

**INDIANA DANCERS ASSOCIATION, INC.**

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

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

**September 11, 2022**

The September 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 September 11, 2022 at the Southside MCL located at 3630 W East Street, Indianapolis, IN and on Zoom.

**CALL TO ORDER** – Julie 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

Notice of upcoming meeting with the zoom link was sent to the IDA email list August 31, 2022.

The April 10, 2022 minutes were sent in a separate email to the same list.

**ROLL CALL** – Cheryl Robinson

Roll call was taken by Cheryl Robinson with help from Julia Branham, with 26 officers and directors in attendance. The total attendance for the meeting was 33. Fourteen was needed for a quorum.

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

Cheryl apologized for the incomplete minutes sent out for the April 10, 2022 meeting. She asked that the approval of those minutes be tabled until the November meeting. There was no objection.

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

Indiana Dancers Association Balance Sheet		<u>August 31, 2022</u>
<u>ASSETS</u>		
Total State Assets		19,219.68
Total Current Assets		19,219.68
Other Assets		
Flooring Net		4,543.33
State Convention		14,430.62
Insurance		787.13
Rebel Area		1,712.49
Northwest Area		
Northeast Area		
	Checking – 295.61	
	<u>Savings – 3,623.00</u>	
	Total	3,918.61
Central Area		3,836.00
Total Other Assets		<u>29,228.18</u>
TOTAL ASSETS		<u>48,738.72</u>

Checks for 3 expenses were not included:

\$351.90 for Website host & Domain Name

\$600.00 for Webmaster Gary Hutton

\$30.00 paid to the Secretary of State for Articles of Incorporation

Two deposits:

\$65.00 for Membership

\$4.00 for website Ad

Northwest Area's Balance: approximately \$5,254.00

Making IDA's total assets approximately \$53,992.00

No approval vote taken for Treasurer's Report.

## **AREA REPORTS**

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

The NW IDA meeting was called to order by Orville Van Dame at 7:05 p.m., Thursday, September 8, 2022, at Fresh Thyme in West Lafayette.

The ***Lord's Prayer*** and the ***Pledge of Allegiance*** were recited.

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

### **Secretary's Report**

The April 7, 2022, minutes taken by Cher Yazvac and emailed by Charlotte McGaw were approved as emailed.

### **Treasurer's Report**

The treasurer's report was submitted by Tony Batta and approved by those present.

### **Old Business**

Larry Hakes reminded Northwest area clubs all booster names and club ads for the IDA state convention booklet for November of 2022 need to be submitted by September 15<sup>th</sup>.

For the 2023 and 2024 New Dancers Round Ups, NW IDA will be responsible for the program book, boosters, and refreshments. The location for the 2023 New Dancers Round Up will be chosen in January of 2023.

Orville Van Dame said that Lafayette Fun Squares, Purdue Krazy 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.

Orville said he had some paper supplies passed on to him from the last club to oversee refreshments at the 2022 NDRU.

### **New Business**

Larry Hakes said Julia Branham, IDA President, announced IDA has received a sales tax exemption number which can be used for tangible personal property to be used for convention and area IDA activities and paid for directly by IDA. This includes items flyers, banners, ribbons, printing costs, equipment, etc. for events such as the NDRU.

Larry reported no information has been received yet about IDA insurance costs for 2023. He reminded Northwest area clubs that in order to protect student dancers and the clubs where they are learning to dance, the clubs need to submit the name of anyone taking lessons this fall just as soon as that student begins lessons.

Wrong Way Squares plans to begin serving more substantial refreshments again. The club has ten dances during the year. A different person volunteers to make the main dish for refreshments each time. The club plans to place a tip jar at one end of the food line. Those who wish to give some financial compensation for what they eat will place their contributions in the jar. At the end of the evening, the money collected will be given to whomever makes the main dish for that dance.

### **Announcements**

Larry Hakes announced that at 7 p.m. central time, Saturday, November 12, Wrong Way Squares will host its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary dance in its regular location, Hebron Elementary School, the same building where the club has danced for the past half century.

Star Righters has changed its dance location to Trinity Lutheran Church, 907 Michigan Ave, La Porte, IN 46350. The club dances will remain on the second and fourth Fridays.

Lafayette Fun Squares will start beginning lessons with a free session Tuesday, September 13, at 6:30 p.m. in the Holy Trinity Lutheran Church lower level in Lafayette.

Wrong Way Squares will start teaching square dancing with two free lessons on Mondays, September 19 and 26, beginning at 7 p.m. central time.

The Indiana Dancers Association Meeting will take place on Sunday, September 11, 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, November 10, 2022, at Fresh Thyme in West Lafayette, IN.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Charlotte McGaw

NW IDA Secretary

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

The Central Area IDA conducted a Zoom meeting on Wednesday, 09/07/2022. IDA President, Julia Branham, set us up for our Zoom meeting & listened in the background. When the topic of fundraising came up, she gave us a brief preview of several opportunities to be shared at the State IDA meeting on Sunday.

