

INDIANA DANCERS ASSOCIATION, INC

BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND MEMBERSHIP MEETING

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

November 12, 2023

The November 2023 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 2 p.m. on November 12, 2023 at the Southside MCL located at 3630 S East St, Indianapolis, IN and on Zoom.

CALL TO ORDER – John Cook-President

The president opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and the Lord's Prayer at 2 p.m. Those attending via zoom were asked to mute their microphones when not speaking. John announced that we will be going back to meeting at the Greenwood church. MCL has, once again, booked another group, giving us just one hour for a meeting.

PROOF OF DUE NOTICE – Cheryl Robinson-Secretary

Notice of upcoming meeting and September minutes were sent to the IDA email list Tuesday, November 7 at 8:15 p.m. They were attached to John Cook's zoom link.

ROLL CALL – Cheryl Robinson-Secretary

Roll call was taken by Cheryl Robinson with 19 officers and directors in attendance. Quorum was met with 14 plus.

President John Cook welcomed everyone.

READING OF THE MINUTES – Cheryl Robinson-Secretary

Motion to approve Lois Daugherty. Second given by Doris Swain. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Julia Branham-Treasurer

IDA Treasurer's report

November 12, 2023

There have been no transactions in the IDA general account since the last meeting. I did not receive reports from all the various other accounts, so they will be updated as of the end of the year.

The Convention has not received all bills yet, so I don't have an exact figure. The ending result will be very close to break-even or a small (\$500) profit. Taking out the depreciation charged to flooring expense, on a cash basis, the convention will come out over \$2,000 to the good.

Motion to approve by Doris Swain. Second given by Nadine Henry. Motion carried.

AREA REPORTS

NE AREA REPORT

10/28/23

THE NE AREA MET @ RICHARDS RESTAURANT IN HARTFORD CITY ON OCTOBER 28, 2023. THE MEETING WAS OPENED WITH THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE LED BY CHARLOTTE YENCER, PRESIDENT FOLLOWED BY THE RECITNG OF THE LORDS PRAYER.

ROLL CALL WAS DONE BY DORIS SWAIN WITH ONLY ELIZABETH KLIPPEN & JERRY DAVIDSON NOT PRESENT. WE HAD A QUORUM. NO GUESTS OR OTHER DANCERS WERE PRESENT.

THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING WERE READ BY DORIS SWAIN, SECRETARY WITH THE CORRECTIONS THAT WERE MADE FOLLOWING THE MEETING. CORRECTIONS WERE THE HI LO DANCE WILL BE HELD FEBRUARY 25, 2023 & THE DEMO AT SO. WHITLEY WAS NOT CANCELLED. JOHN COOK MADE THE MOTION & IT WAS SECONDED BY NANCY RAMER TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES AS READ & CORRECTED.

THE TREASURER'S REPORT WAS GIVEN BY NANCY RAMER. CHECKING ACCOUNT IS \$152.86 & SAVINGS IS \$3,223.48. WRECKTANGLES HAD TO CANCEL THEIR DANCE SO THE \$100 WAS NOT GIVEN TO THEM. THE \$300 WAS ALREADY GIVEN TO BELLES & BOWES FOR THEIR 2 SETS OF LESSONS LAST YEAR. THEY DID RECEIVE \$245 FOR THEIR APPRECIATION DANCE THAT PAID FOR THEIR CALLER, CUER, & BUILDING RENT. DORIS SWAIN MADE THE MOTION JOHN COOK SECONDED TO ACCEPT THE TREASURER'S REPORT & IT BE FILED FOR AUDIT.

