

Secretary Notes

**INDIANA DANCERS ASSOCIATION, INC.**

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

Southside MCL, 3630 S East Street, Indianapolis, IN 46227 & Zoom

**November 13, 2022**

The November 2022 meeting of the Board of Directors and membership of the Indiana Dancers Association, Inc. (IDA), a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Indiana, was held at 2pm on November 13, 2022 at the Southside MCL located at 3630 W East Street, Indianapolis, IN and on Zoom.

**CALL TO ORDER** – Julia Branham – President

Julia Branham opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and the Lord's Prayer. Those attending via zoom were asked to mute their microphones when not speaking.

**PROOF OF DUE NOTICE** – Cheryl Robinson – Secretary

Proof of due notice was sent via email on Tuesday, November 1, 2022.

**ROLL CALL** – Cheryl Robinson

Roll call was taken. Fourteen members needed for quorum – there were nineteen answered the roll call. Nine more people attending.

**READING OF THE MINUTES** – Cheryl Robinson – Secretary

John Cook moved to approve the minutes from the April and September meetings. Doris Swain seconded. Motion carried.

**TREASURER'S REPORT** – Dave and Patti Woods – Treasurer

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**AREA REPORTS**

Reports were sent out prior to the meeting.

**NORTHWEST AREA** – Orville Van Dame – Area Chairman

**Northwest IDA Meeting – November 10, 2022**

The NW IDA meeting was called to order by Orville Van Dame at 7:05 p.m., Thursday, November 10, 2022, at Fresh Thyme in West Lafayette.

Present in person or by Skype were seven Northwest area members representing three clubs.

Orville Van Dame	NW IDA president	Lafayette Fun Squares
Tony Batta	NW IDA treasurer	Lafayette Fun Squares
Janine Batta	NW IDA board of directors	Lafayette Fun Squares
Dave McGaw	NW IDA board of directors	Lafayette Fun Squares
Charlotte McGaw	NW IDA secretary	Lafayette Fun Squares
Shirley Sereque	guest	Purdue Crazy Eights
Larry Hakes	NW IDA vice president	Wrong Way Squares

### **Secretary's Report**

The September 8, 2022, minutes taken and emailed by Charlotte McGaw were approved as emailed.

### **Treasurer's Report**

The treasurer's report submitted by Tony Batta and approved by those present indicates the total of the checking account balance and the CD for NW IDA as of this November 10, 2022, meeting is \$4,554.04. This total is comprised of the checking account balance of \$430.89, after \$800 of expenses, and the Saving (CD) balance of \$4,123.15, which includes CD interest.

### **Old Business**

New Dancers Roundup: Orville Van Dame reminded those present that NW IDA will be responsible for the New Dancers Round Up program book, boosters, and refreshments in 2023 and 2024. Lafayette Fun Squares, Purdue Crazy Eights, and Sugar Creek Squares will be responsible for refreshments for NDRU. Larry Hakes agreed that Wrong Way Squares and Star Righters will be responsible for the NDRU program book and collection of booster names to include in it. That program booklet may be a small publication, similar to the one developed for 2022. Orville said he had some paper supplies passed on to him from the last club to oversee refreshments at the 2022 NDRU.

Tony Batta reported the location for the 2023 New Dancers Round Up on April 2, 2023, will be the 4-H Building, Hancock County Fairgrounds, 620 Apple Street, Greenfield, Indiana. He thinks the Rebel Area had chosen the theme for this dance.

2023 Officers: Officers agreed upon at the September 2022 meeting and reconfirmed at the November 2022 meeting will assume their duties in January of 2023. They are Chairman Orville Van Dame; Vice Chairpersons Larry and Rose Hakes; Treasurer Tony Batta; and Secretary Janine Batta. Chairperson Orville Van Dame will appoint directors for 2023.

### **New Business**

Now that the cost of insurance per member has been determined as \$5.25, Larry Hakes reminded Northwest area clubs to submit this sum per person for insurance as soon as possible. He would like to have the insurance money, names of paid 2023 club members, and dance locations from all clubs by Thanksgiving. Additional people can be added to any club roster later in the year. If Larry does not receive the initial information very soon, it will be difficult to get clubs their certificates of insurance by January 1 of 2023.

### **Announcements**

The IDA Meeting will take place Sunday, November 13, 2022, at 2 p.m. at MCL on the south side of Indianapolis.

The next NW IDA meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m., Thursday, January 5, 2023, at a location still to be determined.

The November 10 NW IDA meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Charlotte McGaw, NW IDA Secretary

### **CENTRAL AREA – Carol Derbin – Area Chairman**

I have decided to cancel the Central Area Meeting, which was to be tomorrow (11/09/2022) at 7 pm, due to my unexpected health issues. There are no major issues which need to be addressed at this time. I have not found anyone to step up to be Central Area Chairman for next year. Therefore, reluctantly, I will continue for another year, as will Rosie Keppel as Secretary/Treasurer. I trust the rest of you will continue to stay on the board.

