

I S Board Meeting Minutes

January 18, 2022

Present: Norma B., Steve D., Chris D., Will H., Bob R., Ron R., Ted M., George R., Eileen D., Mary Kay R.

This meeting was held via teleconference (Zoom).

Approval of Minutes from December 15, 2021 and December 30, 2021. The minutes were approved as amended, unanimously. Moved Norma B., seconded Chris D.

Between Meetings By Email:

On January 4 Chris D. Moved:

Effective with our return to in-person dancing in 2022, attendance at all Independence Squares events will require each attendee to be fully vaccinated and to receive a booster shot when they are eligible. Everyone will be required to show their vaccination status the first time they dance in 2022 or beyond. The Board shall record the dates of vaccinations and boosters and make that information available at the door so that the Treasurer or other designated persons can determine who is eligible for entry to our event. These records will be shared only with individuals who need to know.

When an attendee becomes eligible to receive a booster, they have a grace period of 15 days to get their booster while continuing to dance. Adults (16+) are currently eligible to receive a booster 5 months following a 2nd Pfizer vaccination, 6 months following a 2nd Moderna vaccination, and 2 months after a J&J vaccination. These waiting periods will be modified based on changes in FDA and CDC guidelines, including recommendations for the second and subsequent boosters.

Example: Alex received their 2nd Pfizer vaccination on September 4, 2021. They are eligible to receive their booster on February 4, 2022. They may continue to dance through February 19. They must show evidence of receiving their booster to attend any events starting on February 20.

Norma B. seconded, passed unanimously.

On January 11, 2022 Robert R. reported the Friends Meeting House in Merion is holding the hall for us for Dec. 3. 2022.

IAGSDC Bylaws change

Tim H. reviewed the proposed changes to the IAGSDC Bylaws change.

Motion: We direct our delegate to vote in-favor of the revised ByLaws.

Steve D. moved, Ron R. seconded, passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report - Chris D.

Motion: Treasurer's report be accepted as reported.
Will H. moved, Steve D. seconded, passed unanimously.

Caller Liaison Report*- Mike R.

The report was presented in Mike R. absence.

We will be discussing the caller's contracts regarding the cancelation clause.

We had a discussion regarding electronically recording annual dues.

Action item:

Chris D, will provide a product catalog to Ted M. who will make "shopping cart" for payments on our website.

Action item:

A committee of Chris D., Bob R. & Will H. to explore changing the fiscal year to the calendar year. Chris will write up 2 proposals. One for keeping our current membership year; the second to change.

Return to Dancing** - Ron R.

Motion: We notify the membership and callers we are tentatively resuming in-person dancing on February 22. This date is subject to change.
Ron R. moved, Norma B. seconded, passed one abstention.

The fly-in committee will be meeting on February 11 regarding covid precautions.

Recruitment Committee - Steve D.

The Fun Dance has been rescheduled to March 19, 2022 with Howard R.

Communication - Ted M

The website has been updated. It is a continuing process.

MS/Plus Rep Report - Bob R.

No report.

A/C Rep Report - Ron R.

No Report.

Nominating Committee - Steve

Dave B. is the chair for the nominating committee. The members include George R. and Scott R. Board members Ted M. and Bob R. are considering not running for another term.

Fly In - Mary Kay R.

We hope the hotel will have its reservation system working soon. A notification email will be sent out when it works.

Old Business:

We are still searching for the google drive passwords.

We anticipate we will offer a discounted program for regular class nights. Decisions regarding the exact amount will be made when we have a clearer idea of what nights we will be dancing.

New Business:

George R. Has made a short publicity video. He has agreed to make more for the website.

Adjournment:

Motion: Move to adjourn.

Bob R. moved, Ted M. seconded, Passed unanimous.

Attachments:

***Caller Liaison Report**

Independence Squares Board of Directors Meeting – January 2022

The information below is accurate as of Monday, January 10, 2022, 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/Notes for Board

No additional contracts or promises have been made to any caller regarding the holding of workshops or classes, virtual or live, other than those listed below. Callers were notified and dances rescheduled based on the board's decision to pause dancing during this most recent

upsurge in COVID infections. There are additional notes in the following report that are a result of the special board in late December 2021. The resumption of dances is an ongoing discussion amongst the various club members and committees, but no contracts are being offered to anyone at this time.

Dances Through March 2023

Callers have been contracted and confirmed for the following dances taking place January 10, 2022 through March 2023.

Friday, January 7, 2022 – Community Fun Night – Cancelled

Tuesday, January 11, 2022 Mainstream and Plus – Cancelled

Saturday, March 19, 2022 – Community Fun Dance – Howard Richman 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm Merz Hall at the Lutheran Church. This was rescheduled from January 7, 2022.

March 2022 Fly-In: Callers: Mike Kellogg, Chris Phillips, Kris Jensen March 25-27, 2022

Tuesday, April 12, 2022 Mainstream and Plus – Clay Goss – Special dance fill-in for Betsy and Mark 7:00 pm – 9:15 pm Lutheran Church. No theme was identified for this dance. This was rescheduled from January 11, 2022.

Saturday, December 3, 2022 – Glitter Ball Mainstream through C1 – Dayle Hodge 4:00 pm – 8:00 pm The Merion Meeting House

March 2023 Fly-In: Callers: Sandie Bryant, Dayle Hodge, Eric Henerlau March 24-26, 2023

FYI Notes

Dancing in all four programs on Tuesday nights began on October 12, 2021. Betsy Gotta is calling Mainstream and C1, while Mark Franks is calling Plus and Advanced.

