

**KSDCA ANNUAL MEETING
JANUARY 26. 2014
SALINA, KANSAS**

Present: Peggy Anschutz, Larry Crady, Tammy & Bill Gough, Allen Hahn, Sheldon & Cindy Lawrence, Terry Lewis, David & Marcie Myers, Dana Schirmer, Jeanne & Warren Shane, Dale Stead, Stash Tosio, Bob & Marcia Tucker, Mike Turner, Diana Wagner, Chris Wildhagen, Virginia Yerta, and Rex Johnston

Meeting was called to order by Larry Crady at 1:00 PM. Larry welcomed everyone, especially Bob and Marcia Tucker. A moment of silence was held for those members who have passed away since our last meeting.

Minutes: Jeanne S. stated that the minutes had been sent to each member by e-mail. They were accepted without reading them. Jeanne mentioned one change in the original minutes. On the second page under Line Dancing, it should read: Mike S. and Judy B. would like to see the square dance callers teach square dance etiquette or technique of square dancing. Some square dancers get a little rough when swinging and pulling a little more than necessary. Chris W. moved we accept the minutes with the correction and Virginia Yerta, second. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Mike T. reported balance brought forward as of April 30, 2013 is \$5,774.48, deposits and other credits were \$678.21, checks paid out and other debits (this was mainly the ribbons that we had purchased ahead of this year) \$1,736.48 with an ending balance on December 31, 2013 of \$4,716.21. David M. moved we accept the treasurer's report and Diana W., second. Motion passed

State Convention Report:

Dale has not had contact with Ken Bower but, he will be here on Friday night and is interested in calling with local callers on Friday Night. Dale suggested that the callers be programmed as you normally would do the program.

Line Dancing: Judy was not present.

Round Dancing: Betty Skillett and Kevin Denning will be working together to program the Round Dance Program. She is in California, but will be back in March.

Square Dance Program: Alan H. mentioned a few changes from last year. Dancers without Partners would like to omit the Lines and Rounds between tips to alternate Mainstream and Plus during the morning. Main Arena Friday night would change to a Round Dance or Line Dance every other tip instead of after every tip. Dana moved we accept the changes, second by Sheldon. Motion Passed.

Sheldon suggested we continue the count sheets. They will also be helpful to those that are on the site committee. Our contracts with the Bicentennial Center will run out in 2015. Count Sheet will help determine what kinds of rooms we need.

Bob Tucker mentioned that he is redoing the Member's Only Web Site.

Jeanne has a check for Dan Wheeler for providing updates to web service for the year. Jeanne requests suggestions for website enhancements or corrections. Dan does a good job in changing whatever we ask him to correct. Donna will not change the information in the Travel On **unless the** information is verified through the secretary.

Competition: Dana S and Mike T. are looking forward to the competition, as Ken is uncomfortable with the competition concept. David M. is coordinating. The format for the registration that has already been developed will be used again. People are looking forward to the competition.

Associate Status: Marcy Stringham applied for Associate status in KSDCA. She is in the process of taking Square Dance Lessons in Perryton, TX. David M. moved we accept the application from Marcy for Associate status, Peggy A., second. Motion Passed.

Grandfather Status: Gordon Smith has applied for Grandfather Status. Dana S. moved we accept his application, Terry L., second. Motion passed.

Sound System: Three bids have been received for sound at the convention. Reminder to make sure good needles are installed on the record players. Suggestion was made that we need to redo the sound bid contract. Some equipment changes have been made. We need only 2 yak stacks in the main hall instead of 3. There was a suggestion about looking into the house sound. It has been looked into before. It was discussed and decided that we would inherit many problems with the house sound. Since we have all types of inputs, we still need to have an amplifier. Another problem would be the extra cost of a sound tech. The speakers for the house sound are not directed at the arena area, but the seated area. The dancers think they can save money by not paying a caller for putting up the sound. Sound was never considered when we contracted the building.

Complimentary Passes: These are offered to honorary members. Terry moved we send out passes to honorary members who ask for them, Virginia Y. second. Motion passed. (Added information since the meeting 4 honorary members has asked for ribbons to this year's convention.)

Youth Admission: Paying ½ of the admission for the youth was passed at last meeting.

Scholarships: We have not received any scholarship applications this year.

