

**Ohio Corporation of Dance Clubs, Inc.
Nov.1 2015 State Corp Meeting
Gahanna, Ohio**

Call to Order:

The quarterly meeting of the Ohio State Corporation of Dance Clubs, Inc. was called to order at 1:05 P.M by President Steve Stoehr.

Invocation: Judy Nelson gave the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance: The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll Call: Akron, Central, Cleveland, Miami Valley, Southwestern Ohio/Northern Kentucky, Toledo, and BRDC were represented.

Introduction of Past Presidents: Steve & Sharry Hayden, Marianne & Gordon King, Judy Calkins, and Don & Barb Garris were all present.

Guests: There were no guests.

President: Steve Stoehr asked Steve Hayden if he would serve as the Nominating Committee. Steve Hayden accepted.

Vice President: Barry Carney thanked Dick Liston for making the frame on which to display the State Corporation banner. Dick submitted a bill for \$35.00. Sharry Hayden will send a thank you from State Corp. and Barry will call Dick to thank him personally.

Recording Secretary: Judy Nelson asked to forego the reading of the August minutes. There were two corrections: Referring to the amount paid for the website, the word “dues” was changed to “fee”. The amount paid to State Corp for each dancer attending a convention was changed to \$.40 instead of \$.45. Don Garris made a motion to accept the minutes, and Marianne King offered the second. The motion was approved with the two corrections.

Treasurer’s Report: Cindy Warner told us that the audit for the period from May 1014 through April 2015 was completed. She gave the quarterly report. It will be filed for audit.

Correspondence: Irene Dommin had one letter from Connie and Bill Weber about Akron hosting a one day Honor’s dance on Saturday, May 6, 2017. Irene passed out a new State Corp Rep list. She also said that the new USDA Logo should be used.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

By-laws: Don Garris had no report.

Convention Procedures: Judy Calkins is looking into the following: When can a State Convention begin advertising their Convention? She believes it is two years prior for flyers (mainly due to Southwestern OH/Northern KY Convention being on a different weekend. They need more time to notify callers for their scheduling). Then one year prior to sell Ways & Means. Judy will review and confirm the information with Steve Hayden.

Friendship Badges: Gordon & Marianne King
Gordon King said the price \$8.00 doesn't cover the cost of the badge, so it should be raised. The badges will cost \$10.00. Motion was approved. The website will reflect the change. We will grandfather forms submitted through the end of the fiscal year, 2016. The following people earned the State Corp Friendship Badge: Tabitha Adkins, Marion; Jill Price, LaRue; Jim and Linda Crose, Bellville; and George and Judy Osborne, Ontario, Oh.

Showcase of Ideas: Ohio/National Irene Dommin
Irene had nothing to report for Ohio. The display at National Convention, 2016 will advertise the National Convention in Cincinnati in 2017.

Sunshine: Sharry Hayden sent a thinking of you card to Judy Nelson, Akron. She sent get well cards to Dick Winters, Akron; Sue Bulmer, MVDC; Bev Stoehr, MVDC; Pam Courts, SONKSDF; and Dick Bishop, MVDC. She sent a Congratulations card to Dick Mackey, for 50 years of calling.

Education: Dale Bennett asked if the Caller School led by Jack Pladdys could be funded by State Corp in the future? Steve Hayden suggested that instead of State Corp, perhaps it should be funded on the Federation/Council level. He said that the State Corp. Education fund should benefit all dancers. Cindy Warner said that Toledo does sponsor a caller for caller school. Discussion followed. Do we want to ask for donations to build the Education fund? Dale will get together with Jack Pladdys to discuss this. There will be more discussion in February. Dale would still like to have a panel discussion "How to grow a club". In February he wants to share information about "Club 50".

Historian: No report. We need to find a Historian. Please ask at your club and Federation/Council.

Publicity: No report: Katie Raleigh was absent.

BRDC: Loren Brosie reported that the Fall Dance was pretty well attended. It featured Phases III and IV. The Spring Dance on March 20, 2106 will be Phase II and Easy III's. It will be in Gahanna. There will be a Round Dance Clinic at the State Convention in May, 2016.

Convention Reports:

Columbus 2016: Mary Galentine & Dennis Budinski

Dennis reported that they are holding monthly meetings. Trail-In Dance is Thursday, May 5. There is free parking. 150 are registered at the hotel. There are 140 registered for the convention. 4 couples are registered for Round Dancing. The dinner show is limited to 300, so get your registration in. There are already 48 registered. There will be 4 vendors-2 jewelry, 1 clothing, and 1 badge. The after party on Friday will be a talent show. 3 are signed up so far. Contact the Registration chair if you are interested. There will be a Mardi Gras Parade before the opening ceremony. There are 3 camping sites. The Round Dance clinic is Friday from 9:30-11:30 A.M. and 1:00-3:00 P.M. Loren Brosie and Sue Powell will lead the Clinic. A Solo Dance will be from 3:00-5:00 P.M. on Friday. The State Corp luncheon is scheduled for noon on Saturday. The next committee meeting is Saturday, November 7. It is a time-line meeting. Mary asked that we tell are new dancers about the convention and how much fun it will be. Give them the registration forms so they can "Be Part of the Party".

Attire for the event was brought up. Dale Bennett will find where it says that "square dance attire is required", so it can be changed to "square dance attire is requested".

2107: Ohio Honoree's Dance: In the letter Irene Dommin received from Connie and Bill Weber, they asked for approval for Akron to host the Honoree's Dance on Saturday, May 6, 2017. The location is the Tadmire Temple. The time requested was 10 A.M. to 5 P.M., but State Corp has requested an all-day event including an evening event from 7 – 10 P.M. The letter states Plus, Advanced and Rounds, but there should be Mainstream for new graduates. The Luncheon for State Corp and Honor Couples will be catered by the ladies of the Eastern Star. The cost is fourteen dollars (\$14.00) each. There will be a basket raffle, so they are asking for a basket from each Federation/Council. There will be two (2) 50/50 drawings.

Irene Dommin is writing a letter to Akron asking for the Evening event, Mainstream to be included, the number of seats available for the luncheon, and the cost of the event.

Peggy Carney made a motion to accept the proposal from Akron. Sharry Hayden seconded. The motion was approved.

National Convention-2017: Steve Stoehr reported that over 775 are registered so far. The NEC Advisors Meeting included a tour of the Duke Energy Convention Center. There will be 22 tours during the convention. Half of the contracts are signed. The committee is working on the pre-Convention scheduled for March, 2016. During that event there will be a tour of the city, a tour of the facility, computer training on Thursday and Friday. You must be registered for the convention to attend the Trail in dance on Thursday. They are working on meals. Registration packets will go out in December.

Marianne King reported that she needs ideas for speakers because her emails got no responses. She wants to send out a final letter on letterhead. Steve will check his notes.

Convention 2018: Toledo is looking into it.

Website: (www.SquareDanceOhio.com) Steve Hayden

Question: Is there a specific arrangement with USDA regarding the use of the new Logo? Steve said that there was no arrangement with the State Corp. Some clubs are associated with USDA.

Unfinished Business: There was no Unfinished business.

New Business: There was no new business.

There was a motion to adjourn by Steve Hayden with a second by Cindy Warner. The motion was approved. The meeting adjourned at 3:40.

**Respectfully submitted,
Judy Nelson, Secretary**