

## MINUTES

### Heart of America Singles Square Dancer Association

#### General Membership Meeting

Kansas City, Mo

May 09, 2015

11:00 AM

**PRESENT:** Maye Wagner called the meeting to order at 11:08 AM. Board members present: Maye Wagner, Kelly Bockover, Vicky Zeller, Dee Proctor, Louise Coleman, Carol Hersey & members who signed in.

**MINUTES:** May 10, 2015 minutes were presented. Motion to approve with corrections was by Phoebe Sage. Seconded by TJ Rowen. Approved

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Dee Proctor presented Financial Report. Phoebe Sage moved to accept Treasurer Report and present for audit. Second by Susan Lee. Approved

**Additions to the Agenda: None**

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**2015 Update/Feedback-** email. Maye wrote a hand written note telling them about the host hotel. Please spread the word.

**After Parties-**What would like to see? Friday is a workday and dancers are done and tired. Want a chance to mingle with each other. Very few people get up to dance and Susan likes the skits better. Marilyn says, "What about bingo?" Skits are better than dancing. Do away with after parties. Play group type games and visit and leave. Pot luck snacks, community building games, mixer type games, list of questions to ask other people. Try to use these ideas for Friday. Drawing for having questions filled out.

**Suggestions for Singles to Mingle:** We need more single men. How do we get single people to come without partners. Have a protocol or culture change to have married and set partners dance with single members who are not getting to dance. Have dances that are mixer squares. Need people on the side to get into the dance. Sitting person tap into the square. Have the callers do it. One or two tips with numbers colored tickets to pair up, numbers for each square, number dances. Submit ideas to Carol on Facebook and Louise with Newspaper. Key to this is to do the right advertisement out way ahead of the festival. Callers need to stress make sure guest get to dance. May program one hall for number dances or a solos hall only. Coupling up should be outlawed. If you haven't danced yet please stand and pair someone up. Don't want to alienate couples. Maybe we can be the beginning of change. Pre-registration are you willing to dance with other singles on registration form. New class beginner dances and have

announcement at classes to tell about single dances and opportunities. Need a sticker or special color ribbon for ladies who can dance either part.

### **New Business:**

**2016 Festival update**-Kelly Bockover, festival will be at the Expo Center May 13 and 14 at same place as this year. Mike Hogan and Carolyn & Tony Ahart cuer for trail in dance. Fit and Fun will co-sponsor next year. Next year the only number is the KCI hotel number for reservations. Because we had trouble booking rooms the due date was extended by one and half weeks. The last date is hard for next year which is April 11, 2016 last date to register for a room. Next year we are not on attrition next year for rooms. Kay said the instructions on Garmin for the hotel were not correct. Put in Newsletter and Facebook what exit to take for Expo Center. Big hall had very bad echoes. Can make hotel reservations after June 11, 2015 and code is HAS Block.

Bids for Future Festivals: Maye announced need bids within six state HASSDA area. Iowa has a place but not a club to sponsor.

Callers/Cuer: Mike Hogan, Bear Miller, Eric Henerlau and cuer Carolyn & Tony Ahart

Updated E-mail: Carol announced that we need your email updated for HASSDA and Newsletter. Last Newsletter mailed out 325 and is expensive. If you have someone who has past or are ill and no longer want the newsletter please let Louise know. We also need to have update on addresses for mail. This is very time consuming to keep this updated if we have to call to find corrections on addresses and E-mails.

Facebook: HASSDA is listed as Single Square Dance Association Facebook and has postings almost daily. Try to pass on information about your state's festival and special events for clubs through our Facebook. We have links for states web sites.

Hotel: Holiday Inn with hard cut off of April 11, 2016

2016 Festival Host: HASSDA with Fit & Fun

Trail-In Dance Host: HASSDA

2016 flyers are available to coordinators and dancers to take with you.

### **2016 Festival :**

#### **New Board Member Nominations:**

President: Nominated Maye Wegner by Johnnie Houston; Susan Lee seconded. Maye Wegner will be our president for next term. Approved

Phoebe Sage nomination to keep board as is. Kay Jones-Ray seconded. Approved

Vice President: Kelly Bockover

Secretary: Vicky Zeller

Treasurer: Dee Proctor

Newsletter Editor: Louise Coleman

Historian: Carol Hershey

**Comments:** Iowa spoke person talked about problems with pre-registration for state convention. Can get information from the web site.

Carol talked about business cards on historian table.

Kelly we have flyers for state coordinators.

Maye reminded members to pick up cards for signatures for most number of different partners to win a free registration. A free registration is one for a male and one for a female.

Open floor for questions/suggestions:

Adjourn: 12:10 Phoebe Sage nominated to adjourn meeting. Judy Tucker seconded. Approved

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Above Minutes Approved at General Meeting on May 14, 2016

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