

KANSAS SQUARE DANCE CALLERS ASSOCIATION

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Minutes of Meeting on January 25, 2009 1:00pm Sunflower Bank, Salina, KS

President Larry Crady opened the meeting at 1:00pm on January 25, 2009.

Larry asked for a moment of silence for our ill members and those who have passed away.

Bob Tucker read the minutes and they were approved as read.

Mike Turner read the treasurer's report and it was approved as read Ending balance as of December 31, 2008. \$8505.93. M: Lynn, S: Virginia Passed.

Lynn Nelson gave the Convention Committee report:

- The deadline for the program book to Haskins is April 1st.
- Shops will be moved downstairs.
- The KSDA Officers will lead the grand march on Saturday night followed by KSDCA officers.
- There will not be a grand march on Friday. The KSDCA officers need to be near the stage prior to the dance beginning so they can be introduced.
- The theme for 2009 is "It's a RO DEE DEE O".
- "Young at Hart" is theme for the 2010 convention with Nick Hartley and Pam Young.
- For admission price information see the current flyer and Travel On.
- Admission prices are changes for 2010. See flyers and future Travel On for those changes. Reason for the change is the Bi-Centennial Center raised their price.
- The convention committee and program committee decided to not have a Youth Hall due to not enough Youth at the convention. There are more youth now than in 2007 but no one can predict how many will come to convention.

A short discussion ensued about who has responsibility for the program. It was pointed out that this body does the programming, but it was also pointed out that the committee has input to the programs that will be presented.

Lynn volunteered to host Nick Hartley next year.

It was pointed out that the secretary has been lax in providing to the members who the future callers/cuers will be.

Judy Broers presented the Line dance report in written and verbal form:

- It was pointed out by a member that we as callers/cuers/instructors are supposed to teach the line dances as presented on the web sites.
- The new four dances are in addition to the four last year.
- For copies of the dances, go to either web site. For written copies, contact the secretary.

Mike Turner presented the Historical Committee Report:

- Forms will be redistributed since some may have lost their form.
- The forms will be put on both web sites.

Bob Tucker presented the website information. Move to pay Dan by Dana Passed.

- Member's only website 'one more time' is:
- KSDCA.BoMarTuck.com [do not put www in front of it]
- Login: KSDCA
- Password: ksdca
- Open website is KSDCA.WeSquareDance.com
- Line dances are on both sites as well as Happy Time Squares.

Dana Schirmer presented the Redistricting report in both written and verbal form:

- KSDCA needs to proceed to do what is best for our members specifically in the outlying areas.
- Three proposals were presented.
- The proposal that will be voted on in June is 3 districts divided by combining NE and NC, SE and SC, NW and SW.
- Currently at our state level, we are not doing anything to help the districts whether they have an organization or not. Education of new caller/cuers/instructors is needed.

At this point a discussion of education funding from the 57th National was discussed:

- 57th has money for education.
- We need to spread the money out to the smaller districts.
- It was asked how do we apply for the educational funds?
- A preliminary request form is drawn up until the permanent can be approved by the board. However, just a letter explaining what we want to do and basic plan as to how that plan will be implemented should suffice for now.
- Can the funds be used to teach new dancer classes?
- Maybe, maybe not. Apply and see what happens was the suggestion.
- Possibly buying instruction videos for use can be funded.
- KSDCA could ask for money for seminars or stipends for member training whether the training is provided by KSDCA or an approved training course.

The discussion then went back to redistricting:

- Why do we want to redistrict?
- Why would we want to cut off the west by themselves?
- It was explained that we would extend our operations out there (the west).
- Splitting it down the middle makes sense with two districts, north and south.
- In theory the 3 district as proposed sounds good but for NE expanding west is difficult due to the main population is in Topeka whereas Wichita is more central to both the SE and SC and not quite as distant.
- Who in theory will be these 3 or 4 callers that would do this travel to the west and southeast to train new members? Answer: Several callers from SC and NE do call out in the west already.
- Logistically it looks cumbersome.
- A member from the west stated that from the KSDA perspective, Hays in NW and Hoisington in SW have talked about combining.
- A couple of members stated that the west does not want to or have the funds to pay the price to pay callers from the east to drive out there and call.

At this point Larry stopped the discussion.

Dana then made the proposal to divide the districts as NE and NC, SE and SC, NW and SW. It will be voted on in June.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS

- Sue Dellere Caller, ratification of the Board's approval for Active status. Passed.
- Judy Speer Caller Active status Passed

Gary Titus presented the Programming report:

- State committee needs to be reorganized.
- Instruction books seem to be lost as to who does what.
- There will be an Advanced hall for 1 hr by state callers.
- There will be two clogging sessions.
- The Air Cap Tappers and Kansas Country Cloggers will do exhibitions.
- No grand march Friday night.
- Specialty squares was discussed and it was pointed out that only one caller had signed up. Subsequently, another caller signed up to do Hex squares.
- There will be 4 Heritage halls Friday night and 3 on Saturday night.
- The Impromptu squares is gone.

One suggestion was to alternate featured caller from MS to Plus with the caller moving instead of changing hall designation. No action on this at this time.

Dana moved to accept the plan. S: Pam, Passed.

On Saturday night maybe KSDCA will do National Anthem. Lynn will let us know at the June meeting.

Dana moved to pay for members and spouses/partner who are programmed. S: Lynn, Passed.