The state IDA meeting will be this Sunday, 11/13 at 2 pm. You can attend the meeting at the MCL Cafeteria, 3630 S East St, southside of Indy or you can attend by Zoom. Cheryl will be sending out the link soon.

Have a Great Day!

Carol Derbin

Central Area Chairman

Indiana Dancers Association

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### **SE/SW “Rebel” AREA – Donald Gauck**

SOUTHEAST/SOUTHWEST QUARTERLY MEETING

November 5<sup>th</sup> 2022

Minutes of the Meeting

The quarterly meeting of the Southeast/Southwest Area was held April 5<sup>th</sup> 2022 at the French Lick Convention Center during the Indiana State Convention in the hope more members would attend. There were seven members and four guests present.

The meeting was called to order at 3:05 P.M. The pledge to the flag was said in unison and guests welcomed.

We are mourning the death of Sally Taylor. Sally was the heart and soul of “The Sunny Side Solos” club for many years. She has served in our area and along with husband Don, at the state level. She was always a Southern lady, a friend to everyone . Many have referred to her as their “best friend” in conversations about her.  
She was currently serving as a director from the Southeast/Southwest Area.

As part of our area's responsibilities for the New Dancer's Roundup, we have chosen a theme for the event: In For A wild Ride”

Our officers for 2023 will remain the same:

Chairman: Don Gauck

Vice Chairman: Janet Lewis

Secretary/Treasurer: Julia Branham

Directors: June Krebbs, Ernie Stone, Barbara Stone, Ruth Gauck

Submitted by:  
Ruth Gauck (acting secretary for this meeting)

**NORTHEAST AREA – Charlotte Yencer**

**NORTHEAST AREA MEETING**

**NOV. 2, 2022**

The Northeast area met at the home of Clyde and Nancy Ramer in Muncie.

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Charlotte Yencer with the Pledge and the Lord’s Prayer.

There was 5 members present representing 3 clubs.

We talked about the appreciation dance that we held in North Manchester. There was 3 squares on the floor all evening which the members said that was the most they had had at a dance for a long time which was good. Everyone had a good time. Our next appreciation dance will be in the Spring and it will go to Tips and Slips of New Haven.

We have had some people interested in starting another club again in Portland.

Next we talked about the New Dancers Round Up in April. Since we are in charge of vendors and there are no clothing vendors close that would be willing to come for just the day, we decided to again this year doing the used clothing or clothing give away whatever the person wants to do. We did talk to Paula at convention and she said that convention was the end of her selling days. Anybody that would like to bring in their clothes to sell or if they plan on giving them away are more than welcome to do so. We would like for them to let me know so we know how many spaces to set up for. If when the flyers are made if this information could be included that would help get the word out to everyone. Or if it would be better I can type up a letter and send out to all the clubs to announce at their dances. Which would be best.

Hi Low Dance will be on Feb. 26, 2023 at the Muncie Delaware County Senior Citizen Building. 2517 W 8<sup>th</sup> Street, Muncie Indiana. The time of the dance is from 2:00 to 5:00. It is an open mic so if anyone is interested in either calling or cueing let Jerry Davidson or me know and we will get you scheduled.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

CHAIRMAN: CHARLOTTE YENCER

VICE CHAIRMAN: JOHN COOK

SECRETARY: DORIS SWAIN

TREASURY: NANCY RAMER

DIRECTORS: CLYDE RAMER, GENE SWAIN, ELIZABETH KLIPPEN, CAROLYN COOK,

CALLER DIRECTOR: JERRY DAVIDSON

I told them we needed to think about what we could do to get more people involved in the meeting with ideas to help promote square dancing in our area. Ask everyone to think about this for the next meeting and come back with some ideas.

Next meeting: Jan. 4, 2023 at 1:00 at the home of Clyde and Nancy Ramer in Muncie.

Meeting adjourned

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

## **SCHOLARSHIP – Doris Swain**

The last scholarship awarded was to Janet Lewis in 2017.

Doris recommended to increase the scholarship to \$500, from \$250, due to the increase in expenses for the caller schools.

President Julia Branham asked if anyone would serve on the committee with Doris. Cheryl Robinson volunteered to help with the scholarship committee.

## **INSURANCE – Larry & Rose Hakes**

IDA Insurance Committee Report ~ November 13, 2022

2022 (Current Year) IDA Club Insurance Program

(13) IDA clubs have submitted their club rosters (350 members) and the associated \$5.00 per member insurance fee.

