

KANSAS SQUARE DANCE ASSOCIATION  
WINTER MEETING  
SALINA, KANSAS  
JANUARY 27, 2013

Present: Peggy Anschutz, Larry & Wanda Crady, Sue Dellere, Tammy Gough, Allen Hahn, Sheldon and Cindy Lawrence, Terry Lewis, Dana Schirmer, Jeanne & Warren Shane, Dale and Janice Stead, Mike Turner, Diana Wagner, Chris Wildhagen, Virginia Yerta, and Rex Johnston.

Larry Crady called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM. Larry welcomed everyone and asked for a moment of silence for members who had passed away.

Minutes had been sent out prior to the meeting. Dana S. moved the minutes be accepted as sent out by e-mail. Virginia Y seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Treasurer's report was given by Mike T. The balance brought forward as of April 30, 2012 was \$5,730.92, deposits made \$1,100.62, checks paid out \$200.00 with an ending balance of \$6,631.54 on December 31, 2012. Virginia Y. moved the treasurer's report be accepted. Dale S. seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Convention report: Dale stated that the halls would not open until half an hour after the Main Arena started. The reason for this was that many of the halls were starting without dancers. This would approximately be after the first two tips had been completed in the Main Arena. It was also suggested that the halls on Saturday Night shut down before the last tip in the Main Arena is called. This will give everyone a chance to dance together back in the Main Arena.

Dana suggested that on Saturday night we eliminate one mainstream hall and have one hall for Round Dance, one Plus Hall and one other mainstream hall. This would centralize the cuers in one hall which would help the cuers since their numbers are down. By taking the rounds out of the plus hall it would keep the plus dancers longer. Also, eliminate the High Energy Hall on Saturday night. This proposal is for this year.

Sue D. asked the question as to what the number count was for the halls. The last two years we have kept a running tally every 15-30 minutes of dancers in the halls.

Dana S. moved that Saturday night program include: Plus in Heritage South (the large hall) without Rounds, Mainstream with Lines and/or Rounds in Heritage NW and make Heritage NE a Round Dance Hall. Virginia Y. seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Tammy G. brought up a question of who programs the halls. She was under the impression that the convention committee did the halls. Dana S. stated that the callers set the program and lay out the halls. The Convention Committee can make recommendations, but ultimately it is up to the Caller's Association to make the decisions. There are written procedures on this somewhere, but, no one is sure where to find them. Sheldon L. suggested the two groups need to get together and get back on track. Dana moved that the President of KSDCA and the President of KSDA meet to reestablish a working agreement on this convention and future conventions.

Virginia Y. seconded the motion. Motion passed. Larry C. will get together with the KSDA President, Bob and Marlene Smith, to work out an agreement on the duties of the Convention Committee and the KSDCA. Dana clarified the members of the Convention Committee with the following statement. Each group has 5 votes. There will be four officers plus the past president from KSDCA and 5 officers from KSDA, to represent their respective organizations and make up this committee. If a decision cannot be resolved by this committee the callers have the right to take charge of the convention.

The question was asked, why are the featured caller and cuer for future conventions kept a secret? Discussion followed on why it might have happened. One suggestion was that if for some reason a featured caller or cuer backed out and we had advertised them, we would have to change our advertisement. Dana recommended that if a contract has been signed that we go ahead and get out the information.

Sheldon Lawrence commented on the schedule of the Square Dance Competition. It would basically be the same as the last two years. He would like to send the schedule information to Tim Marriner.

- 11:30-12:30: Registration for competition
- 12:30-1:00: Tim Marriner calling DBD Warm Up
- 1:00-1:15: Competition Assignments
- 1:15-2:15: Competition Event
- 2:15-2:30: Competition Awards and Pictures
- 2:30-2:45: Introduction of KSDA and KSDCA officers
- 2:45-3:00: Exhibitions
- 3:00-5:00: Plus Dancing with Tim Marriner

Sheldon L moved that Saturday afternoon schedule remain the same as the last two years. Mike T. seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Larry C. mentioned that we owe Dan Wheeler \$20.00 for the web site. Dana stated that the \$20.00 dollars is only to maintain the web site and we might like to give Dan a bonus gratuity for all of his work. Allen H. moved we pay an extra \$50.00 to Dan. Virginia Y. seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Complementary passes were discussed as well as ribbons. Tammy requested that we get ribbons out sooner so we can start advertising the convention earlier. The secretary will send Mike T. the list so he can pay for the ribbons. Only 2 ribbons may be ordered for a caller or cuer. Dana moved we handle the complementary passes in the same way as we have in the past. Terry L. seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Four scholarship forms were handed in. KSDCA usually gives out 3 scholarships according to the Standing Rules. It was mentioned that Vernon Nelson was planning on retiring from cueing. Dana made the motion that we give out 4 scholarships this year and check with Vernon N. as to his plans for using the scholarship. Sheldon L. seconded the motion. Motion passed. This does not change the standing Rule of giving out 3 scholarships each year. Winning scholarships were: Kevin Denning, Tammy Gough, Mike Turner and Vernon Nelson.