OLD BUSINESS:

THE HI LO DANCE WILL BE SCHEDULED FOR FEBRUARY 25, 2024 & BE HELD AT THE DELAWARE COUNTY SENIOR CITIZEN'S CENTER IN MUNCIE ON WEST 8th STREET. FLYERS WILL BE MADE UP BY THE STATE CONVENTION. KIRA DISHMAN WILL SECURE THE DATE. JOHN & CAROYN COOK WI BRING 2 LITERS OF ASSORTED POP, DORIS & GENE SWAIN WILL BRING THE WATER, NANCY & CLYDE WILL BRING ALONG THE PAPER GOOD, & KIRA & KEITH WILL MAKE THE COFFEE. IT WAS DECIDED TO HAVE THE SMALLER WATER BOTTLES INSTEAD OF THE REGULAR SIZE BOTTLES. THE FOOD TABLE WILL BE SET UP IN THE HALLWAY. WE WILL HAVE THE USED CLOTHING TABLE AGAIN THS YEAR.

LESSONS IN PORTLAND WERE CANCELLED FOR LACK OF ENOUGH STUDENTS AT THIS TIME. THERE IS STILL AN INTEREST IN STARTING A CLUB IN PORTLAND. THERE WAS A LOT OF AD-VERTISEMENT DONE TO PROMOTE THE LESSONS IN THE AREA.

NEW BUSINESS:

NEW DANCER ROUNDUP WILL BE SUNDAY, APRIL 7 AT THE FAIRGROUNDS IN GREENFIELD. THERE WILL BE A CLOTHING SALE AGAIN. WE CAN GET INTO THE BUILDING BY 10 AM TO START SETTING UP THE TABLES. THE CLUBS SEEMED TO LIKE THE SET UP. DOORS OPEN @ 12N & THE DANCE STARTS @ 1 PM. OUR AREA IS AGAIN RESPONSIBLE FOR SETUP, TEAR DOWN, & VENDORS. CHARLOTTE WILL TRY TO MAKE FLYERS OF SOME SORT TO HAVE AT THE STATE CONVENTION.

THE NEC AS SUGGESTED THAT NEW GRADUATES BE GIVEN A FREE ADMISSION TO THE INDIANA STATE CONVENTION IN NOVEMBER. THE GRADUATES WILL BE REQUIRED TO JOIN A CLUB AND IDA. THIS WILL BE BROUGHT UP AT THE STATE IDA MEETING ON NOVEMBER 12. THE HI LO DANCE WILL BE CONFIRMED FOR SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2024. WRECKTANGLE SQUARES WILL BE THE NEXT APPRECIATION DANCE IN THE SPRING, POSSIBLY AFTER APRIL.

NOMINATIONS FOR OFFICERS WAS OPENED FOR 2024.

JOHN COOK MOVED THE NOMINATIONS BE CLOSED. THE SECRETARY WAS ASKED TO CAST A UNANIMOUS VOTE BY ACCLAMATION TO ELECT THE CURRENT OFFICERS TO BE ELECTED FOR 2024.

JOHN COOK IS ALSO TRYING TO PLAN A TRAIN TRIP TO METAMORA, IN AND HAVE SQUARE DANCING DEMOS. WE HAVE A CALLER WILLING TO CALL THE DANCE. THE STATE IDA WILL MEET SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2023 AT MCL CAFETERIA SR31 E INDIANAPOLIS @ 2:00 PM. IT IS ELECTION OF OFICERS. DIRECTORS PLEASE PLAN TO ATTEND.

THERE WAS NO FURTHER BUSINESS.

JOHN COOK MADE THE MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING SECONDED BY CLYDE RAYMER. ALL WERE IN FAVOR AND THE NE AREA MEETING WAS ADJOURNED.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

DORIS SWAIN

SE/SW-No report

Indiana Dancers Association
Central Area Report
At State IDA Live & Zoom Meeting on 11/12/2023

The Central Area IDA conducted a Zoom meeting on 11/08/2023.

Fundraiser to be selling Crew Car Wash books again during the month of January. I understand the clubs participating are Footloose, Laughing Squares, Merry Mixers & Swingin Singles.

Nothing to report until after the first of the year on the New Dancer Roundup. We will be on the Registration at the door & Half Pot again.

We will be contacted in January to set up our date for the State Fair.

The State Convention was enjoyable for all who attended. Next year will have Tony Oxendine & Jack Pladdys as the featured callers. The dates are 11/08-10/2024.

