

**Ohio Corporation of Dance Clubs, Inc
August State Corp Meeting
Portage Lakes, Akron Ohio
August 7, 2011**

Call To Order:

The quarterly meeting of the Ohio Corp of Dance Clubs, Inc. was called to order by Vice President Steve Stoehr at 1:15pm aboard the Portage Princess Pontoon Boat.

Invocation:

Captain John gave the invocation for today's meeting as we set sail on Portage Lake.

Pledge of Allegiance:

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited proudly by all in attendance as we passed an American flag flying in the breeze from the shoreline.

Roll Call:

Recording Secretary Marianne King called the roll.
Seven Ohio State Corp Councils/ Federations were present and the 2013 Akron Convention Chairman.

Introduction of Past Presidents:

Past Presidents introduced were:

Bob Calkins, Don & Barb Garris, Dick & Janice Freese, Gordon & Marianne King.

Introduction of Guests:

President of the Akron Federation, Al Kainec
Vice President of the Akron Federation, Alexandra Wroblewski
Editor of Akron Linked Squares, Dave Miller
Betty Stanton and June Means

Approval and Additions to the Agenda:

The following topics for discussion were added to the agenda.
Message from Jack Pladdys
Buckeyes for the 2012 National Showcase of Ideas

Minutes of the May Convention Meeting:

Don Garris called for a motion to approve the May Convention minutes as distributed by email. Bob Calkins seconded and the motion passed. The May minutes were approved as presented.

Treasurer's Report:

The Treasurer's Report was presented by Bob Calkins.

Cash: Checking: \$567.31 Savings: \$5802.86 Total Cash: \$6370.17
Funds: Operating: \$2607.75 Mini Legacy: \$762.42 Education: \$3000 Total:
\$6370.17

The BRDC and East Central still have due balances totaling \$70.00 still outstanding since May.

Miami Valley distributed the 2011 Festive Fun in 2011 Convention Report.

A total of \$140.00 was paid for State Corp Fees, \$90.00 to BMI and \$315.00 per capita to ASCAP . All convention bills are now paid.

Correspondence:

Irene Dommin read a letter from Velma Doyle, President of the Columbus Council. Velma informed the State Corp that Ernie Winnstater resigned. Velma will take Ernie's place as State Corp Representative for Columbus.

Committee Reports:

Publicity:

No Report Open Position

Membership:

No Report Open Position

By-Laws:

No Report

BRDC:

No Report

Showcase of Ideas – Ohio:

Irene Dommin reported there were only six displays at the Dayton Convention. Southwest Ohio won the Showcase of Ideas plaque

Showcase of Ideas: - National

Irene Dommin reported there was very little Showcase of Ideas participation at the 2011 National Convention in Detroit and the Ohio State Corp Banner was not displayed.

Parliamentarian: _____ Open Position

No Report

Sunshine:

Sally Christensen reported on the following Sunshine since the May Meeting.

Get Well Cards:

July 10, 2011 Al Wolff
July 10, 2011 Charlie Brown:
July 10, 2011 Carol Cousino
July 13, 2011 Paul Cousino
July 28, 2011 Barbara Jobe

Sympathy Card:

July 31, 2011 Galen Hibbard. Loss of Father
Please send all Get Well, Thinking of You or Sympathy Card requests to Sally Christensen by email
Please remember to include a name and address.

Mini Legacy:

No Report

Site Committee:

No Report Open Position

Historian: _____

No Report Open Position

Convention Reports:

2011 Dayton:

Vice President Steve Stoehr passed out the Dayton Final Convention Reports to all Officers and Delegates. Each report included a CD. Steve reported the Festive Fun in 2011 was a great success and everyone had a wonderful time. A total of 929 attended the convention.

2012- Akron

Chairman Dick & Janice Freese, gave the following report for Akron Fantasy Danceland. Meetings are in progress with at least 75% of committees attending.

The website is up and running and camping information is ready.

Please let Dick Freese know if you have any problems registering thru the website.

Registration forms are available and any clubs hosting big dances are asked to let Dick Freese know so he can attend and promote the 2012 Akron Fantasy Danceland.

An additional boat ride on the Portage Princess is tentatively scheduled for September. Akron is budgeting for 1000 dancers and the State Corp Luncheon can hold 100 people.

The Akron Central Hotel cost is \$89.00 and the Quaker Square Hotel is \$99.00.

Parking is free after 6:00pm and on weekends; otherwise parking will cost \$6.00.

Shirley Monnett reported for Convention Chair Velma Doyle.

The Buckeye Round Dance Council has requested that Akron host a pre convention clinic.

The Buckeye Round Dance Council lost money in Cleveland is not able to host the clinic themselves. Akron responded by saying they will allow a clinic but will not pay for it and expects the round dance leaders to volunteer their time if they have a Friday workshop.

Convention Chair Dick Freese said he will take the suggestion back to the committees to review and will announce the decision at the November meeting. A proper round dance floor will be used at the Akron Convention Center

2013 Columbus .

The 2013 theme is 2 Enchanted Evenings and it will be a two day convention.

