

# Independence Squares Board Meeting

## January 3, 2019

**Present:** Kevin Gisi, Tim Harper, Ted Marvel, Bob Rohde, Mike Rutkowski (caller liaison), Leda Sportolari, Susan Turkel.

**Absent:** Bruce Zangwill

Meeting was held at 30<sup>th</sup> Street Station.

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

Minutes of Dec. 10 meeting were approved unanimously, with very minor updates.

### **Glitter Ball 2019 arrangements:**

We learned that Dayle Hodge is available for either of the dates in December that we wanted. Leda agreed to be the new contact between IS and Merion Friends, and she agreed to check with them on the dates and the cost. We hope to get the same per-hour rate as we had last year, \$50/hour, and we agreed that we need to reserve the hall from 3:00 – 8:30 pm on the day of the event. (Note: December 7 is likely to be the date of the event.)

### **Farm Show update:**

Leda reported that there would be a second practice session over the weekend immediately before the Farm Show, and the group was confident that they would perform well.

### **Website and publicity:**

Website: Ted reported that he is making progress in putting together the information and access he needs to be able to migrate to a new, updated website using the independencesquares.org domain.

Meetup: we agreed that Susan would take over “ownership” of the Meetup group, and that we would be more active in contacting group members throughout the year to remind them of our existence and to keep them interested. Previously, our only communication was to welcome each person to the group and then sent out Open House invitations.

Facebook: we will revisit our Facebook presence and decide whether it's useful to continue to have two separate sites (the internal site and the Community site) going forward. We will address this once we have an updated website.

Flyers: Susan will make a flyer for the January dance, and a separate flyer summarizing our Saturday/weekend dance schedule for the rest of the spring semester. (Note: these were ready and printed in time for the January 8 class session, and the January 26 flyer was sent to Deb and Ted to put on the website.)

**Club equipment:**

We discussed the need to inventory the Club’s equipment, e.g., amps, microphones, banners, baskets, etc. There is also a desire to collocate this equipment, possibly in a storage unit. (Note: after the meeting, Board members began to compile information via email re: sound equipment and other items.)

**Caller substitutions:**

Betsy will not be available on two Tuesdays this semester (January 15 and April 4). Mike will follow up with Deb to find out where we are in terms of securing replacements. (Note: Mark Franks will call on January 15.)

**Dance schedule for Fall 2019:**

Tim presented his proposal for the weekend dance schedule for the fall semester, and the group members suggested slight tweaks. The schedule includes some experimental details; we’d like to try these variations to see what kind of response we get. This is the tentative schedule:

Saturday, Sept. 7	4-6, Adv/C1/C2 6-7, Potluck 7-9:30, MS/Plus/Adv
Saturday, Oct. 5	2-4:30, MS/Plus w/ Adv*
Saturday, Oct. 19	7-9:30, Adv/C1/C2*
Saturday, Nov. 23	7-9:30, MS/Plus/Adv*
Saturday, Dec. 7	4-8, Glitter Ball

We noted that there are local fly-ins scheduled for the first two weekends in November: Peel the Pumpkin (Times Squares) is Nov. 1-3, and Harvest Festival Hoedown (DC Lambda Squares) is Nov. 8-10.

We are open to possibly adding to or adjusting the schedule if we learn that special out-of-town callers will be in the area. Mike will keep an eye on other clubs’ announcements.

**Class schedule for Fall 2019:**

We had a brief discussion of the variables we’ll need to keep in mind re: fall classes and workshops. Leda will reach out to the C1 class members to find out if they would be willing to come to class every Wednesday if that were the only day C1 was available. We will discuss the class schedule in more detail in the next meeting.

**Meeting adjourned** at 8:42 pm.

**Addendum: Caller Fees**

The board agreed to revise our guidelines for calling fees offered for Tuesday dances to be more consistent with the established guidelines we have in place for Saturday dances.