

**Ohio Corporation of Dance Clubs, Inc.
May 7,, 2016 State Corp Meeting
Crowne Plaza, North-Columbus, 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 1:30.

Invocation: Invocation was given at the luncheon which preceded the meeting.

Pledge of Allegiance: The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

Introduction of Past Presidents: Steve & Sharry Hayden, Judy Calkins, Don & Barb Garris and Paul & Mary Cousino were all present.

Introduction of Guests: Honor Couples:

Akron-Larry & Dolores Harnar

SONKSDF-Dick & Jane Jones

Toledo-John & Susan Crumrine

Columbus (COCDC)-Lynn LeMaster

BRDC-Don & Sue Corbin

Miami Valley-Linda Hasting

Cleveland-Bill Lewin

Other Guests:

Akron-Bill & Connie Weber

Cleveland-Vicky Sawyer, Jim Dean, Randy & Thelma Dunaitis, David & Cheryl Storgard, Larry & Debbie Candow, Cheryl French, Rose Gelman

COCDC-Pat Liston

Miami Valley-Kathy Devens, Richard & Linda Bishop

SONKSDF-Marianne Jackson, Howard Ploegsma, Suzanne & Bill Cheney

Toledo-Paul & Mary Cousino

President: Steve Stoehr asked Steve Hayden for his list of nominations for the coming year. Steve Hayden reported that all current officers will run again. There were no other nominations. Bruce Haislip made a motion to close nominations. The second was by Steve Hayden. Bruce then made a motion to accept the slate of officers and again Steve Hayden seconded. Both motions were approved.

Vice President: No report.

Recording Secretary: Judy Nelson made a motion to forego the reading of the minutes. Shirley Monnett offered the second. The motion was approved.

Treasurer's Report: Cindy Warner gave the Treasurer's report. It was filed for audit. So far due, \$35.00, for 2016 have been paid by Akron, Miami Valley and Southwestern OH/Northern Kentucky.

Dale Bennett asked how much of the Education fund could be used. The interest, \$595.00, can be used.

Correspondence: There was no correspondence.

Committee Reports:

By-laws: Don Garris had no report.

BRDC: Bruce Haislip said that the Clinic was well attended. The fall dance will be September 25 from 2-5, phases 3 and 4. The spring dance will be a phases 2 and 3, but the date has not been set. Both will tentatively be held at Gahanna.

Nominating Committee: See President's report.

Convention Procedures: Judy Calkins is working on the changes.

Friendship Badges: Gordon & Marianne King were absent so there was no report. Bill Lewin asked for a map to show areas of state and which clubs were located there. After discussion, it was decided that a list of clubs in each Federation/Council would be better. Irene will bring the list to the August meeting.

Showcase of Ideas: Ohio/National Irene Dommin

The display at the National Convention, 2016 will advertise the National Convention in Cincinnati in 2017.

Sunshine: Sharry Hayden sent Get Well cards to Linda Bishop and Dennis Reist, both from MVDC. She sent Sympathy cards to Sandy Diestler, Mary Lou Simon, and the Larry Slack family, all from Akron. She reminded us that we need to include name, address, club/council, and the reason for the card.

Education: Dale Bennett focused on how to grow a club for his seminar at the Convention. He believes there are six key ingredients to grow a club:

1. A vision
2. Good leadership
3. Friendly members
4. Good Callers
5. Good Angels
6. Marketing/Advertising

There is a natural progression for growth. Learn how to mentor. Assimilate the new dancers. He thanked Peggy and Barry Carney for helping with the program. Bob Mace asked about getting someone to teach new people when a caller is not available. The following options were mentioned.

1. An "Angel" who is knowledgeable in calls
2. Take the new dancers to another club for lessons.
3. Ask the caller if he would announce the calls to be taught the next week, so that new dancers could view them online.
4. Try to combine club lessons with another club.

Historian: Jonathan Warner accepted the position. He will get the historical information.

Publicity: Katie Raleigh thanked those who gave her information. Bruce Haislip will send her a flyer about the fall round dance.

Convention Reports:

Columbus 2016: Nary Galentine thanked Ed & Linda Willis from USDA for coming to the Columbus Convention, and for bringing a wealth of information.

Ohio Honoree's Dance, May 6, 2017: Connie Weber will have a website established.

National Convention-2017: Steve Stoehr reported that about 1200 are registered for the National Convention in 2017. Ways and Means is doing well. Please emphasize at club meetings that the long form must be completed. Also the credit card you use must expire after June, 2018. On Saturday of the Convention there will be a dance in Fountain Square. A new record for *Guinness Book of world Records* will be attempted. 2000 dancers are needed. There is camping at Winton Woods, 20 minutes from the Convention Center.

Website: (www.SquareDanceOhio.com) Steve Hayden will put the list of clubs in each area on the website.

Unfinished Business: Barb Garris reported that she has kits for the State outfit. The kit costs \$17. Wearing the outfit is the best way to advertise it.

New Business: A possible approach for 2018 and future Ohio State Conventions was presented - Take this back to your Federation/Council for discussion:

1. State Convention will be chaired and run by Ohio State Corporation
2. Each Council/Federation would be responsible for 2 of the 12 positions required to hold convention.
3. Seed money will be requested from each Council/Federation
 - A. Can first years seed money be donated up to \$10,000 balance?
 - B. After first year seed money would be available to the next convention
 - C. Profit would be split 13 ways (12 part to each of the convention positions and 1 part back to the State Corp)

This topic will be discussed further at the next State Corporation meeting.

Bruce Haislip made a motion to adjourn the meeting. There was a second by Jonathan Warner. The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Judy Nelson,
Secretary

