

IS Board Meeting Minutes

March 24, 2021

Present: George Rizer, 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 2/24/2021 – Will
The minutes were approved as corrected, unanimously.

Treasurer's Report - Dick

The virtual dances are doing well. We are awaiting the bank to process the signature cards.
The report was accepted.

Motion: The board make a \$200 contribution to the Lutheran Church of the Holy Communion.
Dick moved, Norma second, Passed unanimously.

Caller Liaison Report - Mike

The workshops are going well.

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. Discussion of the board possibly paying for the badges for the new members. The policy has varied over the years.

Committee Assignments - Norma, Dave

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

Recruitment Committee - Steve

The committees recommendations have been implemented. A meeting will be scheduled.

Retention Committee - Steve

A meeting will be scheduled.

Old business:

Status of PO Box. - Norma

We are locked out of our old box. Working on getting it open again.

New business:

George proposed we appoint a committee for reopening in person dancing. The tasks the committee will address are:

- Communication – survey and planning schedules and guidelines
- Planning – very strong and actionable requirements and discrete tasks
- Legal – Meeting local legal requirements
- Logistics – Verification of meeting arrangements, schedules, etc.
- Social – Speed at which we resume
 - Whether or not we want to do some remediation dances
 - Dance modes, hula-hoops, gloving, masking, capacity, etc.

After discussion Ron agreed to chair the committee with Mike on the committee. Chair appointed.

Steve and Casey will prepare a scavenger hunt for the next social.

Motion to adjourn: Dick moved, Ron second, passed unanimously.

Caller Liaison Report

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The information below is accurate as of Monday, March 22, 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) Mark Franks held a successful workshop on Tuesday, March 16, 2021. My impression is that it was well received by all the attendees: 12 IS members/friends and 6 others (not including Mark and myself). This was a workshop/dance for the Mainstream and Plus programs. This was a similar number of attendees as last month but still supported by a larger number of club members than of other guests. Special guests included Betsy Gotta. Mark did review two of the calls that the Mainstream class was lacking and Betsy will review the other two remaining calls at the April workshop. There will be a review of all four of these calls at the May workshop.

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, 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. Mike Rutkowski passed along copies of the contract to George Rizer who will ensure that the contracts are completed. 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.