

Independence Squares Board Meeting

March 25, 2019

Present: Kevin Gisi, Tim Harper, Ted Marvel, Leda Sportolari, Susan Turkel, Dave Tavani

Absent: Bob Rohde, Bruce Zangwill

Meeting was held at 30th Street Station.

Approval of last meeting's minutes:

Minutes of February meeting approved with minor updates.

Treasurer's Report

We will discuss the treasurer's report at the next meeting, when Bob is in attendance. Those present had no questions or concerns.

Caller Liaison Report

See the appended Caller Liaison Report. The Board appreciates these monthly updates from the Caller Liaison. We agreed that someone needs to double-check the dates listed on the report.

(Note: This has now been done.)

Mike has been in touch with caller Barry Clasper, who will be traveling in the U.S. in the fall. We discussed the possibility of having him call for us, and agreed that we might amend the current schedule or add a dance to accommodate him. We learned via email after the meeting that it won't work to schedule Barry for this fall, but we are booking him for September 2020.

Fall Schedule

We discussed Tim's most recent proposal for the fall schedule, in which MS classes and Adv workshop start in September in a single room, and then we add a second room with Betsy teaching MS workshop and C1 workshop commence in October once she returns.

| Fall 2019 | | |
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| | not Betsy (start 9/10/19) | Betsy (start 10/8/19) |
| 7:00-7:15 | MS class | C1 WS |
| 7:15-7:30 | Adv WS | MS WS |
| 7:30-7:45 | MS class | C1 WS |
| 7:45-8:00 | Adv WS | MS WS |
| 8:00-8:15 | Announcements | |
| 8:15-8:30 | MS class | C1 WS |
| 8:30-8:45 | Adv WS | MS WS |
| 8:45-9:00 | MS class | C1 WS |
| 9:00-9:15 | Adv WS | MS WS |
| 9:15-9:30 | MS class | C1 WS |

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| MS Class | 5 |
| Adv WS | 4 |
| MS WS | 4 |
| C1 WS | 5 |

We did not discuss Spring 2020 during the meeting, but the proposed schedule was included in the document containing the proposed Fall schedule so it is included here for future reference:

| Spring 2020 | | |
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| | not Betsy | Betsy |
| 7:00-7:15 | MS class | C1 WS |
| 7:15-7:30 | Adv WS | Plus Class |
| 7:30-7:45 | MS class | C1 WS |
| 7:45-8:00 | Adv WS | Plus Class |
| 8:00-8:15 | Announcements | |
| 8:15-8:30 | MS class | Plus Class |
| 8:30-8:45 | Adv WS | C1 WS |
| 8:45-9:00 | MS class | Plus Class |
| 9:00-9:15 | Adv WS | C1 WS |
| 9:15-9:30 | MS class | Plus Class |

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| MS Class | 5 |
| Adv WS | 4 |
| Plus Class | 5 |
| C1 WS | 4 |

Challenge at IS

We had a brief discussion of Challenge dancing at IS, led by Dave Tavani. IS is the only club in the Delaware Valley that teaches and dances C1. This is why we have several non-IS folks taking our Tuesday night class; we often have 16 people dancing C1 on Tuesdays.

Attendance has been dropping on Wednesday nights, so we anticipate not restarting Wednesday nights in the fall.

About the Board

Elections are coming up at the Annual Meeting on June 11. We are recruiting folks to run for every office except Tim's.

Two offices are two-year commitments (President-elect and Treasurer); the rest are one-year commitments.

We discussed the possibility of breaking the Secretary role into two spots: a Secretary who handles the meeting minutes, and a Communications Director who handles social media, advertising, etc. Tim will write up a proposal for a change to the by-laws, which would allow the club to vote on this change. (Proposal is appended below.)

We also discussed whether the Caller Liaison and Fly-In Chair roles should be board-level positions, or whether they should remain independent. The Caller Liaison is currently appointed by the board. We did not come to any conclusions.

We talked about the role of the “Class Reps” and decided that they should be called Program Reps as they represent more than just the individuals taking a class; they represent the folks who dance those programs.

Meeting adjourned at 8:07 pm.

Attachments:

- 1) Caller Liaison Report for March Meeting
- 2) Proposed Amendments to the By-Laws

Caller Liaison Report

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The information below is accurate as of Saturday, March 23, 2019 and may not reflect any updates received after this report's preparation. Please note that all dances are at the Lutheran Church unless otherwise noted.

Open Houses – Summer 2019

Contracts for Howard Richman have been finalized and the space is secured for the open houses on the following pre-approved dates: June 18, July 16 and August 20.

Dances – Summer 2019

Callers have been contracted and confirmed for the following dances taking place June 1, 2019 through August 31, 2019.

