

Kansas Square Dance Callers Association

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Minutes of the Annual Meeting of KSDCA:

President Larry Crady called the meeting to order 9:00am.

Information and Introduction of Guests:

We are sad to report that Jack Logan and Gene Arnott's wife Margie have passed away.

Larry asked for a moment of silence for those who had passed or are ill.

No guests were in attendance.

Minutes: Approved as written and distributed.

Treasurer's report: Read by Mike T. and approved. 12-31-08 \$8505.93, 4-30-09 \$7959.48. . M: Steve, S: Virginia P
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Old Business:

Committee Reports:

Convention Committee: Lynn reported that the convention is going well. The committee is pleased with the attendance. There were 37 squares for the opening tip Friday night. Members should be by the stage for national anthem Saturday night right after the grand march. KSDA will lead the march followed by KSDCA. Lynn will pass the coordinator book along to Joyce.

Line Dance Committee: The step descriptions and additional instructions for the four new line dances are on line.

Historical Report: Mike T. None.

New Business:

Membership Applications:

Peggy Anschutz applied for Active status. Motion to accept by Frank, S: Mike H. **P**

Wade Morrow applied for Associate status. Motion to accept: Lalla S: Lynn, **P**.

Misc:

President Larry stated the following as proper etiquette during the National Anthem. Stand and men remove hats, then place right hand (with hat) over the heart. He stated that if you look around you will see some that don't do that. It was suggested that the MC inform those present as to proper etiquette. [Note: Lynn did do that Saturday night] It is now legal for civilians who served in the military to salute the flag.

A suggestion was made to play National Anthem music in a lower key. It was stated that it was lowest key that could be found.

Constitutional changes:

Proposal for out of state callers/cuers/leaders/instructors be programmed for our state convention. Larry read the proposal and copies were on the chairs.

The following were points made by members:

- Some stated they have called at several other state conventions without being members of their organization.
- Nebraska allows it and it works well.
- It creates good will.
- What if they don't pre-register in time? The answer was that they would be treated like our members and would not be programmed. There will be a date on the registration form that is the same cutoff as our members, currently January 31.
- Will the non members get as many slots? The answer was maybe yes, maybe no.
- It was suggested that they be used for fill in.

There were changes to both the constitution and bylaws and the standing rules. Motion to approve the changes to the constitution and bylaws by Frank S: Terry. **P**
Motion to approve the changes to the standing rules by Dana, S: David. **P**.

Proposal to redistrict was tabled after some discussion and a statement that KSDA doesn't plan to redistrict at this time. Motion to table by Dana, S: Sheldon. **P**.

Organizational Reports:

ACA – None

Callerlab – Dana reported that Callerlab had a very successful convention in K.C. There was low attendance at 240, but they thought it was good considering the current economy. It was nice to see the number of KSDCA members there and we had many newer callers there. Kansas had better attendance than the other surrounding states. The 2010 convention is in Niagra Falls with the theme being “Explore the Roar”. The convention center is close to the falls. The convention center has very good facilities with power point capabilities. The very popular “Laptop Lane” session will last longer due to the great participation this year. Donna is collecting pictures of youth etc for a brochure for youth committee. If you have some, send them to Donna or the home office with a release for those under 18. The Home Office is now officially in Topeka. Wade Morrow is now working in the office. He is computer oriented. Others are Linda Girndol, Kathy Mears and some non square dance people.

Roundalab – Jeanne, a member of the board, reported John and Karen Herr is the COB. The 2010 convention is before the national in Long Beach. Evening dancing is open to public at Knoxberry Farm where there convention is. Roundalab has new logo (Slogo) “Dance - Round Out Your Life”.

Contralab - Gordon reported the convention is before the national convention, Tuesday and Wednesday in Long Beach at the convention center.

CLOG – Joe reported that they are trying to get their various organizations talking and unified again. Their convention is in St Louis Thanksgiving weekend.

Line Dance - Judy reported that the National Teachers Association for Country Western Dance will offer accredited courses in Dance Fundamentals I-5 on August 14-16 at the "Dancin Up A Storm" event held at the K.C. Hilton. Mike Salerno and his wife Heather are the NTA Directors for KS and OK. In addition to these accredited courses, line dance workshops, as well as couple workshops in various kinds of dance will be offered at the event. Another similiar event will be held in Feb 2010. Contact Mike or Judy for more info or registration.

Districts:

NE - Virginia reported the NE festival is in February at Croco. Check the Travel On for exact date. Mike Hogan recently did a seminar promoting SD. It was very good and would recommend hiring Mike to other organizations.

SE - None

NC – Sue reported that Mike Hogan will be in Salina October 18, 2010 for a seminar.

SC – Allen reported that they have two new members Sue and Jim Dellere and Randy Bryan. The next Festival is October 23, 24 at Cessna Activity Center. The Last Tip Dangle program is very successful. They are feeding 62 this time.

Larry said that the Swinging Squares has started a “Stimulus Package” at each dance. For the first MS tip, every guest on floor gets a ticket. At the end of the tip, a ticket is drawn and the winner gets up to \$20. The club puts in \$1.00 for each guest couple present so the more on the floor for the first tip the more money in the pot. Came from the Mike Hogan seminar.

