

OHIO CORPORATION OF DANCE CLUBS, INC.

The August 6th, 2006 meeting of the Ohio Corporation of Dance Clubs, Inc. was called to order at 1:15 pm, following a buffet lunch in the Summit Room (18th floor) at the Radisson Hotel in Akron, Ohio by President Gordon King.

All areas were represented except East Central Ohio/ West Virginia.

The minutes of the May 6th 2006 were accepted following a motion by Steve Hayden and seconded by Bob Calkins.

Treasurer Don Garris handed out his report showing a balance of \$1726.28 (not counting a check just sent out for the ASCAP/BMI payments (\$195.00)). The report was accepted following a motion by Emily Henry, seconded by Steve Hayden.

PUBLICITY {Kathleen Raleigh}: It will soon be time for recruiting demos. She noted that they had optional dress for demos and wanted to report that some clubs were NOT charging for lessons.

SUNSHINE {Sally Christiansen}: Cards had been sent to the following people:

May 7th Caller Donald Hitchen- a get well card

Dancer Rocky Johnson- a get well card

May 8th Mini Legacy chair Toad Leyde- a get well card, following an accident

Mid West Ohio delegate David Edwards- a get well card

May 11th Contra Leader Mona Cannell- a sympathy card following the death of her husband

Dancer Hugh Washer- a get well card, following heart by-pass surgery

Dancer Jim Anstine- a get well card. Jim is on chemotherapy

Caller Mike Sumpter- a get well card regarding his recent hospitalization for a pancreatic disorder

Daisy Bidinger- a get well card, hospitalized with a heart problem

May 22 Caller Ernie Johnson- a get well card following his diagnosis with liver cancer

June 16th- Round Dance instructor Monica Moore- a get well card following hip replacement surgery

July 11th- Dancer Phyllis Richmond- a get well card following treatment for an arm fracture

Dancers George and Loretta Knebusch- a get well card as a follow up to a very serious automobile accident.

CONVENTIONS

2006 Dayton: Chair Steve Hayden handed out a written report and a CD disc which summarizes their convention activity. Highlights: 1170 dancers, including leaders, and 45 guests @ \$3 each. They were able to pay back the Miami Valley Council the \$10,000 in seed money plus about \$8500.

2007 Akron: Chair Dwight (Judy) Witte said they had 49 registrations thus far, most gathered at the convention in Dayton. They would have their first Kick Off Dance in Wooster on September 17th. There would be “dry camping” at the

Summa Health Center, just a short walk from the convention center. They will again have a "Basket Raffle". There would be free parking during the times of the convention. Rounds would enjoy two hard surfaced rooms plus one tip each hour in the Plus SD Hall. The State Corp luncheon would be held in the Radisson Hotel (about two blocks from the convention center) on Saturday. Lunch would be available for "staff". The cost of the Radisson Hotel would be \$99 per night (plus tax) and dancers would have to identify themselves to get this rate. Those who prefer to stay at the Crowne Plaza will pay \$119.00.

2008 Cleveland: Chair Bob Calkins reported that the three day convention is being held at the Bertram Convention Center in Aurora Ohio and the theme is "Aurora- Dance Country".

2009 SWO/NKY: Chair Emily Henry prior to the meeting handed out her 2005 report and stated that they would like to have their convention in 2009 on the second weekend of May in that the convention center is unavailable on May 1. Bob Calkins moved (second by Don Garris) to allow the convention to be moved to May 8-9. Passed.

2010 Steve Hayden stated that the Miami Valley Council will be submitting a bid to host the 2010 convention in Dayton.

President Gordon King suggested that the Central Ohio group pursue thoughts about hosting a future convention, perhaps in collaboration with another council.

FRIENDSHIP BADGES Betty Edwards stated that mostly replacement badges are being ordered. She suggested that a list of dance clubs be available when people picked up the forms for earning the badges. Also, that she be sent the filled-out forms and the money be sent directly to the treasurer.

BUCKEYE ROUND DANCE COUNCIL Al Wolff mentioned that the BRDC will be hosting a two room dance (one room Ph II-III and the other IV-V) on Sunday, October 1 at the Tussing School in Reynoldsburg and the 2d Annual Snowball Dance in the Cincinnati area on January 26.

SHOWCASE OF IDEAS Irene Dommin commented that the Ohio stickers didn't go over very well, that many of the booths were unmanned most of the time and questioned the importance of manning the booths. Kathleen Raleigh showed a sample of a beaded key chain, spelling out OHIO, that could be given out at the Nationals. There was a great deal of discussion from the floor (1) that items that expensive could not be left on an unmanned table for people to pick up, (2) what do we really get out of the giveaways at the convention ?, (3) the goodwill factor in giving something from OHIO and (4) the importance of having the table manned, that enough Ohio dancers attend the convention that they could each donate one hour, that the stickers were cheap looking, and we should be looking for something of better quality. Several people were to investigate for suggestions and costs, to be brought up in November.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

WEBSITE Bob Calkins opined that the website is being used in that he has had some comments about items in FUNSEEKERS not up to date.

NEW BUSINESS

Dress Code Poll Marianne King stated that her area is having some demos at the Hamilton County Fair. When dancers were advised about wearing traditional square dance costumes, a caller sent her a long email suggesting that traditional SD attire was not up to date and should not be required. She then polled the dancers and got about 85 replies, about 75% thinking that traditional SD attire WAS appropriate. David Edwards commented that he thought this had been laid to rest with “appropriate attire” being the correct dress. Dwight Witte commented that his registration forms (Akron 2007) do say appropriate SD attire and has already had a question from a clogging leader about that.

Gordon and Marianne King would like to be able to attend some of the Federation/Council meetings and needs some advance notice on when they are held. He also outlined a few goals and objectives for his tenure.

GOOD OF THE DANCE ACTIVITY

Barbara Garris noted that the GRANGE sponsors a square dance on the first Friday of the Ohio State Fair and thought that perhaps we could get our foot back in door through them.

NEXT MEETING Sunday, November 5th in Gahanna, Ohio.