**INDIANA DANCERS ASSOCIATION**

**BOARD OF DIRECTOR AND MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

**January 17, 2024**

The January 2024 meeting of the Board of Directors and membership of the Indiana Dancers Association, Inc. (IDA) was held at 7:00 P.M. on January 17, via a Zoom meeting only. The original in-person meeting scheduled for January 14, had to be rescheduled because President John Cook had laryngitis.

**CALL TO ORDER**

John Cook asked that everyone turn off cell phones or put them on vibrate. Everyone said the Pledge to the American Flag and The Lord’s Prayer in unison.

**PROOF OF DUE NOTICE**

In the absence of Secretary Cheryl Robinson, Patti Woods stated that Cheryl had sent out due notice of the meeting to all members.

**ROLL CALL**

Roll Call was taken by Patti Woods with nine officers and directors in attendance, which was not enough for a quorum.

**WELCOMING REMARKS**

John thanked everyone for attending and welcomed first time visitors. Michael McNally was a first-time visitor from the Indy area.

**MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**

Since there was no quorum, it was not possible to approve the minutes.

**TREASURERS REPORT**

 IDA-General Fund ended up the 2024 calendar year down $7,048.05, which was due to the $7,500 given to the 2022 National Convention to meet their short-fall. The report shows what the various areas did also. The 990-N information tax report will be filed as soon as the IRS allows and the USDA renewal for the 501c3 designation will be sent in this week.

Since there was no quorum, it was not possible to approve the treasurer’s report.

**AREA REPORTS:**

**SOUTHEAST/SOUTHWEST AREA**

The IDA Rebel Area meeting met January 10, 2024 at the IHOP Restaurant in Columbus, IN. The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by President Don Gauck and welcomed the ten members in attendance; one member joined the meeting via Zoom.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States and the Lord’s Prayer were repeated in unison.

Minutes of the last meeting were not available, since it had been so long since the last meeting because of Covid, which began in late 2019.

BUSINESS:

New Dancers Round-Up is scheduled April 7, 2024. For this New Dancers Round-Up, the Rebel Area is responsible for decorations, theme and sound. A theme was discussed with many being presented. The theme finally was decided with a motion from Ruth Gauck: Dance As The World Turns. Soon after the theme was selected, Janet Lewis via Zoom presented a backdrop to be used, which is truly beautiful. Julie Branham will contact Gary Hutton to do the sound. Mary Jane Sullivan and Paul Book will provide a selfie photo location.

As in the past, the Rebel Area has held an annual President’s Dance. The area discussed date and location to have this dance, which will be July 28th, 2:00-5:00pm, at Light’s Barn with Pam Courts at $5.00 per person. Snacks and drinks (coffee, water and small soft drinks) will be available.

Officers elected: President – Don & Ruth Gauck, Vice President – Janet Lewis, Secretary – Barbara Stone and Treasurer – Julie Branham.

There being no further business, President Don Gauck adjourned the meeting at 8:00pm.

**NORTHWEST AREA**

No Report

**NORTHEAST AREA**

The meeting was to be held at Richards Restaurant in Hartford City, but due to illness it was held by zoom on January 6, 2024 at 12 noon. The meeting was opened by Chairman, Charlotte Yencer with the Pledge of Allegiance in unison followed by the Lord’s Prayer. The roll call was done by Doris Swain, Secretary. Those present on zoom were Vice Chairman John and Carolyn Cook, Secretary Doris Swain, Treasurer Nancy Ramer, and Directors Clyde Ramer and Eugene Swain. Absent were Elizabeth Klippen and Caller Director Jerry Davidson. There was a quorum. Minutes of the last meeting were read by Doris Swain. Since there were no corrections or additions, John Cook moved to accept the minutes as read; Nancy Ramer seconded it, and the motion passed. TheTtreasurer’s report was given by Nancy Ramer with $112.61 in the checking account and $3223.47 in savings. There were no corrections or additions. A motion was made and passed to accept the report as made. It was filed for audit.

In Old Business the Hi-Lo Dance was discussed. It will be held on February 25, 2024 at the Delaware County Senior Citizens Center, 2517 W. 8th St. Muncie, IN 47302 from 2-5 P.M. This information is to be turned in to Gary Hutton for the website. Keith and Kira Dishman will make up the flyers. Nancy Ramer will bring the paper products from the area’s supply. John and Carolyn Cook will bring the pop. Gene and Doris Swain will bring the small bottles of water. The Center has ice. Keith and Kira will bring the coffee pots and coffee.

New Business:

Wreck Tangled Squares next dance will have lessons at 2:30-4:40 P.M., with Pre-rounds at 4:30P.M. and the dance at 5-7:00 P.M.

New Dancers Round-up is April 7, 2024 from 1-5 P.M. at Hancock Fairgrounds, Greenfield. Door opens at 10 A.M. Northeast Area is responsible for set up and tear down and vendors. It was decided to have a used clothing area by clubs or individuals, but only with tables, no racks. If individuals want racks, they will have to bring their own. There will be food available again.

Portland will not have lessons or a club. We had a place and a caller but not enough students or attendance from dancers.

The Appreciation Dance will be in the spring by Wreck Tangled Squares on March 10 with Dennis Clark and Nancy Fulaytar with Pre-rounds at 4:30 P.M. and the dance from 5-7:00 P.M.

Any new dancer graduating who joins a club and IDA will be given a certificate for a free admission to the State Square and Round Dance Convention in November at French Lick.

John and Carolyn will be going to Lagotee for a home school dance with students to start lessons.