A few reminders;

1) IDA Insurance Program covers the full 2022 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>

2023 (Future) IDA Club Insurance Program

The new Insurance premium for 2023 will be \$5.25 per member starting January 1, 2023. The 2023 portal is currently active to receive changes to your club's roster and facility list at this time. We have been asked to submit our 2023 submittals by Thanksgiving. Mail checks to me made out to "Indiana Dancers Association".

Submitted by:

Larry & Rose Hakes

IDA Insurance Coordinators

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## **MEMBERSHIP – Charlotte Yencer**

Most packets were picked up at convention.

President Julia Branham asked her to double check on the numbers for non-life members.

Janet Lewis would like an updated club list.

## **WEBMASTER – Gary Hutton**

Not present. No report.

## **STATE DANCE OF INDIANA – Larry Hakes**

Submitted the letter to his senator on September 12, 2022. He received an automatic response and nothing since.

Senators have from October 17 – January 17 to submit bills. The “Live Lively Square Dance Act” would be one that would need to be submitted.

President Julia Branham suggested a form letter so each individual could contact their state senators & state representatives about this act.

John Cook will send a letter as such out to the clubs.

## **IDA FUNDRAISER – Tony Batta**

Tickets have been ordered for the Crew Car Wash fundraiser. I had to order 500 tickets. Five clubs are participating. They will have from December 1 – 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022 to sell the tickets. I have not received any notification from Crew CarWash on what to do next.

## **RECRUIT & RETAIN – Janet Lewis**

Members are Janet Lewis and Arden Pletzer. Janet stated that dancers need to know that resources are available. During 2023, they will collect information on the dancers. In January 2024, send the information out.

## **NATIONAL CONVENTION – John & Carolyn Cook**

National Convention Report

November 13, 2022

When we finally got all the bills turned in, we came up nearly \$24,000 short of what we need to pay for the convention center. This was not due to poor planning or overspending.

In our original planning we estimated attendance of 3,000 which would have been the smallest convention ever at that time. When covid hit and cost us nearly 1 ½ years of travel, we reduced our estimate to 2,500 and trimmed expenses to match. We were on track to have a really decent walk-in crowd to be able to hit that goal. Then came the war in Ukraine and gas prices shot up to over \$5.00/gallon. This killed our walk-ins. We wound up with 2,046.

Another issue was the scarcity of Indiana dancers. In our planning, we estimated 400 from Indiana and 400 from Ohio. In reality we got 221 from Indiana and 241 from Ohio. This was 338 short of what we had figured on from those two states.

Had we hit the 2,500 mark, an additional \$34,050 would have been available. I need to point out that members of the board spent over \$14,500 of their own money that was not reimbursed. This does not include most of the funds that Carolyn and I spent over the three (3) years of travel. We drove over 70,000 miles and attended many events. We traveled as far west as Carson City, Nevada and as far east as Daytona Beach, Florida.

We are meeting with the convention center staff in Evansville on November 9 to see what reductions might be possible.

Upcoming Nationals are:

2023	Mobile, AL
2024	Milwaukee, WI
2025	Shreveport, LA

## **STATE CONVENTION – Nadine Henry**

Nadine thanked everyone for supporting the convention and all the state convention committee members, plus Dan Doll, her co-convention chair.

Attendance: 317 (compared to 350 in 2021)

Cost: At basically a Break-Even point. This was due to the generosity of French Lick Resorts. We were contracted to fill 176 room nights and only filled 151. French Lick did not charge us the difference.

Frank and Elise Berger are to be General Chairmen for next year. They have filled three of four positions open on the board.

The three positions are: vendors, publicity and hospitality. Ways and Means is still vacant as of this time.



Dan Doll said that there were many compliments about the decorations. Nadine was responsible for those upstairs in the Windsor. Paula Egenolf did the downstairs. Dan had lots of help with the flooring.

Janet Lewis suggested that there be an all-day caller workshop on the Friday preceding the convention to encourage more callers to take part in the convention. She said this is done at other state conventions.

Jean Hayes had covid during convention and wanted to personally thank Christine Regina for taking over for her in the Education program.

Julia Branham thanked Tony & Janine Batta and Don & Ruth Gauck for helping at the Ways & Means table.

Julia and Nadine pointed out that people can now register online and pay with credit cards (with a \$3 handling fee). They can also make tax-deductible donations to the convention on the new form.

Julia also said that due to depreciation of the flooring, we are ahead cash-wise for convention. She also expressed appreciation for all of the convention officers' personal donations of time, effort and money to make the convention a success.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Old Business--President Julia Branham

The theme for the 2023 New Dancers Round-Up is "In For A Wild Ride". It will be held at the Hancock County Fairgrounds in Greenfield, IN on Sunday, April 2, 2023. The building has been reserved. Tony Batta reported a deposit of \$100 was sent on September 27, 2022. Rental is \$600. Location is: Hancock County Fairgrounds, 620 Apple St. Greenfield, IN 46140.

