



## PSWB 2022

The November update is less than a feathery, frolicking bit of news. Each month we check in with the Pavilion (site of event) to make sure all plans are on target. In October it was suggested we listen to the Palm Springs City Council October 28th meeting to hear the status update on restrictions and mandates.

As good flamingos do, we put on our listening ears. The City of Palm Springs will continue with their indoor mask mandate, as well as vax card requirements for bars and restaurants.

Imagine how these two flamingos felt. We wanted to squawk at the top of our lungs, protest with furious flapping wings, and bury our beautiful heads in the sand.  

With both of these mandates in place for the foreseeable future (something we were hoping would change as did the Pavilion), we sadly find it necessary to cancel PSWB 2022. With the idea that there may be a wide range of emotion in hearing the news, we'd like to have as much personal contact in this email as possible without calling each one of you to explain. :-)

So why cancel if we can dance with masks on? For some this would be acceptable, for others not so much. With 200 flamingos, there might be two hundred "pretty in pink" opinions. Yikes!! So here is the nitty gritty of how we made this difficult decision:

1. All flamingos who made travel arrangements need time to rearrange those plans.
2. Dancing with a mask on for many hours each day and night ranges from no problem to no way! This creates the "unknown in numbers" for a financially solvent event.
3. How many will cancel? How many will be grouchy Flamingos? How many may suffer from wearing a mask too long, especially those flamingos with beautiful beaks? How many will delight in just the opportunity to be together and dance?
4. With the restaurants asking for vaccination cards, it may pose problems for some and may further restrict the number of participants.
5. As we enter November, there are more financial obligations. Side Note: we had been willing to accept these risks before we heard the City Council talk the other night. They were as resolute as any city group we have heard on these issues. They are still Zooming their meetings as the chambers have been closed all this time.
6. There is a long list of events that have had to take the same road for similar reasons. Kudos to those events outside California that have had safe, successful events.

7. Masks, for their good purpose, can cause problems with communication, hearing, or seeing smiles. Imagine the camaraderie lost amongst us flamingos when we must stretch our long slim neck to hear each other speak, or even stick our beak in the ear of our fellow flamingo to be heard. 😂 🦩

These are the thoughts that we grappled with and each one added to our decision.

What from here:

Each person will receive a refund. Carry over is not offered. Those who paid by check will receive a full refund check. Those using PayPal will receive a refund via PayPal less the original PayPal purchase fee. Checks will be mailed, beginning November 7th. If your mailing address has changed, please let us know.

Please remember to cancel your lodging before your specific cancellation deadline. Put it in your calendar now :-)

Will the flock return.....?

YES!!

That news will be in an upcoming email. We have some **great news** which deserves its own special delivery. Stay tuned.

In closing, know that we love your support and friendship. Yes, we will miss you all but trust we will see you on the dance floor once again in the not-too-distant future.



Michele and Michael