Tuesday, June 4, 2019 Mainstream/Plus – Clay Goss 7:00 pm – 9:30 pm

Saturday, June 8, 2019 Advanced/ Challenge 1 – Dayle Hodge 7:00 pm – 9:30 pm

Saturday, July 27, 2019 Plus/Advanced – Joe Bradshaw 7:00 pm to 9:30 pm

Tuesday, August 6, 2019 Mainstream/Plus – Betsy Gotta 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm

Saturday, August 10 or August 17, 2019 Joint Dance with DC Lambda Squares This is customarily arranged by the DC club. I have contacted them and am trying to arrange something. I will update the board as this develops.

Fall Dances 2019

The following dances are being contracted as noted for the period September 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019 (Items marked TBD have not had a caller finalized):

Saturday, September 7, 2019 – Todd Fellego Double Header with Potluck

4:00 pm – 6:00 pm Advanced through Challenge 2

7:00 pm – 9:30 pm Mainstream through Plus with Advanced Star Tip

Saturday, October 5, 2019 Mainstream/Plus with Advanced Star Tip – Mark Franks 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Saturday, October 19, 2019 – Advanced/C1 with C2 Star Tip – Brian Jarvis 7:00 pm – 9:30 pm

Saturday, November 23, 2019 – Mainstream/Plus with Advanced Star Tip – Howard Richman 7:00 pm – 9:30 pm

Saturday, December 7, 2019 – Glitter Ball Mainstream through C2 – Dayle Hodge 4:00 pm – 8:00 pm The Merion Meeting House will once again be the site of the Glitter Ball with paper work and checks to be finalized.

FYI Notes

- 1) I will begin hiring callers for January 2020 through May of 2020 after this year's fly-in.
- 2) 2020 Fly-In Callers: Sandra Bryant, Todd Felleggy, Dayle Hodge March 27-29, 2020.
- 3) 2021 Fly-In Callers: Bill Harrison, Eric Henerlau, Kris Jensen March 12-14, 2021

Items of Concern for the Caller Liaison – To Be Discussed by the Board

- 1) Upcoming Fall Classes – Not an immediate concern but an item of note
- 2) Challenge Workshops – Continue or Not in Fall 2019 (So that the space can be secured. This can be reversed if the board decides later not to continue the workshops.)
- 3) Approving dances further out on the calendar. While the board is still trying new things and times, this may seem like it shouldn't be done, however, most times and dances can be changed at a later if there appears to be a real problem. Please see the caller's contract where cancellation policies are spelled out. Dates are currently approved through May 2020. I would recommend approving dates through at least December 2020, ideally through May 2021. The open houses for the 2020 and 2021 summer sessions are a different topic.

Upcoming Callers

Please let me know of any callers that you would like to have call for our dances and I will do my best to bring a variety of callers to our dance halls.

Proposed amendments to By-Laws

Summary:

Add an additional officer to bring the total number of Board members to seven (7) by splitting the position of Secretary into two: Secretary responsible for maintaining internal club records/minutes and Communications Director responsible for overseeing external communications, including maintaining and updating the club's social media accounts.

Modify the terminology such that Class reps are formally listed as Program Reps to acknowledge that they represent dancers who dance a given program as well as class members who are learning that program.

ARTICLE IV

Section 4.2 COMPOSITION

The Board of Directors shall consist of **seven** officers of The Organization, all of whom shall be members of The Organization. The Officers of The Organization shall be: President, President-Elect, Secretary, **Communications Director**, Treasurer, and two Members-at-Large who serve as **Program Representatives**. One Member-at-Large position will serve as a **representative of the Mainstream and Plus dancers and shall be a member of The Organization who is planning to primarily participate in Mainstream and/or Plus classes/workshops or dance events in the upcoming Fiscal Year.** The second Member-at-Large position will serve as a **representative of the Advanced and Challenge dancers and shall be a member of The Organization who is planning to primarily participate in Advanced and/or Challenge classes/workshops or dance events in the upcoming Fiscal Year.** Those elected to the offices of President-Elect and Treasurer shall have been participating in class and/or Organization activities for a period of no less than two years. In the event that two members wish to share the responsibilities of an elected Office, they may do so as co-Officers on the ballot, but each Office is considered to function as a single voting entity when deciding Board matters.

Section 4.4 RESPONSIBILITIES

C. Secretary.

1. Shall see that notices of all meeting of The Organization and the Board of Directors are issued and that the minutes of such meetings are kept and distributed to the membership.
2. Shall maintain the legal and other non-financial records of The Organization
3. Shall be responsible for **all internal** correspondence for The Organization.

F. Communications Director

1. **Shall be responsible for all external correspondence for The Organization, including oversight and maintenance of all of The Organization's social media accounts.**
2. **Shall oversee dissemination of information pertaining to club activities to the wider community.**
3. **Shall perform other duties as are usual to this office, or as delegated by the President or at the discretion of the Board of Directors.**