Discussion was heard about paying callers. It had been decided to do away with the cash awards, but it was done in 2022. President Julia said that it would not happen in 2023.

It was also discussed and questioned whether we should have a four hour dance. After hearing pros and cons, it was decided to leave the time to be 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Charlotte Yencer gave an update on non-life members: SE/SW area-46, Central area-178, NW area-72, NE area-76

## **NEW BUSINESS**

President Julia Branham made the following appointments to the State Convention Board:

Jill Stanley & Adam Zins - Vendors  
Wesley & Sharon Fenton - Hospitality  
Avery Arnold - Publicity  
Teresa Berger - to another 3 years as Programming (Squares)

Ways & Means is still vacant. Julia asked if anyone was interested in volunteering for this position.

Larry Hakes brought up the proposed link to be added to the online [INDANCERS.ORG](http://INDANCERS.ORG) to make charitable donations to IDA, which would be tax-deductible due to our 501 (c) (3) designation.

President Julia said the choices would be to: our general fund, any one of the four areas, and the scholarship fund. She asked if there were any objections to doing this.

Ernie Stone questioned how accountability would be handled. Julia did not see a problem. Questions were resolved in discussion. It will be done.

President Julia said the son of a square dancer wants to donate to the club through IDA so that his donation will be tax-deductible. The money would be sent to IDA and IDA would disperse it to the club, perhaps as scholarship money. Ernie Stone was concerned about handling this. Julia saw no problem. No other objections were given.

Doris Swain made a motion that the scholarship amount for callers/cuers be raised from \$250 to \$500. Patty Woods gave the second. The motion passed.

The scholarship guidelines will be checked for disbursement instructions and approval given on requests at that time.

Ways & Means--Dan Doll expressed concern that we need to develop new ways of raising funds for IDA. President Julia asked if he would consider heading a committee for this purpose. Will revisit at January meeting.

Janet Lewis suggested the New Dancers Round-Up be a Free Dance sponsored by IDA to encourage/support dancers.

Janet Lewis also suggested that all IDA meetings be done on zoom only. John Cook spoke against zoom-only meetings from his experience with both zoom and live meetings. He expressed his opinion that, when meeting with a larger group of people, the dynamics of the two meetings are different and zoom not as beneficial.

After some discussion, Nadine Henry moved we always offer zoom participation, but retain in-person meetings. Carolyn Cook gave the second. Motion carried.

Cheryl Robinson asked how the Owensville/Evansville lessons were progressing. President Julia Branham said it hasn't happened yet. Not enough interest. It may still happen. Chuck Woods and Kristy Williams are still willing. They have turned in no expenses thus far.

Nadine Henry added to the State Convention report that she was impressed by the French Lick Resort and their response to the emergency that occurred with Todd Kirkpatrick. It was handled quickly and Todd was back at convention the next day. She also gave credit to Travis and Dorothy Cook who stayed with Todd during the episode. Prayers are requested.

Secretary Cheryl Robinson requested the dates of the 2023 IDA meetings. January 8, 2023 will be the next meeting. April, September and November are the months for the other three meetings.

Cheryl said she would not be able to attend in person in January due to cataract surgery on the third. But, she will most likely be able to attend by zoom.

President Julia Branham said the nominations committee was made up of John Cook, Jean Hayes and Charlotte McGaw.

Jean Hayes conducted the election as follows:

The slate is: President- John Cook  
Vice-President-Charlotte Yencer  
Treasurer-Julia Branham  
Secretary-Cheryl Robinson

Jean Hayes asked if there were any other nominations from the floor for President - three times. Hearing nothing, Jean cast a unanimous ballot for John Cook as President.

Jean Hayes asked if there were any other nominations from the floor for Vice President. Janet Lewis was nominated, and declined. No other nominations for Vice-President, Charlotte Yencer was elected by acclamation.

Jean Hayes asked if there were any other nominations from the floor for Treasurer - three times. Hearing nothing, and no other nominations for Treasurer, Julia Branham was elected by acclamation.

Jean Hayes asked if there were any other nominations from the floor for Secretary - three times. Hearing nothing, and no other nominations for Secretary, Cheryl Robinson was elected by acclamation.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mike Imel had a fire and suffered smoke inhalation. He is in the hospital. Nadine Henry announced and asked that we keep him in prayers. They do not know what he needs at this time.

Wreck Tangled Squares will have a work shop & dance today.

Nadine Henry announced Footloose has a thank you dance on December 18, 2022 with free entrance and food.

President Julia Branham adjourned the meeting and announced January 8, 2023 as the date of the next meeting.