The train trip is still in progress. We have a caller, Wes Fenton, and cuer, Bonnie Lawrence. We can accommodate four squares in Metamore, IN. We will leave from Connersville and go to the Ioof Building. It is $35 per person. There will be no dancing on the train.

Saturday, May 18 is Gary and Debbie Hutton’s 50th Wedding Anniversary.

The State IDA Meeting will be January 14, 2024 at 2:00 P.M. at the Presbyterian Church in Greenwood where Merry Mixers dance.

The next Northeast area meeting will be March 30, 2024 at Richards Restaurant, Hartford City at 12 noon.

Nancy Ramer moved to close the meeting, and John Cook seconded it. The meeting adjourned at 12:45 P.M.

**CENTRAL AREA**

No Report

John said that since Carol Derbin does not wish to continue as Central Area Chairman and no one else has stepped up to fill the position, it has fallen to him as IDA president to appoint someone. He has appointed Doris and Gene Swain.

Officers elected: Vice Chairman – Cheryl Robinson, Secretary-Treasurer – Rosie Keppel, Directors: Carol Derbin, Cheryl Robinson, Dick McKinsey, Karen Hauschild, Lois Daugherty, Melisa Mattingly, Rosie Keppel, Caller Director - Vacant

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**IDA FUNDRAISER**

John Cook reported that of the 750 Crew Carwash tickets all but 40 have been given to clubs that requested them. They all must be turned back in by February 1 or a late fee will be charged. He also stated IDA paid a printing fee of $85 to have the tickets printed. He said that in the future it will be necessary to find a fundraiser for IDA because this fundraiser didn’t make IDA money; it cost IDA money.

**RECRUIT & RETAIN**

Janet Lewis reported that after compiling data received from participating clubs she found that there is a 29% retention rate of students. She said there were 14 sets of lessons (12 mainstream and 2 SSD) with 120 students, but after three weeks 56 students were lost, and after eight weeks 47% were lost. She says she thinks something has to change in the first three weeks; lessons should end at six weeks; and students should be gotten on the dance floor then. Janet says she also believes students should pay $10 for lessons from the beginning so they will value them. She reported an 80% retention rate with students taking plus lessons. She would like clubs to turn in lesson statistics again this year so she can analyze the data again. Next, she plans to look into the data given about why people quit.

**IDA REORGANIZATION**

No report

**SCHOLARSHIP**

No report

A suggestion was made to put information on the IDA website that every year one $500 scholarship is available for one caller, and one $500 scholarship is available for one cuer.

**FOLK DANCE**

The 2024 Indiana General Assembly has not included our Live Lively - Square Dance! Act proposal.

The cutoff date for submitting bills for consideration has passed for the 2024 legislative calendar.

The non-sponsorship support is very unfortunate since there are 50 Senators and 100 House of Representatives available to sponsor our State Dance of Indiana Bill.

It would appear we need a more direct contact with a selected legislator this Fall 2024 followed up by a mailing campaign again.

**INSURANCE**

2024 IDA Club Insurance Program

(12) IDA clubs have submitted their club rosters (325 members) and the associated $5.50 per member insurance fee. All 2024 facility insurance certificates have been forward to their club insurance coordinators.

Note: The club count includes Swinging Mates that joined our 2024 insurance program this year.

A few reminders;

1) IDA Insurance Program covers the full 2024 calendar year regardless of when you decide to sign-up new members.

2) If your club decides to use a different dance facility than previously identified, you will need to add the new facility in the current insurance portal so insurance coverage gets extended to the new facility. No deletions of club members or facilities once the open enrollment period is completed.

3) Clubs starting lessons will need to submit their list of new dancer names to me using form “Sponsored Class”. You can find the form on the IDA web under Insurance tab. There is no charge for the new dancers to be insured until the lessons are completed or they become paid club members.

<https://www.indancers.org/insurance.php>

**MEMBERSHIP**

Twelve clubs have renewed with one new club. IDA has 144 paid memberships.  Clubs that have not yet sent their renewal in are urged to get them to Julia by February 1.

**BY LAWS**

**WEBMASTER**

No report.

**PROMOTIONS**

No report

**STATE CONVENTION**

Teresa Berger, who is this year’s Convention Chairman, reported that Jack Plattys and Tony Oxendine will be the featured callers at the State Convention at French Lick on November 8, 9, and 10. There are already 93 registrations. She said that the board would love to have IDA’s help to get the word out. A new promotional tool is being used this year for graduating students who successfully complete lessons and join both an IDA club and IDA. He/she will receive a free registration to the Convention. This will educate the student to the fact that there is a Convention, but only cost the Convention approximately $1.85, the cost of a program book and ribbon.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

John stated that the building for the New Dancers Round-Up has been secured and that a revised list of duties for the areas was available.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Ernie Stone installed the new officers for 2024.

**The following officers were installed.**

President – John and Carolyn Cook

Vice President – Nadine Henry

Treasurer – Julie Branham

Secretary – Patti & David Woods

**CORRESPONDENCE**

None

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

New Dancers Round-Up is Sunday, April 7 from 1 P.M. to 5 P.M. in Greenfield, on 620 Apple Street at the Hancock County Fairgrounds 4-H Building. The building will be open at 10:00 A.M. The cost is $5.00.There will be a used clothing sale with tables available but no racks. There will be food available, and a new area to take selfies.

There will be a MINI Lab for cuers on Oct. 11, 12, 13 in Anderson, Indiana with the Blackfords.

The next IDA meeting will be at the Greenwood Presbyterian Church, 102 West Main Street, Greenwood, IN 46142 on April 14 from 2:00 P.M. – 4:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

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John Cook – IDA President Carolyn Cook – IDA President