

KANSAS SQUARE DANCE CALLERS ASSOCIATION

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Minutes of Meeting on January 24, 2010 1:00pm Sunflower Bank, Salina, KS

President Larry Crady opened the meeting at 1:00pm on January 24, 2010.

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

The minutes from the June 2009 meeting were approved as previously distributed. M: Vic S: Virginia.

Mike Turner read the treasurer's report and it was approved as read Ending balance as of December 31, 2009. \$7708.60. M: Virginia, S: David Passed.

Joyce Juhler gave the Convention Committee report:

YOUTH:

- Reinstate Youth/High Energy hall in the small room behind the main arena stage left.
- One hr on Friday night, one hour Saturday afternoon, one hour Saturday evening.
- How do we police it?
- Committee suggested it be open to all dancers so the parents/guardians and dancers would police it.
- What is the age? 18 and younger was the answer.
- How to get word out? The program, internet and Travel On was the answer.

COMPETITION DANCING

- Reported on Nebraska's success.
- Jon Jones said the competition was between the dancers and the caller, not the dancers vs. dancers.
- It was pointed out that in the Roundup there were a lot of cons. It was then pointed out that there were more pros than cons.
- It was very successful at the National Convention in Long Beach. It was suggested to separate it into two divisions due to age of dancers and calling speed.
- It was pointed out that the judges needed to know the definition of the calls and judge equally and not let an infraction pass.
- Are there some kind of rule about how fast to call? Does the caller have to stay on beat or can he shortcut?
- Nebraska was MS only.
- Sheldon –motion that it be thought about for 2011 so that it can be discussed at the June 2010 meeting and better advertising can be done. Pam second. Passed.

- If we are going to do it, do it right. Dancers need to register for it. There has to be adequate judges for each square therefore need to know the number of squares participating in advance.
- Joyce asked for volunteers for a committee for competition meeting. Sheldon (chair), Joyce, Sue, Tammy, David.

CALLERS AND CUERS for future conventions

- 2011 caller Nasser Shukayr.
- 2012 is Don and Doug Sprosty calling and Natalie Sprosty cueing.
- There were problems with the contract for the 2011 cuer after the verbal contract was negotiated. Still working on a resolution.

YOUTH ADMISSION

- Youth cost needs to come down from \$8 if we are going to have youth dancing and we want to keep them. Knows of one family that has 5 kids.
- It was pointed out that Tammy tried to get the price lowered to no avail. The only concession was that the admission won't be raised for Youth.
- Hall cost went up. It was pointed out at the committee meeting that south central has a lot of youth and they won't come if the price is kept at \$8. All attempts were to no avail.
- People that have these families are hurting just on everyday finances and we are keeping them away with our high youth prices. [If you keep one youth away you lose two adults also.]
- How about a scholarship for youth? We had 25 youth last year.
- Can we, KSDCA, provide a scholarship for the ribbons?
- Who sets the price? The Convention Committee.
- Do we have a say in the fees? Larry gave a historical synopsis about how it changed from a KSDCA event to a KSDCA and KSDA event. It became too big for the callers to do the entire convention. Dancers stepped up and said they would take the convention and we would do the program. That is why we don't have a lot of say in what goes on anymore.
- Motion Terry, we will reimburse \$4 of the convention cost to the convention committee for all preregistered youth for the 2011 state convention. Second Virginia. Passed.
- Put the lower supplemented price on the 2011 flyer.
- It needs to be in by April 1. Joyce will present this to the convention committee.

HALL ASSIGNMENTS

- Joyce – Received several complaints about the round dance being same time as featured caller's DBD session. Larry, schedulers should be able to work that out. End of discussion.

LINES IN THE MAIN HALL

- 78 was the count on the floor last year in the main arena.
- Two time slots and two lines each as long as it within the time slot.
- 10 minute is the time slot.
- A short walk through is all that is needed since the dance will be one that is on the approved list.

CLOGGING

- Is clogging at the same times as last year? Yes, probably.

OUT OF STATE PARTICIPANTS

- It was stated that we have guidelines for our members. Are they eligible to call based upon our guidelines?
- Bob said that the invitation he sent to Nebraska explained what the requirements were for our members and that the out of state participants would be held to the same requirements except for the four dances in Kansas requirement. [Note: As of this writing and the deadline, no out of state participants have turned in a program]

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

- The line dance report is on the Member's Only website.
- There are videos on you tube for several videos with music. The committee was thinking about making our dances available there also. After talking to BMI, it was decided that we shouldn't do it. A short explanation is that You Tube is licensed with BMI ASCAP and SESAC. However, as far as videos go there is something called a synchronization license when you put music to videos and that was the sticking point.
- There are a lot of videos already on You Tube for lines.
- There will be links to the dances from both websites.
- All music is available from Itunes, Amazon and Wal-Mart as well as other outlets. See the report. Recommend all previous videos stay on there.
- What are the line dance committee's responsibilities to the convention committee?
- Dana made a motion and Vernon seconded that the workshops at the convention use the dances selected this year by the line dance committee. If more dances are needed, then use the dances approved in the past. Bob pointed out that he thinks that this same motion had been passed in the past and most agreed. Sheldon called the question. Passed.
- Larry, LD committee needs to draw up guidelines for the committee.
- It was suggested the line dance committee be a part of the program committee. Larry said it is.
- It was stated that the committee was organized to standardize the dances throughout the state and has fulfilled that charge so it is recommended the committee be expanded and that the committee make a recommendation to the organization what they think they should be doing.
- It was pointed out that there was a problem last year because the Square Dance programmer also did the Line Dance programming and the Round Dance programmer did the round dance. There were scheduling conflicts because a member who does both rounds and lines was scheduled at the same time for lines and rounds.
- It was suggested that not only Line Dance but also Contra and Clogging need to be represented on the program committee under the umbrella of the Square and/or Round Co-Chairs.

