

Minutes of HCD Board meeting January 31, 2026

Attendees

Lisa Brilliant, Pam Fine, Wendy Huscher, Dennis Knowlton, Allison Peak, Kate Robertson, Barbara Renna, Jay Strouch, Prudence Sloane, Chris Traczyk, Ruth Tracey.

Minutes

MMSP Pam/Allison to approve the minutes of June 2025 meeting

Financial Report

Lisa commented on the Treasurer's report.

- Waltz has an extremely low balance of \$600 which she believes includes the latest deposit. Discussion followed on ways to market the dance to increase attendance – CTVisit, Patch, CTNow. Wendy announced that as of June she will no longer be coordinating Waltz leaving Barbara Renna in charge.
- Contra is holding steady for now but balance hovers at \$2600.
- Parent Tax – a question come up as to what it covers. Lisa noted it covers the Insurance, FastDance Membership, which is licensing fees for the music, state annual filing fees and bank fees. The "tax is prorated by balance in each dance account. Swing and Swing Jame cover more than 87% of the tax.

Old Business

- Facebook Page – Pam as Admin needs to add at least one more full admin. Prudence and Chris offered to assist if Pam could not figure it out on her own.
- Officers – It was noted Chris had indicated she would serve for 1 year. Lisa commented she has served for many years and would be interested in passing the Treasurer role to someone else. Jay has served for more than 2 years and would consider another role. It was agreed that the Board would vote on new officers at the June meeting.
- General discussion on how to attract new committee members which expands the pool for HCD Board members.
It was agreed that HCD will host an information al meeting to anyone interested in learning more about the role of Committee members and HCVD Board members on Sunday March 21st at 11 AM
Prudence will draft a flyer to be shared with each dance to announce and post at their February dances. Each dance will have a signup sheet that will be given to Chris so invitations for a Google Meet can be sent out.
- Mail Chimp has instituted new fess which may impact our ability to send block emails out. It was agreed Jay would research some free alternates if fess become an issue.
- Board Meetings – Prudence asked that the board discuss and agree on the format of future meetings i.e. in person, zoom or a hybrid. Discussion followed.
By Vote it was agreed that HCD Board meetings will be in person in June and online in January
- Fundraiser -Ruth brough up the possibility of holding a fundraiser. Potential fundraiser could be a dance in August with demos by each of the dances every half hour. No consensus on location, DJ etc.
Alternately Prudence and Ruth agreed to look at Farmers Market in West Hartford and Coventry to have a booth with information and dance demos.

The next meeting will be at Jays house date TBD.

Respectfully submitted:
Chris Traczyk, Secretary)