

## **Minutes from the Independence Squares Board Meeting June 2026**

**Start of meeting:** Tuesday June 23, 2026 7:04 pm

**Board Members Present:** Chris, Cindy, David, Katherine, Linda, Mike, Steve, Suzanne

**Board Member Absent:** Helena

**Guests Present:** Arin, Eileen, Peg, Sarah, Will

### **MOTION: APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Approval of minutes from May 6, 2026 board meeting: Mike made the motion to accept the minutes from the May 6, 2026 board meeting; Cindy seconded the motion; passed unanimously

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

The written report is attached to these minutes. Same as presented at the June 2, 2026 annual meeting. New information since June 2, 2026 meeting: there are 74 paid members of the club; there were 72 paid members at the end of the previous fiscal year.

**Motion:** The treasurer(s) recommended that we continue using the fee structure that was in place 2025-2026 into the 2026-2027 class year. Steve made the motion, Cindy seconded; passed unanimously.

**Insurance:** Treasurer(s) will look into coverage for those who attend our classes but are members of another club, and not members of IS. Club pays \$7.50 per IS club member.

### **COMMITTEE CHAIR APPOINTMENTS**

**Bylaws Committee:** Jed & Michael, co-chairs

**Caller Liaison Committee:** Michael

**Community Guidelines:** ongoing ad hoc committee

**Encouraging New Callers:** Chris

**Facilities:** Sarah

**Finance Committee members:** Cindy, David, Katherine, Michael, Stephen

**Fly-In Committee:** Mike will check with current chairs, Ron, Vinney, Mary Kay, to see if they want to continue as co-chairs.

**HASP:** As HASP is currently on hiatus, there is no chair.

**Publicity:** Chris

**Recruitment:** Stephen

### **FALL 2026 SCHEDULE**

Discussion was held on the dance and / or workshop schedule for 2026-2027 dance year. Results from a survey of people who dance with Independence Squares were analyzed and various scenarios were discussed.

**Motion:** Mike made a proposal for this class / workshop schedule. Steve seconded the motion and motion passed unanimously. Mike will confer with callers on fall classes and workshops.

Week One: Betsy- Mainstream Class & C1 Workshop

Mark- Plus Class & Advanced Class

Week Two: Betsy- Mainstream Class & Plus Workshop

Mark- Plus Class & Advanced Class

The schedule alternates each week. If there is a cancellation due to weather or whatever, the schedule will pick up with the sessions that were missed.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Caller Liaison:** written report is attached to these minutes.

**Recruitment Committee:** There were new dancers at open house; committee presented two proposals and asked that they be considered at a future board meeting.

1. We recommend that at our graduation dance in May 2027, we have a beginners tip right before the awarding of diplomas during which we would encourage friends and family of graduates to participate.
2. We recommend that if a member prepays in September for the first several weeks of Tuesday nights, that prepayment will not only cover the member but also a new dancer (presumably a friend of the member).

**Publicity Committee:** Google Drive will have new password; Board will clarify who will have access to the new password.

### **ACCESS TO GOOGLE DRIVE IS ACCOUNT AND WELCOME FOR NEW BOARD MEMBERS**

Discussion was held on how to provide access to board information, Zoom transcripts and recordings of meetings, and how be more welcoming to new board members. Mike asked if we could get a larger license so all board members could have access to Google drive. It was suggested that All Join Hands of the IAGSDC could facilitate this. Mike is on the board of All Join Hands and could look into the cost and how to make this happen.

Discussion is on-going on providing access and how to be welcoming to new board members.

### **MOTION: ADJOURNMENT**

Suzanne made a motion to adjourn the meeting; motion was seconded by Cindy; meeting was adjourned at 9:02 pm.

**Date for Next Board Meeting will be July 21, 2026 via Zoom**

Respectfully submitted,

Linda, Secretary, Independence Squares

Date Submitted: 7/25/2026

## Caller Liaison Committee Report

### Independence Squares Board of Directors Meeting – June 23, 2026

The information below is accurate as of June 21, 2026, 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.

Please inform the Caller Liaison Committee of any changes regarding policies concerning the hiring of callers and dance schedules allowing ample time for the committee to make any adjustments or changes.

#### Dances Through April 2028

Callers have been contracted and confirmed for the following dances taking place April 2026 through April 2028.

