

IS Board Meeting Minutes

February 24, 2021

Present: George Rizor, Norma Beard, Dick Michelin, Will Hamp, Dave Blatt, Steve Demos, Ron Rumble; Caller Liaison Mike Rutkowski

This meeting was held via teleconference (Zoom).

Approval of Minutes from 1/25/2021 – Will

The minutes were approved as corrected, unanimously.

Treasurer's Report - Dick

The virtual dances are doing well.

The report was accepted.

Motion: The board will submit a change in the by-laws at the annual meeting.

Section 4.4 D 4. Shall ensure that at least the ~~President, President-Elect, Treasurer, and Secretary of the incoming Board~~ become signatories of the club bank account(s) in a timely fashion for the duration of their term(s) of office.

Shall be replaced with:

Section 4.4 D 4. Shall ensure that at least the Treasurer, and three other Board members become signatories of the club bank account(s) in a timely fashion for the duration of their term(s) of office.

Steve moved, George second, Passed unanimously.

The language being removed has been ~~lined out~~. The language being added has been underlined.

Caller Liaison Report - Mike

The workshops have been scheduled. The first one went well.

Action: Mike will forward the document for the Merion Meeting House (glitter ball) to George. Dick will deliver to George a check for the Meeting house and a letter to Betsy with her check.

Publicity Chair Report - Dave

The Google group is working well. Mostly maintenance.

Advanced & Challenge Report- Ron

No change.

Mainstream & Plus Report - Steve

The mainstream class members are continuing to be interested in the club. Discussion of ways to graduate the class. We will ask the callers to include the remaining calls in the remaining workshops. We will suggest that they use either Betsy's video, Saddlebrook website or Taminations so they are at least familiar with the calls.

Motion: Steve will orchestrate a letter to the Mainstream class expressing the board is pleased to participate in their efforts in attending workshops and any ancillary teaching devices and inviting them into membership. George moved, Steve second, passed unanimously.

Committee Assignments - Norma, Dave

The committee is seeking to find candidates to be candidates for the board as President elect, Treasurer, & Publicity (communications) chair. We also need a Fly-in chair.

Recruitment Committee - Steve

The committee made recommendations to the board.

- Add to the first page of our website the statement "Independence Squares welcomes all to our inclusive square dance community."
- Link "all" to "about us" on the "about us page".
- Add our non discrimination statement under "about us".
- Add to our facebook page the statement "Independence Squares welcomes all to our inclusive square dance community."
- Describe our community as "LGTBQ+" or "LGBTQ and our allies" or "LGBTQ and our friends" where appropriate.

Additions:

- A statement be added before the non discrimination statement.
- Wherever we use LGBTQ we change it to LGBTQ+.

Motion: The Communications chair will implement the recruitment committee report's recommendations with additions. George moved, Dick second, passed unanimously.

Motion: All flyers and announcements will include the statement; "Independence Squares welcomes all to our inclusive square dance community." Steve moved, Norma second, passed unanimously.

The committee is splitting into a recruitment committee and a retention committee. Steve will chair both of them.

Old business:

Dave will host the March social, Roy's Game Show idea.

The last social, the picture social activity, was a success.

New business: None

Motion to adjourn: Steve moved, Dave second, passed unanimously.

Caller Liaison Report

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The information below is accurate as of Tuesday, February 23, 2021, 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.

Opening Discussions for Board

1. Betsy Gotta held a successful workshop on Tuesday, February 16, 2021. My impression is that it was well received by all the attendees: 13 IS members/friends and 3 others (not including Betsy and myself). This was a workshop/dance for the Mainstream and Plus programs. This was a smaller number of attendees than in previous workshops but still supported by a larger number of club members than of other guests. Special guests included Mark Franks and Thom Dang.

No additional contracts or promises have been made to any caller regarding the holding of workshops or classes, virtual or live, other than the Glitter Ball in December 2021.

Dances Through December 2021

Callers have been contracted and confirmed for the following dances taking place February 23, 2021 through December 4, 2021.

Tuesday, March 16, 2021 – Mainstream/Plus Workshop – Mark Franks 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm Virtual

Tuesday, April 20, 2021 – Mainstream/Plus Workshop – Betsy Gotta 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm Virtual

Tuesday, May 18, 2021 – Mainstream/Plus Workshop – Mark Franks 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm Virtual

Saturday, December 4, 2021 – Glitter Ball Mainstream through C1 – Betsy Gotta 4:00 pm – 8:00 pm The Merion Meeting House is the first choice as the site of the Glitter Ball 2021

FYI Notes

1. 2022 Fly-In: Callers: Mike Kellogg, Chris Phillips, Anne Uebelacker March 25-27, 2022

Items of Concern for the Caller Liaison

1. Discussions continue to be held with Mark Franks and Betsy Gotta about the status of the club. They understand that once dancing begins again, workshops will be held at the various levels with the completion of the Mainstream class being on the

agenda. No contracts have been signed pending the resolution as to what classes or workshops will be held in the fall or spring.

2. The Lutheran Church is still closed, so no concerns there other than the club's onsite storage is there. The church is not renting out their space currently, so nothing to worry about unless the club begins dancing before the church is reopened. This may be more of an FYI but is something that the board should be aware of for future planning.
3. The Merion Meeting House contract needs to be completed for the Glitter Ball in December 2021. Leda had passed copies of the contract on to George Rizor and Mike Rutkowski, but I am not sure if these have been completed yet. Signing the contract would hold the space for the club but, as we found out this year, the contract can be cancelled up to thirty days in advance with no penalty or financial obligation on the part of the club.