Mike Turner - Historical Committee Report:

- Mike deferred due to time constraints.

Bob Tucker presented the website information.

- Websites should be up to date. Let him know if not.
- Dan re-did the website and used an old members list. Two members had requested changes that Bob knew had been made before. Please check yours and let Bob know if something needs changed.
- Members Only site 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.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS

Affirmation by the membership of the executive committee's actions:

- Peter Koscenski, Caller, Associate status.
- Tammy Gough, Caller, Associate status.
- Wade Morrow, Caller, Active.
- Dana moved and David second to accept. Passed.

Vic Perry presented the Programming report:

- The official program form that was sent out is what is used. What you check is what is programmed.
- Programming is not an easy thing to do. No matter how hard they try, someone gets upset. He apologizes in advance. They will do the best they can to give everyone the very best time slots.
- Questions? "Keep smiling" came from one former programmer.

Bob reviewed the sound bids:

- Several bids were submitted from the following: Ron Swartz, Peggy Anschutz, David Myers, Pam Young, Joyce Juhler, Larry Crady, Steve Hackman.
- Since we have a sound committee this year, it was suggested that the committee assume the responsibility of selecting the bids and assigning the halls. Sheldon moved and Virginia seconded the bids be given to the sound committee. Passed.
- It was pointed out that there was a discussion last year of the problems with sound. Among them was adjusting of the equipment by MCs and users then complaining about the sound. Also instructions being taped to the table as instructed but not read by the MCs. Equipment was unplugged and left the featured caller without a system.
- The sound committee will monitor the halls for proper sound throughout the convention.
- David wants to know in advance who the MCs will be.

Complimentary Passes to this year's convention:

- Pam moved and Terry seconded to provide admission for programmed members, their spouses/significant others and Honorary members who desire to attend.
- Bob pointed out that in the past four honorary members requested ribbons but did not show up.
- We have a total of 12 with 7 of those with spouses.
- It was recommended that it be stated in the invitation that if they don't dance, they don't have to have a ribbon and that KSDCA pays for the ribbons so please use them if you request them.
- Passed.

Bob presented the scholarship applications:

- Did the secretary validate all of the applications. Yes he did.
- David moved and Allen seconded to give 3 scholarships. Passed.
- Many applications were received.
- Scholarship winners are: Judy Broers, Steve Hackman and Lynn Nelson.

Organizational Reports:

- ACA none
- Callerlab: Dana reported that Gorja Rios Roth passed away. She is a legendary person in the square dance world. Invited all to Niagara Falls, NY. It is a great venue with some unique technical advantages. Not only callers but others are invited to attend. Contact the home office for more info. The Callerlab Foundation is an educational foundation that funds scholarships. Propose that KSDCA make a donation in the name of Jack Bishop and Gloria Rios Roth. Sue moved and Mike T. seconded. Passed. \$50 each was moved by Peggy and seconded by David. Passed. Caller profiles are due to Louisville if you are participating.
- Roundalab: Pam reported that the convention is in Louisville Sunday, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday prior to the National.
- Contralab – none
- Clogging Joe reported the convention is in Nashville this year over Thanksgiving.
- Line Dance Judy reported that the NTA is sponsoring line dance workshops on the plaza at the Holiday Inn Northeast in Kansas City Feb 12 – 14 for workshops and testing if desired. There will be couples dancing as well as lines. Email Judy for more information.

District Reports:

- NE Virginia reported the NE Callers Festival Feb 6 at Croco at 1:00 to 10:00. Tenderfoot dance is Mar 14th at Croco at 3:15.
- NC Joyce reported the Long Wranglers having a once a quarter Plus dance the last Tuesday of the quarter. District dance is Feb 7 with Dana calling at the Manhattan Senior center at 2:30.
- SE none.
- SC Allen reported the Tenderfoot dance at the Derby Rec Center 2:00-4:30 on March 28th.
- NW – Peggy reported their Tenderfoot dance Feb 14 at 2:00 at Roosevelt school. April 18 is the NW Spring dance with Sue Dellere and Steve Bailey calling.
- SW none.

Old Business: None.**Other Business:**

- Mike T. stated that David Hubbard asked him to review the 57th Educational Grant form. It appears to be underused.
- It is for educational purposes and anyone can apply for a grant.
- Mike T. received an email from one of our dancers that the FCC is changing the frequency of the sound enhancement devices June 12, 2010.

Vic is the chair of nominating committee for 2010-2011. If you would like to run for any office, contact Vic. Officers are: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer.

Larry asked for volunteer for caller coordinator for 2010-2011. Joyce volunteered to serve for another year. Joyce does a great job at the convention committee keeping them in line.

Larry asked for suggestions for featured callers/cuers for 2014. The following were suggested: Mike Hogan, Debra and Jon Jones, Tim Tyl.

Motion to adjourn Judy, S: Terry. Adjourned at about 3:00.

Next meeting is June 5, 2010, 9:00am Bi-Centennial Center in the small hall behind stage left.

Attending:

Joe Dawley, Virginia Yerta, Sue Dellere, Joyce Juhler, Pam Young, Allen Hahn, Peggy Anschutz, Rex Johnston, Judy and Gene Broers, Vernon and Toni Nelson, Dana and Donna Schirmer, Terry Lewis, Larry and Wanda Crady, Vic Perry, Mike Turner, Bob Tucker, Tammy Gough, Peter and Sharon Koscenski, Sheldon and Cindy Lawrence, David and Marcie Myers, Diana Wagner.

Respectively submitted,

Bob Tucker
Secretary, KSDCA