Bob reviewed the sound bids:

- Only one was submitted.
- Volunteers were asked for to provide sound for the halls.
- After a discussion on what was required, several volunteered.
- Joyce will do a small hall with a 200. However, she needs input cables. Bob said he would provide them for her.
- Pam will do a small hall with a 300 and Keltone speakers.
- Dana may be able to sound the large hall if he is able to come to the convention. However, he may be out of town on business. If not, Larry and others will provide a 300 with two sets of Yaks.
- Several others said they carry theirs with them at all times.
- Joe will do the Clogging hall. Joe doesn't have standard Hilton equipment however.

Bob presented the scholarship applications:

- Joe Dawley had submitted the outline and an explanation of CCI/CLOG which sponsors clogging instructor training. Joe explained the CCI. Bob moved to accept CCI and CLOG as permanent scholarship organizations. S: Dana , Passed.
- After a review of the 'not used' scholarships from 2006 to the present, Lynn moved & Virginia seconded to give 5 scholarships this year since Callerlab is close and about 12 members had applied. Passed.
- Scholarship winners are: Peggy Anschutz, Joe Dawley, David Myers, Sheldon Lawrence, and Virginia Yerta.

Organizational Reports:

- ACA none
- Callerlab: Dana reported that it is in KC this year. Lady callers will call on Sunday night and it is organized by Lynn. It is open to the general public. The opening session is on Monday morning followed by interest sessions. There will be a special Historical session with round table about history consisting of Flippo, Driver, Mayo, Golden. All members and those interested are encouraged to be there. Next year it is in Niagara Falls; the following year it will be in Las Vegas at the Riviera. You can have a license without being a member. Call the home office for details. The new Home office will open on May 1 in Topeka. Call Dana if you would like a tour. Wednesday night April 8, there will be a 60th birthday dance for Dana with Flippo and Driver calling and Roy Gotta cueing.
- Roundalab: Pam reported that the convention is in Long Beach prior to the National.
- Contralab – none
- Clogging Joe reported his Mulvane operation is doing well. He is trying for line dance in Mulvane also.

- Line Dance Judy reported that the NTA is sponsoring line dance workshops on the plaza at the Holiday Inn. Feb 13 – 15 for workshops. Email Judy for more information.

District Reports:

- NE 1st Sat in Feb at Croco all day. See a NE caller for information. Flyer is incorrect 10:00 to dancing for everyone. Tenderfoot Mar 8th Croco.
- NC Feb 8th is the NC friendship KSDA dance.
- SE none.
- SC The tenderfoot dance is Mar 29, 3-5:30 at St Francis of Assisi. New program in Wichita is the travel card program. For 6 people the club gets 1 card, 12 people 2 cards. At the end of the season, the two clubs with most cards get \$100 each. The purpose is to increase visiting. Last tip dangle program is still working.
- NW – Peggy, tenderfoot Feb 15 at Roosevelt school. April 19 Quinter, Marshal Poole is the caller for the district dance. January 31st is the Jamboree in Hoisington with Sheldon, Bob and Jeanne.
- SW none.

Other Business:

Virginia is the chair of nominating committee for 2009-2010. If you would like to run for any office, contact Virginia. Officers are: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer.

Larry asked for volunteer for caller coordinator for 2010. Joyce asked what they did and Lynn explained. Joyce volunteered.

Larry asked for suggestions for featured callers/cuers for 2011, 2012. The following were suggested:

Texas Po' Boys, pioneers of calling such as Bower – Driver - Flippo, Nasser Shukayr, Bear Miller, Art Tangen, Tim Tyl were suggested. The way featured callers/cuers are selected is after the June meeting. The boards of KSDCA and KSDA will meet and present suggestions from each organization. A priority list is made and a maximum fee is suggested. Then one of the officers of KSDCA sends out request for bids. When they are received back, a list is made based upon who is available, the priority, and if they are within the fee maximum. KSDCA officers present the selections to KSDA for their concurrence. Contracts are then sent. If you have suggestions, send them to the secretary and/or bring them to the June meeting.

Dana announced the next Caller clinic at Kaw Valley dance hall, Mar 7, 9:00am-5:00pm. Subject is planning lessons and building modules. All invited to attend no matter how much experience you have.

It was asked if, on Saturday night, one line dance could be done in the main arena in place of a round. A short discussion followed.

- It was pointed out that we are paying the featured cuer to cue.
- It was pointed out that there are other halls with lines, but they are in the Plus hall.
- It was suggested to try it one time and look and see how many are on the floor for the line and determine if we would do it again.
- How many clubs in state have programmed line dancing? Seven was the answer.
- It was pointed out that 5 clubs out of 26 clubs in NE list lines.
- What is the percentage of lines vs. rounds at clubs in the entire state? No one knew the answer to that.
- We need to cater to line dancers as well as round dancers.
- It was suggested that if it comes to pass, suggest Electric Slide, second choice was asked for but not determined. It would be one from the current teach list.
- The decision was left up to the program committee.
- Are the featured cuers doing an exhibition? Answer: If they want to.

Deadline for profiles for the 58th National is January 31.

Motion to adjourn Dana, S: Virginia. Adjourned at about 3:30.

Next meeting is June 6, 2009, 9:00am Bi-Centennial Center in the small hall behind stage left.

Attending:

Joe Dawley, Diana Wagner Virginia Yerta, Sue Dellere Cindy Titus. Joyce Juhler, Lynn Nelson, Pam Young, Betty Skillet, Allen Hahn, Peggy Anschutz, Rex Johnston, Gene Broers, Judy Broers Toni Nelson, Vernon Nelson, Wanda Crady, Dana Schirmer, Terry Lewis, Larry Crady, Gary Titus, Mike Turner, Bob Tucker.

Respectively submitted,

Bob Tucker
Secretary, KSDCA