

**KSDCA WINTER MEETING  
MINUTES FOR JANUARY 27, 2019 - 1:00 pm  
SALINA, KANSAS**

**Annual Meeting, June 1, 2019 @ 8:30– Tony’s Pizza Event Center**

**CALL TO ORDER**

**Present:** Allen Hahn; Sheldon-Cindy Lawrence; Mike Turner; Sue Dellere; Gary-Cindy Titus; Peter Denning; Kevin-Diane Denning; Larry-Wanda Crady; David Myers; Dale Stead; Tammy-Bill Gough; Terry Lewis; Chris Wildhagen; Stash Tosio; Norma Popp; Peg Anschutz; Rex Johnston; Diana Wagner; Donnell Welch; Rod Krehbiel

**Welcome/Introductions** – meeting called to order by President Allen Hahn at 1:00 pm  
Moment of Silence:

**Reading of the Minutes:** Sheldon Lawrence – minutes from the June 2018 meeting have been sent via e-mail and US mail to all KSDCA members. Copies of the minutes are also provided. He asked since all have read the minutes, was there any objection to not reading the minutes. Motion that the minutes be accepted made by Larry. 2<sup>nd</sup> by David. Motion approved.

**Treasurer’s Report:** Mike Turner – balance as of April 30, 2018 was \$2,671.50 and ending balance as of December 31, 2018 is \$3,811.08. Various checks and deposits were made. This does not include the \$1,500 held in escrow by the State Convention Committee as seed money for future conventions, or the \$410 collected in January 2019 for membership dues. See financial report for specifics. Motion to accept the financial report made by Larry. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dale. Motion approved.

- **Bills to be paid:** to Dan Wheeler and Sheldon Lawrence. David made the motion to pay the bills. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Chris. Motion approved.

**REPORTS:**

**Organizational Reports:**

- CALLERLAB – no report
- Roundalab – no report
- ACA – no report
- Contralab – no report
- Clogging – no report
- Line Dancing – no report

**District Reports:** - Allen – at the moment, KSDCA has 4 districts and KSDA has moved to 2 districts - Blue and Gold- combining districts. There will need to be a by-laws change to realign with KSDA, but this won’t be done until the June meeting, per the constitution. Until then, we still have 4 districts.

- **North East:** Larry Crady – the callers of this area have already discussed the district name changes and have decided, as a group, to remain as the North East Callers Association. Clubs have finished lessons. Tenderfoot dance at Croco Hall, the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in March. Also, North East Callers Festival, February 2<sup>nd</sup>, afternoon dance, all callers welcome.
- **North Central:** no report

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- **South:** David Myers and Tammy Gough – Spring Festival, April 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> with Tony Oxendine and Fred-Cathy Fisher. Tony will be presenting a clinic Saturday morning, April 6<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 am – 11:00 am, open to all interested callers. Tammy has the sign-up sheet. Clinic will be \$10 per caller. Tammy needs at least 15 callers in order for Tony to do the clinic. Please contact her to get signed up. No charge for spouses. Tony will cover choreography and showmanship. Festival and clinic at West Side Church of God. There is a tenderfoot dance, February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2:30 pm – 5:00 pm at West Side Church of God.
- **West:** Peggy Anschutz - had a successful Snow Ball Festival and excellent crowd considering the weather. Tenderfoot dance, February 2<sup>nd</sup> at Reed Center. February 16<sup>th</sup>, Tammy Gough is calling. February 17<sup>th</sup>, Mike Huddleson is calling in Great Bend. Hayes currently has lessons going on.