Tuesday, July 14, 2026 – Mainstream and Plus Dayle Hodge 7:00 pm – 9:30 pm Arch Street Meeting House (has A/C), 320 Arch Street, Philadelphia Free Parking, Enter lot on 4<sup>th</sup> Street

Saturday, August 15, 2026 Summer Splash All-level Dance Mainstream – C1 Dayle Hodge 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm Unitarian Universalist Society of Mill Creek – Joint Dance with DC Lambda Squares and Chesapeake Squares

Tuesday, September 8, 2026 – Open House Betsy Gotta 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm

Saturday, October 17, 2026 - 3:00 pm – 5:30 pm Advanced and C1; 5:30 pm – 7:00 pm Dinner (Social?); 7:00 pm – 9:30 pm Mainstream and Plus Betsy Gotta

Saturday, December 5, 2026 – Glitter Ball Mainstream through C1 – Betsy Gotta – Merion Friends Meeting House 3:00 pm – 6:30 pm

Saturday, January 23, 2027 – Advanced and C1 Mark Franks 7:00 pm – 9:30 pm

Saturday, February 13, 2027 – Mainstream and Plus Valentine's Dance David Hartman

3:00 pm – 5:30 pm

Saturday, March 13, 2027 - 3:00 pm – 5:30 pm Mainstream and Plus; 5:30 pm – 7:00 pm Dinner; 7:00 pm – 9:30 pm Advanced and C1 Betsy Gotta

April 2027 Fly-in: Callers: Barry Clasper, Mark Franks, Eric Henerlau, John Hawley April 2-4, 2027 Sheraton Bucks County Please note that John Hawley will only be calling on Saturday, April 3, 2027

Saturday, May 8, 2027 – Mainstream and Plus – Dan Koft Wheel Around NJ TBD 3:00 pm – 6:00 pm

Saturday, June 12, 2027 – Mainstream and Plus Pride Dance Betsy Gotta 7:00 pm – 9:30 pm

Saturday, August 21, 2027 Summer Splash All-level Dance Mainstream – C1 Dayle Hodge 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm Unitarian Universalist society of Mill Creek – Joint dance with DC Lambda Squares and Chesapeake Squares David Hartman will be calling with Dayle during the first half of this dance.

Saturday, October 16, 2027 - 3:00 pm – 5:30 pm Advanced and C1; 5:30 pm – 7:00 pm Dinner (Social?); 7:00 pm – 9:30 pm Mainstream and Plus Brian Jarvis

Saturday, December 4, 2027 – Glitter Ball Mainstream through C1 – Dayle Hodge – Merion Friends Meeting House 3:00 pm – 6:30 pm

March 31 – April 2, 2028 Fly-in: Callers: Betsy Gotta, Michael Kellogg, Justin Russell, Brian Jarvis Sheraton Bucks County Please note that Brian Jarvis will only be calling on Saturday, April 1, 2028

### FYI Notes

- 1) Both Betsy Gotta and Mark Franks will be available and ready to start classes on September 22, 2026. The next step for the board is to determine what programs to offer and whether it be a class or a workshop.

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Rutkowski

Linda Bourdet

Dave Blatt

## Treasurer's Report

### Activity from June 1, 2025 through May 31, 2026

- We began our fiscal year on June 1, 2025 with a total available bank balance of \$52,793.12 and we ended our fiscal year on May 31, 2026 with a total available bank balance of \$58,791.21. That's a net increase of \$5,998.09 or 11.4%.
- Our Tuesday classes brought in \$6,775.00 while expenses for running those classes were \$12,722.78. That's a net loss of (\$5,957.78) for the fiscal year.
- Our Club dances (not including the Fly-in) brought in \$3,214.34 while expenses for running those dances were \$4,112.98. That's a net loss of (\$898.64) for the fiscal year.
- These losses were offset by:
  - Our 2026 Fly-in brought in \$8,418.19 over expenses
  - We took in \$3,645.00 in membership dues (\$2,790.00 over the last 2 months)
  - We earned \$1,756.43 in interest for the year on our LiveOak Savings and CD accounts

Respectfully submitted,

Katherine Cheetham and Cindy Konecko

Co-Treasurers

June 2, 2026