

OHIO CORPORATION OF DANCE CLUBS, INC.

The February 4th, 2007 meeting of the Ohio Corporation of Dance Clubs, Inc. was called to order at 12:29 pm at the First Congregational Church, Columbus, Ohio by President Gordon King. The change of location was predicated by the unavailability of the Gahanna church, due to a death among the parishioners. There were no guests, but past presidents Garris and Calkins, in attendance, were recognized.

The initial roll call indicated three federations/councils not represented, but late comers had all federations/councils represented as indicated on the sign in sheet.

The minutes of the November 2006 meeting were approved following a motion by Steve Hayden seconded by Loren Brosie.

Treasurer Don Garris handed out a financial report, indicating that there was a balance of \$1953.91, with \$1427.91 in the operating fund and \$526 in the Mini Legacy fund. Loren Brosie pointed out that there was \$30 in bank charges, with only five checks written in the three months. Judy Calkins moved to accept the report, seconded by Steve Hayden. Passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

There were no committee reports, except SUNSHINE

Sally Christiansen reported the following new cards sent:

11/5/06 Get Well card sent to David Edwards, signed by Ohio Corporation reps present at the meeting.

11/10/06 Get Well card sent to Bob Swanberg, following his diagnosis with pancreatic cancer.

11/11/06 Get Well card sent to cuer Louise Johnson, following knee surgery.

11/13/06 Sympathy card sent to the family of John Ely, a former dancer of 87 years of age.

12/3/06 Sympathy card sent to Loretta Knebusch. Her husband, George, died over four months after they were both involved in a serious automobile accident in July.

12/6/06 Get Well card sent to cuer Charlie Brown, following knee replacement surgery.

12/24/06 Get Well card sent to Jane Marsch, wife of caller Ray, following her diagnosis with cancer.

12/29/06 Get Well card sent to caller Skip Rueschman, following surgery.

1/3/07 Get Well card sent to caller Skip Rueschman's wife Cheryl, following surgery.

1/25/07 Sympathy card sent to Nancy Swanburg, following the death of her husband, Bob.

1/25/07 Sympathy card sent to Doug Cooley following the death of his mother in Massachusetts.

1/25/07 Sympathy card sent to cuer Delda McHugh, following the death of her mother on January 9th.

1/28/07 Sympathy card sent to Delores Wilson, following death of her husband Bill. Both were long time members of the Buckeye Squares.

1/28/07 Sympathy card sent to Sammi Teufel, upon the death of her husband caller Paul.

CONVENTION REPORTS

2007 AKRON: In the absence of chair Dwight Witte, Irene Dommin reported that there were 161 registrations of dancers, thus far, plus 65 callers and cuers. They request baskets for raffle, as in recent conventions and they need the names of Honor Couples by April 1, for timely engraving on badges and plaques. Also, the Ohio Corp meeting will be held at the Radisson with a choice of lasagna or chicken breast at \$16.25 per person. They would like checks for the luncheon to be made out to AASRDF prior to April 20, and sent to Dwight Witte, 9434 Huntshire NW, North Canton, OHIO 44720. A question arose as to whether quilts could be hung. Because the Convention Center is unionized, it may be impractical.

2008 CLEVELAND

Bob Calkins, chair of the convention, reported that rooms at the Bertram Inn and Conference Center (in Aurora, Ohio) are all the same and would be \$114. per night, with free parking for all. A question was asked if there would be a Round Dance clinic on Friday afternoon. Bob responded that he thought someone from BRDC had said that they would sponsor said clinic.

2009 SWO/NKY Next committee meeting will be in April.

DAYTON: Steve Hayden reported that Dayton will not bid for 2010, fearing loss of dancers from the Nationals in Kentucky. They are considering bidding for 2011.

2010 is open. Conversation revealed a consensus that failure to host a 2010 convention would most likely have ramifications on following conventions, namely 2011. It was pointed out that there was no Ohio State convention the year (1992) the Nationals were held in Cincinnati. More talk centered around the 50th being held in Central Ohio, with various committees being worked by different federations/councils. Some thought that idea might be impractical.

