

Ohio Corporation of Dance Clubs, Inc.
November 3, 2013 State Corp Meeting Gahanna, Ohio

Call to Order:

The quarterly meeting of the Ohio State Corporation of Dance Clubs, Inc. was called to order by President Steve Stoehr at 1 pm.

Invocation:

Judy Nelson gave the invocation for the meeting.

Pledge of Allegiance:

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll Call: Six Federations/Councils were present, as were the chairmen for the 2014 Convention.

Introduction of Past Presidents: Present were Gordon and Marianne King, Steve and Sherry Hayden, and Don and Barbara Garris.

Introduction of Guests: Guests included Richard and Gail Miller, Mary Galentine and Dennis Budinski.

President: Steve Stoehr activated the Nominating Committee. Steve Hayden accepted the task.

Vice President: No report.

Recording Secretary: Minutes were accepted after one paragraph that had been corrected was read.

Treasurer's Report: Don Garris gave the Treasurer's report since Bob Calkins was absent. The report was filed for audit.

Correspondence: There was no correspondence. Irene will add the names of the alternates from Akron to the list of delegates.

Committee Reports:

By-laws: Don Garris read 2 proposed changes to the BY-LAWS: In Article II, Paragraph 2a. Delete: The exchange of ideas is to be in the form of Mini-Legacy. Replace with: The exchange of ideas to be in the form of an Education Seminar to be held either (a) At each State Convention, or (b) At an off-site location, the date and time to be determined. The proposal will be read and voted on at the February meeting. In Article III, Paragraph 5-(The executive secretary of Ohio Min-Legacy shall be a non-voting member of the Corporation)-shall be deleted.

BRDC: Loren Brosie announced a round dance on Sunday, Jan 19 from 2-5. The cuer is Bruce Haislip. It will be at the Hayloft.

Convention Procedures/Site Committee: Judy Calkins No report.

Friendship Badges: Gordon & Marianne King

Marianne reported that several people have completed their State Friendship Badges.

Showcase of Ideas: Ohio Irene Dommin had no report other than to say she had received one letter.

Showcase of Ideas: National: Nothing new. The poor attendance of State displays at the Oklahoma Convention was mentioned.

Sunshine: Mary Cousino was absent. Judy Nelson gave the report.

Sympathy cards were sent to the daughters of Bonnie Leyde-Cathy Leyde and Cindy Humpdick. A sympathy card was also sent to Sam Dunn, whose father died. Thinking of You Card was sent to Sally Christiansen, a former State Corp Rep who is in a nursing home.

A get well was sent to Charlie Brown, who had a heart attack. Information regarding the death of Bob McNabb, a caller, was sent to Mary Cousino who will send a card.

Mini Legacy/Education: Open position Mary Galentine thanked Dale and Cindy Bennett for the presentation. She presented a bill for expenses incurred.

The Nest: Dale and Cindy Bennett presented the program on Saturday. To begin the program Dale asked questions about the decline of square dancing.

Why???	Younger people	Price of gas and distance
	One parent family	Kids come first
	Costume	Dance nights
	Etc.	

What have you tried to promote square dancing?

Demos

Fair booth/demo

FREE ads in newspapers

Yard signs Very effective, must include phone number, ask at county

adm office to find places for signs, corners are good.

50/50

Basket auctions

Place mats

2nd Friday dance

Club etiquette

Some Marketing ideas:

Dinner/Dance for new people

Updated music

Increase summer opportunities for new dancers

Public services announcements

TV, Radio, News

It is recommended that the Nest be used on the club level rather than by Federation or group. One reason is that the dancer has more loyalty to a club. He/she will come back to angel for the club. This has not happened on the group program. The dancer can actually go from basic all the way through plus in the Nest program.

The calls are listed according to the number needed to perform them.

20 calls can be taught with one couple.

60 can be taught with 2 couples (mini-square).

About 40 in full square with the caller only.

A log stick is used to keep track of what calls each dancer has learned. Someone keeps a master list of dancers and calls completed.

Shirley Monnett thanked those of us from State Corp who attended the program-Steve Stoehr, Barb and Don Garris, Sue Powell, Loren Brosie, Irene and Ray Dommin, Peggy and Barry Carney, and Judy Nelson.

Historian: Debbie Cina received the Historical records from Don Garris.

Publicity: Katie Raleigh No report

Convention Reports:

2014 – Cincinnati: (5/9-10) Barry & Peggy Carney

“Building Up Steam in 2014” Peggy reported on specific activities planned. There will be a walking tour past the painted murals, bronze statues, and the historic district beginning at 7:30 AM on Friday. “Spittin” Image” will perform from 4-5 PM on Saturday; cost \$10. There will be a riverboat tour for at 10:30. If there are over 100 people, they will have their own floor on the boat.

There are 196 reservations for the convention so far.

There is a new chef at the convention center. Lunch will be served from 11-1, dinner from 4-7. There will be a concession stand and a Star Bucks. There will be a Shuttle/trolley. Passes are \$1 beginning at 10 AM. It runs in a 1-hour loop. There are 52 spaces for vendors. The program book will be a quarter page format. Ads are \$25.00 a page.

Shirts are for sale.

There is a pre-convention dance in Wyoming, Ohio on Thursday, May 8, 2014.

Parking is included if staying in Marriott or Embassy. There are 2 other parking lots near the convention center.

Would like to get the information from the publicity boxes as it progresses.

Cleveland - 2015

Randy and Thelma Duniatis

“Star Thru to Cleveland”. The website is ohdc2015.com There will be 2 trips: A mystery wine tour, and a visit to Little Italy in Cleveland. The website is under construction. The flooring is reserved. Publicity will be the suitcase boxes. There will also be shirts for sale. They are reviewing vendors and working on the skit.

National - 2017: Chairs of all committees have been appointed, except the Program committee. 501C3 paperwork is in. Contract with Doubletree, Millennium, Hyatt, and Hilton have been signed. Most expensive is Hyatt at \$189. Least expensive is Doubletree. Reservations accepted one year out.

There was a Press Conference with the President of the Convention Center, Jack Pladdys, public dignitaries, and reps from the Cincinnati Reds. There are Radio spots, coverage on News and in papers. There was an NPR interview.

212 dancers have registered so far.

The NEC wants a document about the \$ profits and what it will be used for. It will be used for education and for a future convention in another location – Toledo, Cleveland. It will be used to encourage new clubs.

There will be a video of square dancers that could be used throughout the state to advertise.

Possibly have a meeting room for the State.

Host dances between now and 2017 in support of the Convention.

Website: (www.SquareDanceOhio.com) Steve Hayden

Unfinished Business:

1. Gail Miller reported on the Round Dance History, which is almost complete. It includes a list of past and current round dance leaders. It is 170 pages on 2 sides. She hopes that each Federation/Council will want a copy. Cost is still unknown.
2. A decision is needed regarding the Showcase of Ideas. It is no longer a requirement that each area have a display. If you have something newsworthy have a display or an offsite meeting.
3. Barb Garris passed out information on the Ohio State dress in color. She is looking for someone who can reproduce the emblems for a reasonable cost.
4. Mary Galentine said that Columbus might not be able to host a state convention in 2016 because the Masonic Center is being sold. They are looking for another venue.

New Business: None.

Meeting adjourned at 2:55

Respectfully submitted-Judy Nelson