Larry received a letter from George and Nancy Sloop on hearing enhancements receivers for the convention. The Convention Committee is requesting that they would like to see a hearing enhancement system in all of the convention halls. The number of dancers needing hearing enhancement is increasing. This would also help the convention meet the ADA requirements. Each hall would need a multi-channel transmitter. KSDA has located two systems and they are asking KSDCA to provide two additional systems. During the last meeting in June of 2012, Lynn N. moved to include hearing assist transmitters in every hall for 2013. This can be bid separately from the sound. It was seconded and passed. Sheldon L. suggested that we should have something in writing that KSDCA is not liable for the equipment that KSDA uses. Dana will supply one system for the Main Arena and Sue D. will supply one other system.

Callerlab will be held in Raleigh, North Carolina. This will be Callerlab's 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary. This convention is not just for callers it is also for dancers and dance leaders. There will be something for everyone. Session will be recorded and the Mp3 will cost \$25.00 for the sessions if you are a member.

No report from ACA, Contra, Clogging and Line Dance.

Jeanne S. stated that Roundalab will be held in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma before the NSDC in June. She also mentioned that Al Shaw, the Executive Administrator will be retiring in 2014 and Roundalab is looking for a replacement. Everyone is welcome to come to Roundalab.

West District has classes being taught in Hays and Hoisington. They are encouraging their class members to get out and dance. Everyone had a great time at the Snowball Festival. Spring Special is April 21, 2013 at 2:00 PM in Great Bend. Sheldon Lawrence is the caller. The Summer Dance is August 17, 2013 in Hays.

North Central District is hosting the North Central District Meeting and Dance in Council Grove, February 10, 2013. Featured caller is Diana Wagner and Joyce Juhler is the cuer.

Northeast Kansas Callers' Festival is Saturday, February 2, 2013 at Croco Hall. The Tenderfoot dance will be on March 10, 2013 at Croco Hall in Topeka.

South District has elected new officers. Mike Huddleston is now president, Allan Hahn Secretary, and Joe Dawley is Treasurer. The Tenderfoot dance will be in Kingman, KS on March 24, 2013. There is an article in American Square Dancer written by Debra Carroll- Jones about the Last Tip Dangle Program that the Wichita Square Dance Caller's Association started to keep dancers at the dance until the end of the dance. Nice Advertisement!

Nominating Committee, Dale & Janice Stead, has not heard from anyone except the officers that are willing to stay on the board. If anyone is interested in a position let them know before the June meeting.

The editor of KSDA, Donna Schirmer, needs articles for the next issue by February 1, 2013.

Caller Coordinator for the convention is Janice & Dale Stead.

Bill Roles will be retiring. May 3, 2013 the Frontier Twirls in Osawatomie will have a dance to honor the many years that Bill has called.

Vic Perry has had some health issues. He is home from the hospital where after tests they found he has an enlarge ventricle in his heart. He plans to finish out his present commitments and then just call for his 2 clubs.

Sheldon L. reported on the camping situation for the convention. The Convention has raised the fee for camping and after checking around the KOA of Salina, was willing to give the campers a special rate. They have sites with full hook-ups or partial hook-ups. Tell them you are a square dancer to get the special rate. The 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Outback Party will be on Thursday evening, May 30<sup>th</sup> at the KOA Campground. The Nebraska people that camp, have also been notified.

Heart of America Callers School will be with Tim Marriner, Paul Hensley, and Jerry Junk. The school will be Wednesday-Sunday after the State Convention. There are scholarships available through the Callerlab foundation. Tim will be in town and would like to know if KSDCA would like to do some kind of a clinic on Sunday? He could also set up a Dancer's Leadership Clinic.

Larry C. announced a one day caller's clinic that is being presented by Ken Ritucci at the Leawood Presbyterian Church in Leawood, Kansas. The KAMO callers are putting this clinic on and the cost is \$75.00. If you need more information contact Jay Krebs or Jim Wright.

Mike T. talked about the problems we are having transferring the signatures from one group of officers to the new officers on our bank account. Two signatures are needed on each check from the current officers. At this meeting the officers signed paper work and signature cards that Mike will take back to the bank.

Terry L. moved we adjourn. Virginia Y. seconded the motion. Motion passed

Respectively submitted,

Jeanne Shane  
KSDCA Secretary