CONVENTION PROCEDURES

Pat Hagenlocker handed out a five page set of guidelines for state conventions. The only apparent change was adding the fines for failure to submit timely convention reports. Delegates are to look these over and see if any changes need be made.

BRDC

Al Wolff reported that the Buckeye Round Dance Council voted to purchase 100 of the "Buckeye State" badges from the Ohio Corporation, to help defray some of the costs. The BRDC will host a two day "clinic" at Harmony Hall (Buckeye Lake) April 20-21. All are invited although registrations will be limited to about 25 couples, due to the size of the dance floor. At the same site, on Sunday, April 22, the BRDC will hold its annual Spring Fantasy Dance, a Ph II-III dance.

SHOWCASE OF IDEAS (NSDC)

Irene Dommin handed out a sign in sheet for people to volunteer to man the Ohio booth at the national convention. She also gave out copies of the present "trifold", requesting corrections so they could be available at the Nationals.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NATIONAL CONVENTION PINS Bonnie Leyde had 800 of the ordered 3000 pins and various groups had already asked for 300. A question came up as to whom money should be sent and it was decided that monies should be sent to the treasurer. A question came up as to excess shipping costs to receive the pins in small amounts, in that the bulk would not be needed before the May convention, in Akron. Bonnie stated that the pin vendor would be at the convention.

WEBSITE

Bob Calkins stated that he is trying to link the website with federation/council websites, but didn't want to try to link with club websites. The website for the Cleveland Federation is Squaredancing.com/clevedfed and the one for Ohio is Squaredancing.com/ohio.

ANNUAL DUES

To the Ohio Corporation of \$25.00 per council/federation is due by the May meeting.

Don Garris moved (second by Bob Calkins) that starting in 2008, these be raised to \$35 per year. Passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Copies of a letter signed by the secretary of the Central Ohio organization was passed out. This federation objected to the 2009 convention being moved to the second weekend in May, rather than the traditional first weekend. Conversation ensued that the reason the convention was changed was because Central Ohio bowed out of hosting the 2008 convention and two other federations graciously moved up to fill the void. SWONKY found out that their convention center would not be available on the first weekend in May and in 2006 (three years in advance of the convention) the Ohio Corporation granted them relief to hold the convention on the second weekend. Irene Dommin is to respond.

2010 NATIONALS in LOUISVILLE

Marianne King reported that the convention committee requests that dancers in neighboring states hold fund raising dances to help defray their costs.

2011 NATIONALS

Both Michigan and Pittsburgh are bidding for the 2011. Ohio Corporation will support whichever of the two wins the bid.

HONOR COUPLE BADGES

Bonnie Leyde reported that badge vendor can match almost any color requested, and showed a sample of a "standard" honor couple badge. Bob Calkins suggested that the Ohio Corporation order a "standard" badge each year for the honor couples. This might avoid a fiasco, like 2006, when the convention chair had to scurry around trying to find a badge vendor who could comply. This would require a change in the "convention procedures".

DANCE PRICING

A question came up regarding charging different prices for admission to dances for seniors, children and teenagers. Some clubs charge a lower amount for children and teenagers- sometimes depending on whether the parents attend, and others a flat family price.

BILLBOARD ADVERTISING

A caller (Galen Hibbard) in Bryan, Ohio advertised a free chili dinner on a billboard for people to be introduced to Square Dancing. He allegedly had a great number (200) attend. The billboard cost \$250 to advertise for one month. Was this successful?

2007-08 NOMINEES:

Bob Calkins named all the present officers as nominees: Pres- Kings, VP-Haydens, Treas- Garrises, Corresponding Secy- Dommins, Recording Sec'y- Wolffs. At the May meeting, nominations may be made from the floor.

President King asked for volunteers to judge the State Convention tables. He named Kathleen Raleigh, the Leydes and the Haydens, with Hemlingers as alternates.

Irene Dommin asked that the minutes be sent out earlier than at present. Al Wolff responded that he has no problem sending the minutes out early, but felt that sending them the week before the meeting kept them fresh in the minds of the delegates.

Meeting adjourned at 3:22 pm. Next meeting at the Radisson in Akron at 12 noon, May 5, 2007.

Respectfully submitted:

AL WOLFF, Recording Secretary