On 11/08/2023 we approved a revision to the Central Area's Constitution & Bylaws effective January 1, 2024. A big thank you to Melisa Mattingly who reviewed the old & made updated suggestions for the revised version.

At this time, I am formally issuing my resignation as Chairman of the Central Area of IDA effective 12/31/2023. I have contacted numerous individuals over the past two years whom I felt would do a good job as a replacement. I have been turned down each time. Cheryl Robinson has agreed to continue as Vice Chairmen, Rosie Keppel has agreed to continue as Secretary/Treasurer. Lois Daugherty, Karen Hauschild, Melisa Mattingly & Dick McKinsey have agreed to continue as Directors.

Since the next State IDA meeting has been announced as Sunday, 01/14/2024, the next Central Area meeting will be on Wednesday, 01/10/2024.

NORTHWEST AREA-Area meeting called to order by Orville VanDame at Chirsto's on November 9th at 7:10 pm. The meeting was attended by two clubs plus one by Skype for a total of seven people.

The only business accomplished was the election of officers. Chairman: Orville VanDame

Vice Chairman: Larry and Rose Hakes Secretary: Janine Batta Treasurer: Tony Batta

Directors will be appointed later. Lafayette Fun Squares will complete lessons December 12th. Wrong Way Squares will start lessons in January but will not start round dance lessons.

New Dancers Round-up discussion presented the problem of having enough people to handle the food booth, so maybe we might have a food truck.

The next meeting will be January 11, 2024

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Ida Fundraiser: John Cook reported for Charlotte Yencer-Clubs will be able to participate in the Crew Car Wash ticket sales again. Four or five clubs have expressed interest in selling them. Swinging Mates and Merry Mixers said they would participate also.

Tickets are \$11 each. The clubs keep \$5.50 each ticket. IDA pays for the printing of the tickets. No penalty for unsold tickets.

Folk Dance/Promotions: Promotion Committee Report,

A review of the 2023 Indiana Legislation Bills did not find our proposed “ Lively Lively - Square Dance! “ Bill listed for consideration.
There are currently 489 Senate Bills and 673 House Bills being moved through the legislation process.

Report by:

Larry Hakes

PS. Senate Bill 322 making the Breaded Tenderloin Sandwich our State Sandwich is currently in an Inactive status.

Recruit & Retain: Janet Lewis requested information on all lessons given, cancelled, etc.

Scholarship: Tabled till January. Still working on revision.

Insurance Program:

The 2024 USDA Insurance portal is up and running. We are asking all clubs to submit their club's membership roster by Nov 27.

The insurance premium fee for 2024 is \$5.50 per member. The due date for submitting your check to me is Nov 27.

All checks are to be made out to “Indiana Dances Association”.

Clubs having new students must submit their student names and date the lessons started and plan to be finished. The "Sponsored Class" form can be found on the IDA site Insurance. There is no cost for the students until they become club members.

Submitted by:

Larry & Rose Hakes

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Bylaws: Position needs to be filled

Membership: **November 12, 2023**

At this point IDA has 25 clubs, (24 active and 1 inactive), 364 paid members, and 79 Life members that belong to a club. Tips & Slips did not renew for 2023, but they are active. No change from last report.

I have been told that 3 clubs are folding as of the end of this year: Bucks and Does, Scatter 8's, and Sugar Creek Squares.

Renewal packets were picked up at the state convention. We are asking for a complete club membership roster, with a column indicating whether the club is paying membership, they are a life member, they are an IDA member, but paid for by another club, or not an IDA member. The membership database has been transitioned to Jotform Tables. By next year I am hoping that each club can update their own file. This file is linked to MailChimp and can be used for bulk emailing to our membership.

I would like to ask for \$102/year to be reimbursed to the Convention for ½ the cost of Jotform Tables.