NW, SW none

Officers Elections:

Virginia and Allen was the committee. They were disappointed in the lack of responses. It would make the job easier if members would respond either negative or positive.

Lynn motioned and Mike H. seconded to accept by acclamation the positions of President, Secretary and Treasurer. Motion by Frank S: Terry to move nominations cease for President, Secretary and Treasurer. Both motions passed.

Secret paper ballots were distributed to members for the position of Vice President. The nominees were:

Mike Kelly
Vic Perry
Dale Stead

Virginia and Allen counted the ballots and reported Vic Perry is the new Vice President. Virginia asked for a motion to destroy the ballots. Motion: Mike H., S: Sue. **P.**

Misc New Business and Announcements:

Our outgoing Vice Present sent his apologies for not attending. He drove back to Wichita to attend a funeral.

Dana announced that there will be an after party in the 4H building after the dance and skits would be appreciated.

Betty reported that Jack and Pat Logan’s daughter, Jamie and Rick White, have their equipment for sale. [Betty can give the info to the secretary to put on the web site]

Joyce Juhler is caller coordinator for 2010.

There is a Callerlab Foundation for donating equipment to new youth callers. It is a 501c corporation. The youth pay only for shipping. Condition is not relevant.

Suggestions for callers/cuers for 2011/2012:

- Suggest booking further out to get like highly sought after callers like Tony O. etc.
- Dancers like to hear callers they don't normally hear.
- Callers are more willing to negotiate now than before so we should be able to get the high profile callers cheaper.
- The following were suggested: Callers – Po' Boys, Ken Bower, Wade Driver, Marshal Flippo, Nasser Shukayr, Bear Miller, Art Tangen, Tim Tyl, Mike Hogan. Cuers – Philsons, Hiltons, Wagaspack, Scherer, Chunka, Gollate.
- Dana motioned and Virginia seconded that we present Flippo then Driver to KSDA as our choices. **P.**
- Consensus for RD is: Chunka and Hiltons M: Lynn S: Steve **P.**

Dana reported that Jerry Story informed him that GSI has cancelled caller's school in Long Beach due to not enough applicants.

A discussion about sound is as follows:

- It was reported that some callers had some bad experiences with equipment due to no instructions on switching between records and aux inputs and lack of knowledge of equipment by the MC. [the secretary checked after the meeting on the equipment in question and found instructions highlighted in green about how to switch from records to computer and a cell phone number]
- We have sound problems.
- Appreciate those who provided equipment and MCs who know how to run equipment.
- We don't show MCs how to use it or who to call if there is a problem.
- Do you want to put your equipment on the table to get your equipment broke?
- We need to do something to improve the situation.
- One mic cord had a small base.
- Thought we had regulations?
- We do have regulations for equipment but we had to beg to get equipment this year.
- Can we put on a seminar for MCs on how to work the various Hilton equipment.
- Put a mixer in front of the set and then no one will touch the set. [after the meeting a sound provider stated to the secretary that the sound in a hall was set by the provider and the provider was called later because of bad sound and the knobs had been turned every which way]
- A KAMO guy built a box to put in front. Like has been suggested. Recommend we look in to it (Peery Lindsey).
- We had a "Chairman of Sound" years ago. It is suggested we do that again.
- Speakers were too low in one hall.
- Stages should be set in corners as in the past to cover the halls.
- Iowa now allows only records be used due to people having problems with computers.
- Only one person volunteered to provide equipment and so we begged and borrowed to get equipment this year and knew we were going to have problems.
- It will get to the point where no one will bid due to equipment abuse. Suggest we might purchase our own.

- Instead of buying record machines, we and especially new caller are buying newer equipment now like MA150 with no turntable or buying powered speakers with a mixer.
- It is not easy to provide sound and you always take chances your equipment will be damaged. One regular provider stated he has only lost one speaker over the years and that was because the featured caller messed with the equipment. [Note: This year there was a problem because the featured cuer messed with the setup. No damaged equipment however.]
- Could we pay for any repairs needed if damaged?
- David volunteered to be sound chairman and suggested the local organizations provide training on the various equipment for all their members to lesson travel time.
- Set up perpetuating fund by the convention committee to pay for repairs.

Dana reported that education funds available. Bob reported that he had Dan put a link to the form on the website.

Motion by Lynn S: Steve to adjourn. P 10:33am

The next meeting will be:

**Sunday, January 24th, 2010, 1:00 to 3:30 PM [Sunflower Bank](#),
2450 South 9th Street, Salina, Kansas**

Those Attending:

Gordon and Joan Smith, Mike and Iris Huddelson, Joyce Juhler, Sue and Jim Dellere, Vic and Donna Perry, Judy and Gene Broers, Vernon Nelson. Larry and Wanda Crady, Pam and Tom Young, Lalla and Curly Steenbock, Diana Wagner, Virginia Yerta, Betty Skillet, Jeanne and Warren Shane, Steve and Lisa Hackman, Dana Schrimmer, Sheldon and Cindy Lawrence, Lynn Nelson, Joe Dawley, Terry Lewis, Frank Morrell, Larry and Carol Stock, Dale and Janice Stead, Ron and Carol Swartz, Allen Hahn, David Myers, Mike Salerno, Mike Turner, Bob Tucker.