

# Independence Squares Board Meeting

## July 12, 2018

**Attending:** Deb Cassel, Kevin Gisi, Tim Harper, Bob Rohde, Leda Sportolari, Susan Turkel, Bruce Zangwill

**Absent:** Ted Marvel

Meeting held via conference call.

### **Approval of last meeting's minutes:**

Susan will make changes requested by Tim and Deb. Minutes accepted as revised.

### **Class Rep Reports**

**Bruce:** (Not on call at beginning, so no report.)

**Leda:** (No specific class rep report; conversation immediately went into discussion of Wednesday night C1 and C2 dances and classes.)

### **Wednesday night C1 and C2 dances and classes**

Leda checked in with Dave Tavani, who had spoken with Challenge dancers. We discussed several aspects of Wednesday night programming.

- **Schedule**

The dancers recommend going ahead with Wednesdays every second and fourth week. We discussed possibility of running the evenings from 7-9 or 7-9:30 pm. We tentatively agreed to start by contracting Drew for 7-9:30, with a plan to cut down to 7-9 if necessary. (Note: after the meeting, Leda spoke with Dave and he expressed that ending at 9 would be "the way to go." If the Board has no objections, the contract should state 7-9 pm as the run time.)

- **Program**

There will not be enough C2 dancers, but some C1 are willing to step in as "meat puppets" so we can alternate C1 full program with C2 class. If C2 doesn't work out, the evenings will focus on full C1.

- **Three strikes/kickout clause**

If we don't have a square 3 times over year, we will stop immediately. Church is paid ahead of time, Drew has to be paid when he shows up as well. We need to minimize losses (and of course we'll encourage dancers to show up so this program will be a success).

### **Review and confirm all currently scheduled Saturday and Sunday dances**

We discussed the Tuesday night and Saturday and Sunday dance schedules with Deb. At the time of the meeting, the caller for the DCLS crossover dance had not yet been confirmed. (Note: the caller approached was Jeremy Butler, who in fact called the dance.)

We emphasized the importance of publicizing our special dances to other clubs, and Susan agreed to post and share a Facebook event for the Don Moger dance on July 22. (Note: shortly after the call, Bob sent a mass email re: the Don Moger dance to IS folks and to members of several IASGDC clubs in the region.)

We discussed scheduling of dances: which times might work best; options for format (intermixed/all skate, vs. a session for MS/Plus and a separate session for Advanced/Challenge); potluck break vs. potluck grazing with no break vs. taking a formal dinner break with a suggested restaurant for interested folks to go out together. We remembered that we can't add a long break or an extra-early start and ask our callers to be present past the number of hours stated on the contract.

A lively conversation ensued.

We decided to try a couple of variations and see how the dancers respond. The first experiment was slated to be the September 22<sup>nd</sup> dance, with two hours of MS/Plus, then a dinner break, then two hours of Advanced/Challenge. (Note: this will not happen; the dance will follow the regular format of rotating different levels and not taking a formal break. The dance will run from 4:00 pm till 7:30.)

### **Topics held over for next meeting:**

- Holding back dancers deemed not to be ready for next level (Kevin)
- Parkway dance in October (Kevin)
- Storage locker for club equipment (Tim)
- Club social media (Kevin)
- Approving or reappointing standing committees (Kevin)
- Budget (may be more appropriate to wait for Bob to recalculate based on decisions we make on Wednesday dances)
- New Business (Bob)

Meeting adjourned at 9:04 pm.