In order to increase club membership, IDA membership, and attendance at the Indiana Square and Round Dance Convention we are proposing the following:

That IDA present all first time graduates of either mainstream or SSD a non-transferable certificate good for admission to the next Indiana Square and Round Dance Convention. The following requirements must be met:

1. Must be a new dancer who just successfully completed SSD or mainstream lessons
2. Must have joined an IDA Club
3. Must have joined IDA

To redeem, the certificate must be presented at the next Indiana convention. The registration chairman may request ID since the certificate is non-transferable.

The IDA membership chairman will administer the awarding of the certificate by:

- a. Verifying all requirements met – caller/instructor must sign off, club officer must confirm membership in club, the IDA membership chairman will verify IDA membership
- b. Verifying that the recipient has not previously been awarded a certificate (ie: graduated from SSD and then went on to graduate from mainstream).
- c. Preparing a certificate with the dancers name and date of the Indiana convention and mail to recipient

The above proposal has been approved by the Indiana Square and Round Dance Convention Board. The only cost to IDA is the cost of a certificate (negligible). The only cost to the Convention is the cost of a program book and ribbon which is approximately \$1.85/person.

Julia Branham

IDA Membership Chairman

Cheryl Robinson moved that the certificate proposal be approved by IDA. Doris Swain seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Approval was given to write a check to cover the cost of the jotform tables of \$102.

Webmaster: Janet Lewis commented on the website set up for non-dancers. There have been many hits on the site. The interest is encouraging.

State Dance: See report of Folk Dance

Promotions: See report of Folk Dance

State Convention: The 33rd Indiana Square and Round Dance Convention was held November 3-5 in French Lick.

There were 313 people in attendance.

We had 25 callers and 14 cuers.

Featured caller Mike Hogan did an awesome job of entertaining us (and dancing with us) the entire convention.

Prior to the Presidents Ball on Friday evening, club presidents, organization presidents and chairmen of the upcoming National Square Dance Conventions were recognized and presented with President ribbons to be worn all weekend.

Friday and Saturday nights ended with karaoke after parties sponsored by AB Key Music.

On Saturday we had 3 education sessions along with intros to several dance levels.

On Saturday evening the Chairman's Award was presented to Nadine Henry.

Since we didn't have a clothing vendor, we did a used clothing give-away. We called it the "New To You Clothing Area". It went over very well.

We are already hard at work on next year's convention which will again be in beautiful French Lick. The dates are November 8-10, 2024 with featured callers Jack Pladdys and Tony Oxendine. Teresa Berger is the General Chairman for the 2024 Convention.

Frank & Elisa Berger

33rd Indiana Square and Round Dance Convention General Chairman

A vote was called for to approve the new State Convention Board Members: Scott Roberts to Publicity, Chuck and Kristy Woods to Sound, Amanda Skidmore to Programming (with Tom Davis).

Ernie Stone made the motion to approve the nominations. Julia Branham seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Teresa Berger will be next year's state convention chair.

National Convention: John Cook stated that we had representatives from the three upcoming national conventions at our state convention.

He stated that we may have a couple of states bidding for the 2027 NSDC. He asked to be notified if anyone knows of another state interested in bidding.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: Election of officers

Lois Daugherty conducted the election. The nominating committee (Lois, Adam Zins and Doris Swain) presented the following as the list of officers for IDA for 2024.

President-John & Carolyn Cook

Vice President-Nadine Henry

Treasurer-Julia Branham

Secretary-Dave & Patty Woods

After asking three times (for each office) if there were any nominations from the floor, Lois directed the secretary to cast a unanimous vote of acclamation for each nominee. Therefore, the list above are the new officers for 2024 IDA.

Doris Swain announced that, with her 81st birthday later in the month, she is the oldest active woman caller in Indiana. John Cook said she is probably the oldest caller, man or woman, in the state.

John Cook thanked Carol Derbin for her years of service as the Central Area Chair.

Tony Batta brought up the issue of reorganization due to the decline in the clubs in most areas. John Cook asked Tony if he would be willing to work on that issue. John asked Nadine Henry to work with Tony on behalf of IDA.

The meeting was adjourned. Next meeting will be Sunday, January 14, 2024.