At this year's Indiana State Fair, we participated on Sunday, 07/31 from noon to 2 pm. We had 56 dancers sign up; 10 cancelled & we had 5 no shows for a total of 41 dancers. Gary Hutton did a great job announcing our activity to the public in addition to calling & cueing. Thank you to all that attended.

On 04/21 we issued three checks for the approved 2022 Educational Grants for the clubs which submitted applications. Carol hand delivered them to the club presidents. Next, we will look for some feedback from these clubs on whether the funds helped to attract more students or just helped cover advertising expenses for lessons. This will help us decide whether to continue the program for another year.

Melisa Mattingly has reviewed our Central Area Bylaws. I have not had a chance to review her suggestions but plan on sending the revision to my board for their review before our next meeting.

Regarding our election of officers for next year, I need to come off the Central Area Board at the end of this year. Our Secretary-Treasurer also plans on coming off the board. We will be looking to finalize our board for 2023. Please let me know if you have any suggestions on our replacements.

Our next meeting will be a Zoom meeting on Wednesday, 11/9 at 7 pm.



OR INDIVIDUALS SELL THEIR CLOTHING OR CRAFTS WAS VERY SUCCESSFUL. THIS IS SOMETHING TO SURELY THINK ABOUT SERIOUSLY. THIS LOCATION & DATE WILL BE DECIDED UPON SUNDAY AT THE STATE IDA MEETING IN INDIANAPOLIS.

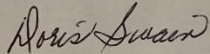
NOMINATING COMMITTEE: NO VOLUNTEERS. SO THEY HAVE BEEN APPOINTED BY CHARLOTTE YENCER/ PRESIDENT: DORIS SWAIN, EUGENE SWAIN, & NANCY RAMER. WE INVITE CLUBS IN THE NE AREA TO ATTEND ANY OF OUR MEETINGS. SINCE GENE & DORIS SWAIN ARE MOVING TO INDIANAPOLIS AT THE END OF SEPTEMBER WE NEED TO FILL THEIR POSITIONS RIGHT AWAY.

NE AREA IS DONATING \$200 TO EACH CLUB OR CALLER IN THE AREA THAT ARE STARTING SQUARE DANCE LESSONS. PLEASE CONTACT CHARLOTTE YENCER OR JOHN COOK.

THE NE AREA'S NEXT MEETING WILL BE NOVEMBER 2nd OR 9th @ THE HOME OF CLYDE & NANCY RAMER.

THE NEXT STATE IDA MEETING WILL BE SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2022 @ 2PM @ MCL CAFETERIA ON SOUTH EAST ST (US31S).

SUBMITTED BY:



DORIS SWAIN

SECRETARY NE AREA

Ernie Stone suggested that the minutes of area meetings be submitted and sent to the Board of Directors by email a couple of days before the State IDA meeting so they can be read online and save time at the state meeting.

President Julia Branham asked that areas try this at their next meetings before the next state meeting on November 13, 2022. Area secretaries should try to submit their minutes by Friday, November 11, to the IDA secretary so she can send them out to be read before the state meeting on Sunday.

State Secretary's email will be added to website.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **SCHOLARSHIP – Doris Swain**

Forms for new callers or any caller, or cuer, wanting to attend a caller or cuer's school will submit the form following the school. This form is generated from the state secretary of IDA. I have talked with Cheryl Robinson about the forms. She will check with the former secretary to see where they are located on the hard drive, or elsewhere.

I have had a request for one for a caller's school so far.

Please have any caller, or cuer, interested in a school to contact me. My phone number is 765-631-5121. My address is 2915 Valiant Dr, Indianapolis, IN 46241.

Submitted by Doris Swain – Scholarship Committee, Chairman

President Julia Branham asked who was on the committee. Doris wasn't aware of any others. President Julia Branham said they would work on getting her some help.

### **INSURANCE – Larry & Rose Hakes**

The 2022 IDA Club Insurance Program continues to receive additional membership submittals from active clubs.

(13) Indiana Clubs are participating in the USDA Insurance Program consisting of 349 active members. All active Clubs have received their USDA proof of insurance certificates for 2022. Also, (3) certificates for IDA sponsored dances at Rangeline Community Center, Indiana State Fair & French Lick Resort have been issued for use.

Clubs starting lessons will need to submit to Larry Hakes their list of new dancer names 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>

Insurance premium for 2023 has not been established by USDA. As soon as I know, I will get the word out.

Submitted by:

Larry & Rose Hakes

IDA Insurance Coordinators

[Lmhakes@aol.com](mailto:Lmhakes@aol.com)

### **MEMBERSHIP – Charlotte Yencer**

I HAD 28 SQUARE DANCE CLUBS AND 4 ROUND DANCE CLUBS RENEW FOR 2022.