ACA: They are pushing the 1-4 programs. Tammy had received a 14 week teaching program. It had a couple of plus calls on the program.

CALLERLAB: Condensed 12 week teaching Program emphasizes those calls that are most used. Then they go back and pick up the rest of the calls. It is an experimental lesson for the time being. Just presented and passed a measuring guide for new callers. Dottie Welch's committee is working on modules for sight calling at the present time and how to build modules. The Foundation has initiated a new Grant program for lessons. They have set aside 5,000 dollars to pilot this program. Annual Convention will be in Reno, Nevada. Feature speaker will be speaking on Marketing on a Shoestring Budget, with emphasis on social media as tools. Lee Veronica, from Los Angeles will be speaking on Marketing also.

ROUNDALAB: Al Shaw is retiring at the end of convention this year. Last year at convention Susan Healea was chosen as our new Executive Administrator. She is working with Al this year learning everything she can about her new job. ROUNDALAB has two web sites "Dance Round Out Your Life" and the "ROUNDALAB Site". We have put these under the same webmaster this year. Dance Round Out Your Life web site is a marketing web site with information on ROUNDALAB, videos showing couples dancing and explanation of many of the rhythms they present. ROUNDALAB gave out three scholarships for continuing education this year. A new manual for teachers called "Phase Rated Figures by Rhythm" was approved by the board for use by members. RAL Convention will be the June 22-25 in Little Rock.

Contra Lab: No Report

Clogging: No Report

Line Dance: No Report

West District: Snow Ball Festival was well attended. They had 5-6 squares on Saturday night. Jim Hayes was the caller and Jeanne Shane cued the rounds and taught beginning Round Dance. The District is promoting dance lessons. Hoisington has 11 new dancers and Shooting Stars are also giving lessons. The Tenderfoot Dance will be February 9, 2014 at the Reed Center. The West

District Spring Festival will be on April 27, with Sheldon Lawrence calling. Tom Roper will be calling on April 29th.

North Central: No Report

South: Their meeting was cancelled due to the weather, but Sheldon Lawrence will be elected as president when they do meet. Tenderfoot dance is March 23rd at Hesston. Peter Denning is now an Associate Caller in the WASDCA organization. Spring Festival will be held in Wichita's West Side Church of God on April 11 and 12th. Mike Bramlett is the caller and John & Karen Herr the Cuers.

North East: The 57th Annual North East Kansas Callers Festival will be February 1st at Croco Hall from 1:00 PM until 10:00 PM. Tenderfoot dance will be held at Croco Hall on March 9th. Rounds begin at 2:15. Many clubs in the North East are giving lessons. On March 19th there will be a Benefit dance for Croco Hall. Lanny Weakland will be the caller. Dance starts at 7:00 PM.

Nominating Committee: Dale Stead asks for volunteers to help.

New Callers: We have at the present time four new callers. They are Tom Hollinberger, Rod Krehbiel, John Chitwood and Peter Denning. Discussion on how difficult it is for a new caller to get started without starting a new club. We need to be thinking about what we can do to help new callers get started.

Camping: Sheldon L. commented on the success of camping at the KOA in Salina. Forrest Haskins put the advertisement of the campground on the KSDA web site. Last year all the sites were booked up by Friday night. Be sure when you call for reservations that you let them know you are a square dancer. Square Dancers get 20% off of their reservation fee. They also have 5 or 6 cabins for rent.

National Anthem: Forrest H. has a granddaughter that would like to sing the national anthem.

Audit: It is time for the annual audit. Mike T. will pick a committee to accomplish this task.

Caller Coordinator: Need a volunteer for this position for next year.

National Caller: Larry C. mentioned that in the past the national caller has had a teaching session on Saturday or Sunday. They give helpful and educational tips that were very helpful. (Additional information not mentioned at the meeting Ken Bower will do a seminar at 9:00 AM on the Saturday before the caller's meeting at 10:00AM. It will be held in the small hall to the left of the stage.

There was some discussion on KSDCA sponsorship or promoting a new caller. It was decided that this would probably be best to do in districts than trying to do it statewide. New callers probably would not travel across the state to do this. There is a Non-Scheduled room at convention for any caller that is new or out-of-state. This needs to be better advertised.

Terry L. moved to adjourn, Chris W., second and motion passed.

Submitted by,
Jeanne Shane
KSDCA Secretary