

Metropolitan Chicago Association of Square Dancers

MCASD Executive Board Meeting Minutes
Saturday, June 20, 2020
Online via Zoom

Attendance: Frankie Terry, Robert Bradley, Darlene Kulpa, Marilyn Heinemann, Larry Campbell, Christine Steffy, Jules Heinemann, Pat Semple, Duane and June Bradley, Bill Neurater, Jim and Pat Glass, Ken and Sue Davies, Pam Berg. A quorum was met.

Approval of Agenda: Motion to approve agenda by Christine Steffy, second by Larry Campbell. Motion passed.

Minutes Approval: Motion to approve the minutes by Christine Steffy, second by Larry Campbell. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer's report was sent to all members prior to meeting. There were no questions and report will be filed for audit.

President's Report: Frankie encouraged discussion to get people involved and to stay interested in square dancing.

VP Report: The final new dancer dance for 2019-20 year was cancelled due Covid 19. There are no plans to schedule more dances until we have more clarity in ability to dance safely.

Secretary: No Report

Insurance: Bill is following up with clubs that have not paid dues or insurance for 20-21 year. He will be attending, via zoom, the USDA meeting today.

Webmaster: Christine thanked clubs that used the squaredancechicago.com website to cancel dances. She requested for clubs to input their schedules, if they have them, to the website.

SCISDA: Duane Bradley reported that the 2020 Illinois State Square Dance Convention was cancelled. No details were shared.

Newsnotes: No Report

Friendship Awards: Frankie reported that Wanda Staron resigned. Larry helped to facilitate the ordering and delivery of awards this year. He ordered the awards and had them shipped to each club. Currently, orders can be sent to him and he will complete the needed details. Marlene Neurater volunteered to become the Friendship Awards Coordinator. Discussion that some clubs and dancers may be confused on the rules. The board needs to emphasize the rules to the clubs.

Historian: No Report

Sweetheart Dance: 2020 Sweetheart dance income/expense was indicated in the treasurer's report. 2021 Sweetheart Dance- Curt Braffet and Tom Davis are the callers. We can have discussions at future meetings about plans.

Marketing Task Force: Pam reported that the task force has not met recently. They recommend advertising more to existing dancers at this point. We want to encourage dancers to stay interested until we all feel safe returning to dancing. They will emphasize social groups, possible outdoor gatherings. They will also emphasize for clubs to keep in contact with their members.

Pumpkin Ball: Discussion on venue restrictions, number of people allowed, dancer safety, etc. Christine shared information regarding points to consider. We hope to get information from the national organization and callerlab. Directors are encouraged to contact their clubs to ascertain comfort level of dancers for dancing, especially for Pumpkin Ball.

Frankie referred us to dates reserved at Trinity Lutheran on bottom of agenda. She will contact Tom at Trinity for any additional information and our possible cancellations of some dates.

Frankie will contact Barry Johnson for information on caller feelings and concerns for participating.

We will make final decision about Pumpkin Ball at our July 18 board meeting. Directors need to contact their clubs prior to that for their willingness to be at a large dance.

Unfinished Business: Elections did not take place as the April General Meeting was cancelled due to Covid-19. MCASD board fielded a slate of Robert Bradley continuing as VP and Larry Campbell continuing as Treasurer. The Nominations committee (Frankie Terry, Jules Heinemann, Duane Bradley) will send communications via email to delegates to request nominations from the floor to be offered by a specific date. Then they will send out a ballot to be returned by email. Jules will draft a letter to delegates, send it to the nominations committee for approval. Darlene will mail to all delegates.

New Business:

Ken and Sue Davies plan on printing the Chicagoland Directory. They need club ads by August 1, 2020. They recommend adding to your ad "Always call to check before a dance to find current details".

Insurance Coverage for Clubs with Covid-19. Board requested Bill to contact our insurer to see if clubs are covered if a dancer feels they contracted Covid-19 at a dance held by member clubs.

Next meeting: July 18. We will meet via Zoom. A link will be sent out to members.

Motion to adjourn by Pat Glass, second by Marilyn Heinemann. Meeting was adjourned 11:20am.

Minutes submitted by
Marilyn Heinemann, Co-Secretary

2020 Key Dates

MCASD Executive Meetings

Saturdays: July 18 (zoom), August 15, October 17, November 21

MCASD General Meetings

Sundays: September 20, December 6

Pumpkin Ball 2020

Sunday, October 18