CLUBS BY AREAS:

NE 8

NW 6

CENTRAL 13

SE/SW 5

THIS IS A TOTAL OF 32 CLUBS. WE HAVE 27 INACTIVE OR FOLDED CLUBS.

I DIDN'T MAIL OUT THE RENEWAL PAPERWORK FOR THIS YEAR BECAUSE I HAVE BEEN WAITING ON THE 100% BARS FOR THE CLUBS. SINCE IT IS SO CLOSE TO CONVENTION WHEN I GOT THE BARS, I WILL INCLUDE THEM IN THE MEMBERSHIP PACKETS FOR 2023. 2023 SHOULD GO OUT EARLY BECAUSE I ALREADY HAVE THE BARS FOR 2023.

I AM INCLUDING A LETTER STATING THAT ANY CLUB THAT DOES NOT RENEW BY JUNE 1 MUST ALSO SUBMIT THE \$5.00 FEE TO BE REINSTATED AS AN IDA CLUB.

Membership packets will be available for pickup at the state convention.

Dues should be submitted by June 30, 2023.

\$1 of each \$5.00 renewal membership goes back to the areas.

Janet Lewis requested an update of active clubs so she can check the website listing.

**WEBMASTER** – Gary Hutton

Not present – Carol Derbin reminded everyone that Gary needs instruction on what to put on the website. Any changes in area meetings, etc needs to be sent to Gary. It isn't automatic!

**STATE DANCE OF INDIANA** – Larry Hakes

Work to make square dancing the state dance of Indiana

**IDA FUNDRAISER** – Julia Branham

Jim Clevenger, JoAnn ?, Margaret Bell, Denise ?, Liz Tate & Julia Branham via Zoom

IDA Fund-raising report: September 11, 2022

1. Crew car wash - Order pre-printed coupons – either \$11 basic or \$22 Ultimate (minimum of 250) for \$80. Sell coupons for one calendar month. At the end of the month, return the unsold tickets plus 50% of the price of the sold tickets. Have to be 501c3 central Indiana organization to participate. Suggest if we decide to go this way to set up for one club in a



calendar month. Clean cut-offs, etc.

2. Beef Cattleman's stand at State Fair – they try to get volunteer groups first, but if not enough available then they open to other groups. \$500/shift. 10 people, 4-5 hours/shift. One fair admission ticket per worker, no parking ticket. 7 wrap sandwiches, 2 serve, 1 table cleaning. No cooking, no cash handling. Call after June 1 to say interested. 317-293-2333. IDA not needed, clubs can do on their own.

3. Pork Producers stand at State Fair - Shifts are 9:30-3:30 and 3:30 -10pm. Cash register, assembly, serve, clean. No cooking. Email: "Payment is \$300/shift. A total of 7 volunteers age 14 or older are needed for each shift. Entry tickets will be provided (7 tickets per shift). Volunteers will receive an entry ticket, hat, and apron as well as one free meal per shift and unlimited drinks. Contact Sydney Altman with questions at 219-207-0389 or saltman@inpork.org." This year they had open shifts going into the fair. I was told that if you work both shifts in a day the payment is \$750. IDA not needed, clubs can do on their own.

4. Dairy Barn at the State Fair: Email response: " At this time, we are not adding in new groups for 2023 as we have a waiting list we are pulling from BUT I will add this email and your contact information to my file for organizational ideas in the future." No details on people required, shifts, or payments.

5. I was told that there were other opportunities at the state fair but the person responsible has not replied to my email.

6. Lucas Oil – I have emailed and left voicemail messages several times, but no response

7. Track – from Jim Clevenger: I did talk to the lady at Levy, the 500 track food service, and asked about the payout plans.

Food stand requires a minimum of 6 people, larger stands require 12. Payout is 10% of food and 12% of beverage profits. There is a minimum payout, but only one group fell into that category in 2022. Everyone must have

liquor license which costs \$15 per person.  
The highest payout in 2022 was \$2,000.  
She was going to contact Legends, the souvenir concession group and have them contact me. Nothing from them yet. I did submit another email request to Legends, but no reply there either.

8. Indianapolis Indians – no contact yet

9. Selling gift cards – decided too much administration

Janet Lewis moved to use the Crew Car Wash fundraiser idea. \$11.00 Basic Crew Car Wash.

Patti Woods gave the second. Motion carried, with only one dissenting vote.

Tony Batta will monitor the administration of this fundraiser.

Discussion was held on how to proceed.

Clubs will get 50% of ticket price, less portion of ticket printing cost.

Dave Woods moved IDA pays \$80.00 cost and club gets profit. John Cook gave the second. Motion carried.

