the schedule over the years. Eileen's new committee will take this as an action item to discuss when more musicians can express an opinion.

## Food

The pot luck is open to all; no one is going to keep a list of items that people intend to bring. Paul Fox will bring lemonade and cups.

## Publicity

An e-mail will be sent out to the entire e-mail list. This event was so packed last year that it was decided not to do any other advertising in addition to the e-mail.

## Cost

The hall was \$200 last year. Jim Vogt will make sure the hall is reserved. Bands and callers are not paid for this night. Colette questioned why we don't pay bands and callers. Her point was that since we don't need to make money on it, and it is no longer an open event, meaning specific bands will be chosen, shouldn't we pay them? Palm Stoll said that she didn't think the band members needed to be paid since they have not been in the past. It is a festive evening and they don't play for the whole night. The group voted to leave the event for this year strictly volunteer. The cost for each dancer was set at \$2.00.

## Dance on Monday, January 1

Should we have one? Pros and cons discussed. John Brockman will send out an e-mail to see if anyone will volunteer to organize it. If no one does, then there will be no dance on this night.

## WFAC Improvements

The **wood floor** is done. The contra committee paid for half of the work. John McCain mentioned that other groups are putting rosin and powder on the floor and that is making it alternately sticky or slippery.

Jim Vogt shared an e-mail from Mac that detailed plans to improve the **bathrooms**. Both will be painted, both will have block windows and air circulation vents installed. There will be new floor tile in the women's restroom and a new toilet in the men's restroom. They are not considering new urinals at this point. They are looking for volunteers to help paint and to look into the urinal situation. Don Woerner will contact Mac regarding the urinals.

John McCain reported on the mounted **speakers** for the hall. He has an estimate for Bose speakers that cost \$500 - \$650 each. We need four. It costs \$65 an hour to have them wired and mounted. Using wireless technology does not sound viable. No estimate is available for when this project could be completed. The speakers come in white or black, and vary in size, but are not as big as our current speakers. Cincinnati Tech has not called him back. John is still pursuing other estimates. Pam Stoll said white speakers sound best since we could paint them if we wanted to.

### **Dance Etiquette**

Don Woerner presented a rough draft of ideas that he got from the web. There was some laughter over the recommendation not to eat onions or spicy foods before dancing. Paul Fox mentioned the conversation at the Pig Town Fling meeting regarding how to encourage dancers to wash their hands. Mary mentioned that we could put up a hand washing reminder sign in the restrooms. Susan Vogt will edit the list that Don provided to make it more concise.

### **Pig Town Fling**

Flyers will be ready soon. Poppy has been working on them. For 2008, the bands are Elfones for Friday night, and Brittany Bay. Caller suggestions were Diane Silver via e-mails, and Pam Stoll suggested Kathy Anderson. The choice of caller will be sent out for a vote in an e-mail to gather a consensus. Jim Vogt said it should also be discussed in a meeting after that.

### **Website**

Who will do the flyer that lists the bands and callers for the first half of 2007? The Schedule committee will give the information to John Brockman, and he will post it on the website.

John Brockman wanted to know if people would like the schedule to be updated when callers and bands change. Currently, any changes are not reflected in this list. It was decided that we should try to show any changes to the posted schedule. John McCain said that when bands and callers need to switch dates, they need to copy John Brockman on the e-mail. Eileen's committee will discuss this

## Waltz Events

Pam Stoll is preparing to schedule regular waltz events. The group agreed to make these one of our official events. John Brockman said that we need to make sure that Mac knows this so the waltz events get our discounted rate for the hall; Jim Vogt will tell him.

## Workshop Committee

The workshop committee meets tonight at the break.

Colette Palmer, Chuck Reidmiller and Mary Rekers were thanked for joining the Leadership Committee.

Respectfully submitted by Colette Palmer and Larry Lankford