Items of Concern for the Caller Liaison

- 1) All dancing was paused for January 2022 as a result of the up surge in COVID infections. All of the callers who were scheduled for January were notified of this change. Mark and Betsy are planning on restarting on February 1, 2022 pending further discussions and decisions of the board.
- 2) Both Mark and Betsy are unavailable on April 12, 2022 as they will be at CallerLab as it is meeting in Pittsburgh in 2022. Whereas previously the committee recommended, and the board accepted the cancellation of classes that evening, and due to the cancellation of the Clay Goss dance in January 2022, Clay will instead be calling on this night, a nice surprise. A new contract is in place.

- 3) As noted above, the Fun Dance from January 7, 2022, was rescheduled for Saturday, March 19, 2022, with Howard Richman once again providing an entertaining evening of dancing. A new contract is in place.
- 4) Based on the new safety protocols that are now in place (proof of vaccination has been extended to require a booster when eligible), each of the callers for the March 2022 fly-in have been notified of this change. While not all of them have responded, the response received was in total agreement with this change.
- 5) Mike will be out of the country until January 27, so any changes or dealings with the callers during this time should be run through Linda Bourdet. She has graciously agreed to take on these responsibilities while I am unavailable. The callers know Linda and she has a good rapport with them.
- 6) My mind is a bit foggy here, however, I want to be sure that someone has been in contact with the Merion Friends Meeting House to reserve the space for the December 3, 2022 Glitter Ball with Dayle Hodge.
- 7) The 1099 tax forms for the callers for 2021 have been completed and sent to them.

**RETURN TO DANCING COMMITTEE REPORT JANUARY 18, 2022

Note: The committee meeting scheduled for January 10, 2022, was cancelled due to a death in the family. It has not yet been rescheduled. The items in this report were not yet discussed with the committee.

In-Person Dancing ~ Landscape Review

Ron reached out to 7 IAGSDC clubs to inquire about safety protocols for their upcoming Fly-Ins. The inquiry included questions about vaccination requirements, booster shots,

masks, refreshments, temperature checks, health attestations and any negative test requirements. The following responses were received:

HotLanta Squares. Atlanta, GA. Fly-In January 14-16. (Note: This Fly-In was cancelled). Masks and full vaccinations required. Boosters are not required, although the club was still discussing this, and a final decision was pending. Individually wrapped snacks will be provided. Lids will be provided for coffee cups. Temperature checks will not be required. Negative tests and health attestations will not be required. It was noted that these protocols could change.

Boots In Squares, Palm Springs, CA. Fly-In February 18-21. (Note: This Fly-In was cancelled). Vaccinations required. Booster and mask decision had not yet been determined. Temperature checks and health attestations not required.

Ottawa Date Squares. Fly-In April 14-17. Vaccinations required. Booster decision not made yet. Masks are required by the province.

Times Squares has shut down their in-person dancing for January. No announcement yet regarding when they will resume.

Update on pandemic trend

Omicron waves appear to slow in New York City, other major metropolitan areas ~ Per The Washington Post. The latest trend spreadsheet that Ron provides shows evidence of the same being true for our 11 county area, although this is just a one-week result and is certainly no evidence yet of a trend. Joe Iser believes, however, that we will continue to see this downward trend.

Resumption of in-person dancing

A decision should be made by the board soon regarding the resumption of in-person dancing. Ron discussed this with Joe Iser and Joe's reply was copied to the board and the RTD committee. His recommendation is that we continue to suspend in-person dancing until mid-February at the earliest. He also supports waiting until our counties are mostly in the orange zone, maybe even yellow. This decision needs to be communicated to the membership. Mike R suggested that once a decision is made, Linda should be contacted with a request that she notify the callers, since Mike will be away.

Change needed to current booster requirement

The FDA has shortened the Moderna booster waiting period to 5 months for adults. We need to update our booster protocol for Moderna vaccinations to match that of Pfizer. Our current announcement reads:

When an attendee becomes eligible to receive a booster, they have a grace period of 15 days to get their booster while continuing to dance. Adults (16+) are currently eligible to receive a booster 5 months following a 2nd Pfizer vaccination, 6 months following a 2nd Moderna vaccination, and 2 months after a J&J vaccination. These waiting periods will be modified based on changes in FDA and CDC guidelines, including recommendations for the second and subsequent boosters.

This needs to be updated and notice needs to be sent out to the club. The new wording should be:

When an attendee becomes eligible to receive a booster, they have a grace period of 15 days to get their booster while continuing to dance. Adults (16+) are currently eligible to receive a booster 5 months following a 2nd Pfizer or Moderna vaccination, and 2 months after a J&J vaccination. These waiting periods will be modified based on changes in FDA and CDC guidelines, including recommendations for the second and subsequent boosters.

Fly-In Protocols

Update needed from Fly-In committee regarding any decisions that they've made already.

Steve has requested that the RTD committee discuss the following:

Will there be a way like a wristband or sticker to designate those who signed the waiver (each day?) and showed us proof of vaccinations. And will our protocols only apply in the rooms where we are dancing?

Ron suggested a wristband program at one of our previous board meetings and has done a preliminary search for wristbands in case we decide to use them. One possibility is:

Wristband Express. Minimum of 100 per color. \$5.95 per 500
[3/4" Tyvek 100 Count Wristbands Solid Colors \(wristbandexpress.com\)](http://wristbandexpress.com)

Old Items

Per board approval, the hard copies of the Health Attestations and Waivers that were in Ron's possession have been shredded. They are now all on the club's Google Drive. This will be the practice from now on.