Will evaluate ideas that come from other clubs with no Crew Car Wash.

Larry Hakes mentioned the list of opportunities from other fundraisers for 501.C.3 organizations, such as, Amazon Smiles.

#### **RECRUIT & RETAIN – Janet Lewis**

No report

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

John Cook reported that everything went well.

There were only minor issues/complaints. They had originally budgeted for 3,000 attendees, but with COVID-19, altered their count to 2,500.

But, Due to the \$5.00/gallon gas prices, we did not get the numbers projected.

Twelve to thirteen people signed up for lessons to be given by Chuck Woods and Kristi Williams in Owensville, IN.

There was a mini-COVID outbreak after the convention involving approximately sixty people.

John expressed his gratitude to all those involved with making the convention a success.

### **STATE CONVENTION** – Nadine Henry

Nadine not present. Julia Branham & Larry Hakes reported that registrations are down from previous years.

September 20<sup>th</sup> prices increase for registration.

We have people coming off the convention board. Replacements are needed.

Larry said contracts have been signed with French Lick for 2024 & 2025.

Julia will check with the Convention committee about handing ribbons out at time of registration. This would save on postage to hand them out @ convention.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

**Mini-Marathon** – Julia Branham reported from Doug Cline's email. Only three people showed up for the dance. Discussion was held as to whether we should continue. Will continue as long as someone wants to do it. Doesn't cost IDA any money.

### **New Dancers Round Up** – Julia Branham

Rangeline Community Center, in Anderson, has been contacted, but we have received no response.

Hancock County Fairgrounds are available April 2, 2023. \$600.00 flat fee, includes use of kitchen, 400 chairs & 60 tables.

Crawfordsville Parks & Recreation has a \$350.00 fee & must rent chairs. Stage would cost more.

After discussion, John Cook moved we hold the NDRU at the Hancock County Fairgrounds, in Greenfield, IN, for the flat fee of \$600.00 on Sunday April 2, 2023.

Cheryl Robinson gave the second. Motion carried.

Tony Batta will arrange, send contract, from website with \$100.00 deposit.

**501c3** - Julia Branham

Julia Branham reported that we now have 501.C.3 status and are tax exempt.

The Secretary of State now recognizes us as tax exempt.

Julia Branham stated that no grants have been awarded and none are currently in process.

### **New Dancer Dances** – Tabled from last meeting

Wes Fenton offered his calling services (along with other callers) to call New Dancer Dances at about the end of lessons four (4), eight (8) and twelve (12). IDA would have to provide the venue and advertising.

The intent is to get dancers to an actual FREE dance and get them dancing.

A ½ pot could help defray some of the rental cost.

Julia Branham asked if there was interest in this.

It was decided to let it go.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Julia Branham requested reimbursement for zoom subscription of \$112.42. She stated, "I subscribed in May and have used it only for Grant Committee, Fund Raising Committee, Central Area and Convention."

Cheryl Robinson moved that Julia be reimbursed for the zoom expense.

John Cook gave the second. Motion carried.

### Appointment of Nomination Committee for IDA: for November Election

Three (3) have agreed to serve – John Cook, Charlotte McGaw, Jean Hayes

### Appointment of State Convention Board Member – Jean Hayes

Three (3) year term starting this year.

Education area. She has agreed to serve.

### Lessons in Evansville Area

Julia Branham said she would like to support this effort by paying the callers mileage for twelve (12) weeks.

The start date for lessons to begin in Owensville is September 22. (Thursdays)

Chuck Woods and Kristy Williams would be the callers travelling to do the lessons.

Julia stated "Since 2006, IDA has doubled their treasury and done basically nothing to promote square dance lessons in the state. The only thing I can recall that we have "spent" money on is the \$1,000 for the new website and the \$4,000 to help the convention with the flooring. This request came solely from me - - not Chuck or Kristy."

After much discussion - -

Cheryl Robinson moved we pay the caller for Owensville lessons 200 mile (round trip) @ IRS mileage rate up to twelve (12) lessons.

John Cook gave the second. Motion passed unanimously.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Wednesday, November 9, 2022, John Cook said we have been invited to dance at Bally's in Evansville, IN in support of Habitat for Humanity. He welcomed anyone who would like to join us.

Julia Branham reminded everyone they are invited to their 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary dance party at North Vernon on September 25, 2022.

Travis Cook will be calling at Star Promenaders the night before.

Cheryl Robinson invited everyone to Swinging Mates on Sunday, October 2, 2022 for a free dance. It is a Farewell Dance in honor of the Robinson Star Prowlers who have had to close their club.

Wrong Way Squares 50<sup>th</sup> year November 12, 2022 at 7pm CST. Tom Miller coming in along with Chuck Witt, club caller.

Julia Branham adjourned the meeting and announced November 13<sup>th</sup> as the date of the next meeting.

