

## Minutes of Cincinnati Contra Dance (CCD) meeting Monday October 3, 2005

Those attending: John Brockman, Debbie Lucas, Susan Vogt, Eileen Bens, Karen Keeton, Jim Vogt, John McCain, Pam Stoll, Larry Lankford.

Minutes of the 05 -16-05 meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer Karen Keeton reported that we have approximately \$7500 in checking and about \$22000 in CD 's.

Elections will be held on Oct 24 and 31. Seven of the eight leadership committee members agreed stand for re -election: John Brockman, Debbie Lucas, Eileen Bens, Karen Keeton, Jim Vogt, John McCain, Larry Lankford. Christie Brock, the eighth committee member, was not present to comment. A nominating committee consisting of (at least) John McCain and Karen Keeton will try to encourage others to consider serving the dance community on the leadership committee.

John Brockman has prepared a new mailing list. Members are encouraged to check the list to confirm or make changes to their information during the next 2 weeks before the list is published for distribution to the members.

Permanent mounting of speakers in the hall is still an active issue, but no one present had additional information to present.

John McCain has been checking on new fans for use in the hall and on stage. More information will be provided later.

There will be a New Year 's Eve dance at the Fine Arts Center from 8 PM to 1 AM with a potluck dinner starting at 6 PM (time per website). Bob Frankenhoff will coordinate bands. Larry Lankford will buy and supply plates, utensils, etc. and lemonade. Steve Edwards will be contacted to see if he will coordinate callers.

Larry Loew (from Louisville) suggested that Louisville, Lexington, and Cincinnati consider inviting Wild Asparagus to play in the area on New Year 's weekend a year from now. We will respond that we will consider the proposal. There are some concerns: The Fine Arts Center will not accommodate the expected large turnout. We would need to find another hall, and think about professional sound reinforcement, which might be difficult on New Year's Eve.

There was discussion about increasing pay and/or mileage for out -of-town bands and callers due to, among other things, the current high price of gas. Pam Stoll will check with others and report back with a proposal.

There was discussion about raising the compensation for the bands and callers on Monday nights. It was agreed to raise the rate from \$10 -\$15 to \$15- \$20 per person using the existing method.

The first half of the dance has been running past 9 PM most nights, with a long break. This makes the second half of the dance rather short. Jim Vogt will ask the callers to regulate the timing and the length of the break to even things out. ??? did we change the time for announcements ???

Respectfully submitted by Larry Lankford, secretary

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