

**HEART OF AMERICA FEDERATION OF SQUARE DANCE CLUBS
BOARD of DIRECTORS/DELEGATES MEETING**

Sunday April 27th 2025

Fairmount Community Center

217 S. Cedar Ave., Independence, MO. 64052

President: Libby Gilbert, called the Board of Directors/Delegates meeting to order at 2:01p.m. The meeting began with Libby thanking everyone for coming and our saying "The Pledge of Allegiance." Libby also acknowledged the guests in attendance and did a roll call.

Federation Officers and Staff in attendance:

President: Dick and Libby Gilbert (Savanah Sashayers)

Vice President: Steve and Kathy Bean (BNR Sq.) Absent

Recording Secretary: Susie Shearer (Harmony Dancers)

Corresponding Secretary & Insurance Coordinator: Absent, position OPEN, However, it is being covered by Joyce Schemer

Treasurer: Joyce Schemmer, Marvin was absent (Pistols & Petticoats)

Assistant treasurer: Ginny Battiest (Heartland Sq.)

Fed Facts Editor: Karla Jones (Live Wires)

Fed Facts Co-Editor & Circulation Manager: Tom and Susan Bender (Docey Dandies)

Historian: Position OPEN, however it is being covered by Karla Jones

Note: Seven of the 12 HOAF Clubs represented

Past Presidents: Brad and Annette Davis and Don Strange

Callers/Cuers: None **Organizations:** No one from the USDA attended.

Guests: Juline Norman, Laurie and Paul Russ, Live Wires and Jack McKown, Heartland Sq.

Clubs represented: 11 of 12 Clubs present. The agenda and other information were put in the club delegates folders.

1. **BNR Squares:** Claude Burch
2. **Cross Trailers:** Glenda Cummins, Robert absent
3. **Docey Dandies:** Tom Bender
4. **Harmony Dancers:** Teddy Ballard
5. **Heartland Squares:** Roberta Beier
6. **K C Plus:** Brenda Colvin, Alt. Delegate
7. **Live Wires:** Juline Norman, Alt. Delegate

8. **Peppy Promenaders:** John DeWeese (Alt. Delegate)
9. **Pistols n Petticoats:** Joyce Schemmer
10. **Savannah Sashayers:** Jerry Belgum
11. **Shooting Stars:** Absent
12. **Stewartsville Cut-ups:** Karen Edrington, Alt. Delegate

In Memory:

Please pause for a moment of silence for the following names received

Wanda June Tygart June 27, 1936 - April 3, 2025

June left this world on April 3, 2025 at the age of 88, leaving a void in the lives of so many people. She was predeceased by: her significant other Charles Allen. June was a member of BNR Squares.

Steve Christensen February 6, 1943 – March 21, 2025

With heavy hearts, we announce the passing of Steve Christensen, a beloved husband, devoted father, and cherished grandfather. He passed away Friday, March 21, 2025 at home. Steve found joy in square dancing, where his warmth and lively spirit shone. He was known to gift yellow rock hugs generously. He and Adyline spent 25 wonderful years with the Ramblers Square Dance Club and proudly served on the National Square Dance Convention Board, welcoming over 2,000 dancers to the Kansas City Convention Center in 2018.

Received after the meeting from Lynn Nelson:

Perry Nichols, passed April 23, 2025. He was born on August 4, 1962, in Oskaloosa, Iowa. Perry began his career in technology in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and eventually moved to Kansas City where he met his wife, Cindy, while they were both working as IT consultants. They would have celebrated their 28th anniversary this fall. Perry and Cindy loved all forms of dance; ballroom, tango, and had recently taken up Square Dancing. He was a member of BNR's.

Officers/Staff Reports:

President's report: Libby thanked everyone that attended or 72nd annual HOAF Festival, held March 28 & 29, 2025. Thanked Karla and her team/committee Cindy, Michelle, and Harriett for all the wonderful decorations.

Vice Presidents report: Steve and Kathy were absent.

