

Board meeting 1/5/21

The organization is in good financial health, with enough seed money to pay for the next in-person ale and a healthy balance in the financial aid fund. The Bells of River City is disbanding and has donated the contents of their team account to MWMA.

As in 2020, due to Covid-19 concerns, the 2021 Ale will be virtual. The Virtual Events Committee will ask for volunteers to work on this event in February. The 2022 Ale will be in Wisconsin, hosted by General Hardware and Oak Apple.

The Virtual Events Committee is planning a weekend event Feb. 5 and 6, featuring workshops, pickup dancing and opportunities for socializing. Registration will open about two weeks before the event.

The Maintaining a Respectful Environment committee is interested in adding two new members, and will send out a description of the position to the community for people interested in volunteering.

The board agreed that the secretary should post a meeting summary on the website for the community. Because the website is public-facing, the summary will not include individual names or specific financial details. Official meeting minutes will be maintained separately and made available upon request.

Board members discussed a proposal to start a mailing list for event information. Previously, most event information has been given to teams through board reps and squires, but recent virtual events have drawn dancers who are not affiliated with specific teams, or who are on teams that do not regularly attend the Midwest ale. Members emphasized the need to have a reliable way to unsubscribe from the list and the assurance that emails would not be shared beyond the organization.

For more information on this meeting, speak with your team representative or email [secretary@midwestmorrisale.org](mailto:secretary@midwestmorrisale.org).