

RAF MINUTES FOR MEETING OF 5/12/2020

WELCOME/MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 6:30 PM.

ATTENDEES: Aeckerle, Amy; Aeckerle, Kris; Blood, Debbie; Blood, Jeff; Capron, Henry; Eddy, Sue; Emmel, Peter; Gotta, Jim; Granath, Gary; Granath, Lorraine; Granger, Ann; LaDonna, Donna; LaDonna, Rick; Meyer, Chuck; Meyer, Sharon; Olson, Warren; Sepkowski, Sue; Stahl, Carol Ann

Due to Covid-19 CDC guidelines, attendees came together for a Zoom Meeting. Those without internet available joined via telecommunication.

CALL-IN PARTICIPANTS: (DIAL-IN NUMBER: 605-313-4441, ACCESS CODE: 347590)

AGENDA REVIEW: No changes were made to the agenda.

QUORUM: (Gary and Lorraine) – We have a quorum (seven clubs represented).

SECRETARY'S REPORT (Gary and Lorraine): Carol Ann made a motion to approve the April 2, 2020, minutes. Sue Eddy seconded.

TREASURER'S REPORT (Rick and Donna L.): Funds available 4/2/2020: \$17,440.54. Total funds available 5/12/2020: \$17,393.16.

Promotions Committee: Fiscal year ends June 30, 2020. Available funds as of 5/12/2020: \$1947.62. Any spending that occurs this fiscal year would come from the current balance. Any funds remaining at the end of this fiscal year will be returned to the general fund. Peter made a motion to approve a \$2000.00 budget for the Promotions Committee for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020-June 30, 2021. Rick L. seconded.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Dance-O-Rama (Jeff and Debbie): Canceled 2020 DOR caterer, Otto Tomotto, with no difficulty. DOR-ish dance is scheduled for October 3, 2020. Contracts for Perinton Recreation Center and callers/cuers are all set. Insurance is all set. A flier was emailed to all club presidents. DOR 2021 will be at the Perinton Recreation Center. As determined at our April 2, 2020 meeting, callers and cuers that were cancelled for 2020 DOR will be scheduled for DOR 2021.

A question arose regarding advanced sales of tickets for the DOR-ish dance and selling them for a lesser price. Why not charge one price at the door with no advanced sales. Last meeting it was decided to charge less for tickets sold in advance.

(Per Debbie Blood via email Monday, May 18th, the decision was made at the 5/12/20 DOR meeting to sell DOR-ish tickets only at the door. The price is \$10.00 per person.)

Graduates will pay for their own DOR-ish tickets unless individual clubs decide to purchase the tickets for their own class graduates.

Insurance (Carol Ann and Rick L.): Insurance payments for graduates will be due at the end of June if they are going to be dancing with your club. HOWEVER, Carol Ann emailed club representatives and asked each to send her the date of their club's first class in 2019 and the date of their last class prior to the pause. Using the summer dances as a teaching tool, we can extend the graduates' insurance for up to three months in the summer. Carol Ann needs a response by June 15th. Carol Ann also sent Peter an article for the Promenader.

CCR (Jim G.): Callers have not physically met. Emails have been exchanged. Keeping up with plans for current graduates, summer classes. We have had some zoom sessions with national callers, keeping skills up during this hiatus.

Promenader/Web Site (Peter E.): Preparing June 1st issue. Articles include: distance dancing, obituaries, the DOR-ish dance, and a small blurb regarding a question that arose regarding donations. Making use of Breaking News on the front page for cancellations.

Promotions Committee (Amy and Kris): No meeting in March. Rick and Donna received the business card invoice. With the possibility of Monroe County/Finger Lakes area opening up (in regards to Covid-19), will contact Gary Bubel and callers regarding the scheduled summer dances. We will contact yard-sign companies. Cost of yard signs is shared: RAF pays ½ of the cost of yard signs requested by individual clubs. The requesting club pays ½ of the cost of each yard sign. Next Promotions Committee meeting is scheduled for June 18th.

CURRENT BUSINESS

Summer Class Plans (Henry Capron): Cloverleaf Squares is planning to hold summer classes at the Henrietta Fire Hall. Henry believes the earliest we can begin will be in July. All of Cloverleaf Squares dates have been approved by Josh at the Henrietta Fire Hall. We need Josh's okay to proceed. Our first dance will be a free dance. Mike Callahan and Alice Bubel have agreed to call for free. Henry has spoken to each class member individually. Graduates plan to return and pick up where they left off. Our focus this summer will not be on Plus Teach, but on mainstream for our new graduates. Henry offered to combine the summer teaching sessions at the Fire Hall with any club that has 2019-2020 class graduates. Round dance teach is planned. A July Fest is planned, geared towards CCR.

Mike Sikorsky Dance (Sharon): I have not talked with Mike regarding the availability of the Fire Hall. Jim confirms we need to hear from the Fire Hall as to when they can open up. According to Henry, Mike is planning on calling this dance.

Return to Dancing: Suggestion was made last meeting to invoke club phone trees to contact members. Let them know we are looking forward to their return to dancing.

Jim's President's Message in the upcoming Promenader pertains to what the future might look like from a dancer's point of view and the caller's perspective as well. We will have to follow state guidelines for future dances.

A suggestion was made to meet in small groups at individual homes and have a caller on zoom.

Hand sanitizer, gloves, and masks should be available at dances.

Possibly dance outside.

BYLAW UPDATES/VOTES

Debbie and Jeff will take over the responsibility of updating the bylaws.

Suggested changes were made to the bylaws tonight. Debbie and Jeff will make the suggested changes, prepare a new draft including said changes and send it out via email this summer. We will vote on these changes at the September 9, 2020, meeting.

If anyone has suggested updates to the bylaws, get them to Jeff and Debbie Blood.

THANK YOU TO JIM GOTTA FOR THREE YEARS OF EXCELLENT LEADERSHIP AS PRESIDENT OF THE ROCHESTER AREA FEDERATION.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE ROCHESTER AREA FEDERATION OFFICERS FOR 2020-2021

President:	Debbie and Jeff Blood
Vice President:	Anne Granger and Sue Sepkowski
Treasurer:	Donna and Rick LaDonna
Secretary:	<u>Position is open.</u> Jim Gotta pro tem.
Promotions Coordinator:	Amy and Kris Aeckerle

SCHEDULE FOR RAF AND DOR MEETINGS FOR 2020-2021

Friday, June 26	RAF Summer Fun Dance
Friday, July 17	RAF Summer Fun Dance
Friday, August 7	RAF Summer Fun Dance
Friday, August 28	Sikorsky, Bubel Dance
Wednesday September 9	DOR & RAF meetings
Tuesday, October 6	DOR & RAF meetings
Thursday, November 19	DOR & RAF meetings
Monday, January 11, 2021	DOR & RAF meetings
Wednesday, February 24	DOR & RAF meetings

Thursday, April 8

DOR & RAF meetings

Saturday, May 1

Dance-O-Rama

Tuesday, May 11

DOR & RAF meetings

RAF meetings will begin at 6:30 PM and the DOR Committee meetings will begin at 8: 00 PM.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 7:45 pm.

Next Meeting: September 9, 2020

Location: TBD.