Recording Secretary: Susie asked if the minutes had been read from the February 2nd , 2025 Delegates meeting which were printed (as a draft) in the April, May, June Fed Facts. If so, is there a motion to accept those minutes as presented or as corrected. Discussion of said minutes ended with a motion by Don Strange, past President to accept the minutes as corrected and the motion was seconded by Annette Davis, past President. By a majority verbal vote the motion passed. Minutes will be corrected and reprinted for file.

Corresponding Secretary and Insurance Coordinator: Joyce is covering the position.

Treasurers Report: Joyce put the report in the Delegates folder. She also stated that she put a ballot for today's elections in each folder. She thanks us all for being here today and told us that she was honored to have been a part of the HOAF staff for so many years. They have been on staff since 1984, but now it is time to step aside and let another member take over. She reported all the details of the Federation dance and a copy of that report was in the delegates folder as well. She thanked the BNR's, Live Wires and Happy Time Squares for their support of the Newbie dance as well as all the other clubs that attended. We had a total of 57 dancers, 47 seasoned and 10 newbies.

FED FACTS: Karla Jones, thanked Joyce, and Marvin for all their hard work in their years of service. Also, thanked everyone for their support and asked that anyone who has pictures of the Festival to please send them to her. Don't forget the Club Chatter for the July, August and September issue is due by May 25th.

Fed Facts Circulation Manager: Tom Bender, has mailed out 83 copies of the last issue and that is down three copies from last year. Also, there were four electronic copies.

NEW BUSINESS: ELECTION of EXECUTIVE OFFICERS for 2025/2026

SLATE of OFFICERS:

| PRESENT POSITION | NAME | WILLING TO STAY or NO |
|---|---------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| President: | Dick and Libby Gilbert | YES |
| Vice President: | Steve and Kathy Bean | NO |
| Recording Secretary: | Susie Shearer | Yes, if no one else wants it |
| Treasurer: | Joyce and Marvin Schemmer | NO |
| Assistant Treasurer: Ginny Battist (will be Treasurer again, but needs an Assistant) | | |
| Corresponding Secretary/Insurance Coordinator | | OPEN |

Nominations for others interested in a position were taken from the floor and are as follows:

President: Roberta Beier and Jack McKown, Heartland Squares

Vice President: Juline and Robert Norman, Live Wires

Recording Secretary: Laurie and Paul Russ, Live Wires

Treasurer: Mike Shedor, Heartland Sq.

Assistant Treasurer: OPEN

Corresponding Secretary/Insurance Coordinator: Brenda Colvin, K C Plus

After all nominations were accepted and a brief commentary from each that wanted to speak on their wishes for the next year on the HOAF Executive board.

Voting was done per paper ballot and are as follows:

President: Roberta Beier and Jack McKown, Heartland Squares

Vice President: Juline and Robert Norman, Live Wires

Recording Secretary: Laurie and Paul Russ, Live Wires

Treasurer: Ginny Battiest, Heartland Squares

Assistant Treasurer: OPEN

Corresponding Secretary/Insurance Coordinator: Brenda Colvin, K C Plus

After the voting ended Joyce made the motion to destroy the ballots and said motion was seconded by Annette Davis, past President. Motion passed!

Installation of officers was performed by past President, Don Strange.

Pictures were taken by Fed Facts Editor: Karla Jones (Live Wires)

*PLEASE WELCOME OUR NEWLY ELECTED
HOAF EXECUTIVE BOARD OF OFFICERS
CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF YOU*

Motion to adjourn was made by Tom and seconded by Libby. Motion passed and meeting adjourned at 3:26 p.m. The next Board of Directors/Delegates meeting will be held on Sunday, August 3rd, 2025 at 2 p.m. at the Fairmount Community Center, Independence, MO.

Respectfully submitted, Recording Secretary, Susie Shearer

Thank you for allowing me to serve the HOAF these past three years 2022/2023, 2023/2024 & 2024/2025.