Columbus will host a Trail In Dance on Thursday with Jack Pladdys & Tom Strickland.

Dancing will start earlier on Friday and a logo, registration forms and program are underway.

The convention will be held at the Shiners location and Columbus would like to have a meeting with Convention Chairman Dick Freese to go over the Saturday night skit.

Columbus is trying to set up a round dance clinic but the main concern is where to have it. The main dance floors will be shared by the round and square dancers alternating between tips and cues.

The State Corp Meeting will be held at a location TBA at a later date.

2014: SONKSDF:

Barry & Peggy Carney Co-Chairman

No Report.

Convention Procedures: _____ Open Position

No Report

Friendship Badges: _____ Open Position

No Report

Website: (www.SquareDanceOhio.com)

No Report

Unfinished Business:

Excerpts from the May minutes concerning the change of State Corp Tax Status

1st Reading (May Meeting)

State Corp Tax Exempt Status: A motion was made by Don Garris and seconded by Loren Boise to allow the Treasurer to assign someone to file the tax exempt paperwork. Bob Calkins mentioned that the person assigned the duty of filing the tax exempt paperwork needs internet expertise. Don Garris noted the Treasurer may appoint whomever they choose, including a tax attorney. Loren Broise noted that it is the responsibility of the Treasurer to make sure the tax exempt filing is done.

The motion was voted on and approved.

2nd Reading (August Meeting)

The second reading of the change/addition to the By –Laws concerning the State Corp Tax Exempt Status was read at the August meeting as required in the State Corp By-Laws. Don Garris made a motion to accept the change as presented and Gordon King seconded. A vote was held to change the name from “tax exempt paperwork” to “tax paperwork” was approved.

The current bylaw section pertaining to the treasurers duties is as follows:

Duties of the Treasurer:

- a) Receive, deposit, and disburse all funds.**
- b) Maintain accurate records.**
- c) Prepare a financial statement for presentation at each general State Corp. meeting.**
- d) Present the books for an audit at the end of each year.**
- e) The treasurer will prepare a summary of the year-to-date activity and present it at each general meeting.**
- f) The treasurer is the authorized primary signer of checks.**

The change to the wording of the by laws would be:

The treasurer is responsible for the filing all government paper work.

Ohio State Dress Code Guidelines:

The question of “suitable” dance attire for women was discussed.

Various comments were made debating the dress code and Convention Chairman Dick Freese noted he would not allow blue jeans at his convention.

Discussion included:

The State Corp is not meant to dictate to the Councils/Federations concerning dress code. The dress code is being used to keep dancers from wearing casual attire at conventions. Dancers today are not interested in wearing “proper square dance attire” every minute of the convention and a relaxed morning and afternoon dress code is better suited for most. We will continue to lose dancers if we continue to live in the 1950’s where square dance attire was at it’s height, today it is too expensive and not convenient with lifestyle choices. Akron will take the suggestions back to the committees and discuss a more casual dress code for mornings and afternoons but dance attire is required for evenings.

Most State Corp members agreed that jean as long as they are clean and undamaged are ok to wear at conventions, dances and other square dance events including some demos.

New Business:

The question of increasing State Corp dues was discussed and Don Garris made the motion to keep the State Corp dues the same. Jim Christensen seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion was approved not to increase State Corp dues.

The question of keeping the current website was discussed, Loren Brosie made the motion to keep the website current and Peggy Carney seconded it. A vote was taken and the motion was approved to keep the website current for another year.

Vice President Steve Stoehr read a letter from caller Jack Pladdys.

Jack has requested the State Corp to host a caller school at the Akron convention.

The possibility of using Louisville grant money was brought up and it was decided that addition information is needed before reviewing the request. A financial analysis would be needed as there are to many unanswered questions were discussed to make a decision. A decision was made to invite Jack to the November meeting for additional information.

Gordon King issued a reminder to gather buckeyes for the 2012 Spokane National Convention Showcase of Ideas. Fall is the best time to find buckeyes which are a favorite at the Nationals.

A discussion was held concerning the attendance of the August State Corp meeting that usually has a luncheon and requires a cost. Bob Calkins reminded everyone that there is no charge to attend State Corp meetings, you only pay for the luncheon if there is one and may attend the meeting free.

A new membership roster was suggested to accommodate the changes in delegates.

Discussion was held as to what direction hosting the future State Conventions will go. As the smaller councils/federations continue to dwindle the lower number of dancers can no longer support the cost of annual state conventions. The years 2015 and 2016 conventions will be coming up in the next few years and who will be financially able and willing to host conventions that no longer attract the dancer.

Gordon King reminded everyone that Officer Nominations are coming soon and to please consider taking an Officer role or an open committee chair.

A motion to adjourn was made at 2:20pm by Loren Brosie and seconded by Judy Nelson. The motion was voted on and carried and the meeting adjourned.

The next Ohio State Corp Meeting will be held on Sunday November 6, 2011 at 1:00pm
Gahanna Community Church, 470 Havens Corners Rd., Gahanna, Ohio 43230

Respectfully submitted by:
Gordon & Marianne King
Recording Secretary