**State Convention Report:**

- **Program Chairman:** Allen – related to the programming, the committee is open to change, but at this point, it is going to be similar to last year's program. One change that will be made, last year Jerry Story called a half hour for "dancers without partners". This year they are going to have that done by State callers. Mike Hogan will do one tip in the advanced hall. Mike will do mainstream DBD for one and a half hours, followed by plus in the afternoon. Then the evening dance. Any suggestions are welcome. Another addition this year, the High Country Dancers from Colorado will perform – once on Friday and twice on Saturday – still working on their time slots.
- **Choose Sound Chairman:** Allen asked for nominees or volunteers. David again volunteered. David reminded callers/cuers to turn everything DOWN before plugging in your computers. Yes, there will still also be record players.
- **Motel:** Sue – prices will be the same as last year. Will also have the rooms for the caller and cuer for both Friday and Saturday nights.
- **Camping:** Sheldon – at the moment there are 17 RV sites reserved, one tent site and 3 cabins. KOA has up-dated some of their sites. Sites that were just 30 amp and water will now be deluxe patio sites with 50 amp and full hook-up. KOA is still giving square dancers the 10% discount and also a 10% discount if you are a KOA member
- Additional comments from floor - none

**Caller Coordinator Convention Report:** Jeanne Shane – per Allen, Jeanne is unable to attend due to Shingles, but did send her report which Allen read. Clubs are working on ribbon sales for State. There are 4 advertisement boards available if you are traveling to other areas and want to help promote the Convention. Contact Kathy Mears or Jeanne to get the boards. If you want to help sell tickets, contact Rod Dietz. Jerry Feese has the website up and working for the State Convention – website is: [KansasStateSquareDanceConvention.com](http://KansasStateSquareDanceConvention.com). Facebook director is Wolfgang Johanning and he is advertising with photos and comments. Will be 3 performances by the High Country Dancers from Colorado. Also plans for a 50-50 pot, which helps supplement the income. Jane Rorstom will sing the National Anthem and Steve Martz will give the invocation. To do list: decide on button design for banners; final article for Travel-On and Happy Tracks; solicit ads from clubs and business' to be on the back of the dance schedules; determine number of tables, chairs, extension cords needed; who the flag presenters for the Saturday ceremony are; design and print schedules when program is complete; tax ID number and liability insurance certificate to the event center; decide on decoration ideas.

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**Hall of Fame:** Sue – committee members are Judy-Dennis Grossnickle (chairpersons), Sue-Jim Dellere, Marty-Frank Golden, Royce Dent, Donna-Dana Schirmer and Rowena Horr. For obvious reason, those individuals nominated and those selected should remain confidential amongst this committee. Only 0-3 nominees are eligible per year. The committee is currently working on the 2020 recipients and those will be announced at the Convention meeting on Saturday morning. Plaques for the 2018 HOF inductees have been ordered and received. The committee encourages anyone to think about nominations for the 2021 selection. Deadline is December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2019. The forms have been up-dated and are now a PDF fill-able form. Larry Sigle will post the new form on the website and it will also be included in the Travel-On.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- **Historical Committee:** no report
- **Other:** none

**NEW BUSINESS: Allen –**

- **Caller and Cuer for 2019:** Mike Hogan and Carolyn & Tony Ahart
- **Education opportunity:** Mike Hogan (cancelled due to CALLERLAB business). Since there will not be the educational opportunity with Mike, this might be an even better reason to sign up for the Tony Oxendine educational seminar during the Spring Festival in Wichita on April 6th.
- **Announcement of 2020 Caller Coordinator** – Gary and Cindy Titus have accepted this position and will take over from Jeanne and Warren Shane.
- **National Square Dance Convention:** Atlanta, GA
- **Other:**
  - **Recognition and acceptance of new members:** Allen –
    - Forms have been presented for both Stan and Beth Neidecker for active membership to KSDCA. They are both active members of the North East Callers Association. Chris made the motion to accept. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Larry. Motion approved.
    - Received a form from Brian Sterling for associate membership. He is also an associate member of the Wichita Area Callers Association. Terry made the motion to accept. 2<sup>nd</sup> by David. Motion approved.
  - Allen – per the Constitution, “a caller has to be a member of KSDCA for one year prior before being eligible to call at the current State Convention”. However, there is a clause in the Constitution that allows the executive committee to allow non-members and non-qualified members to call at the current State Convention. Larry made the motion to allow both Stan and Beth to be able to call at the 2019 Convention. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Donnell. Motion approved. Allen also asked for a motion to allow KSDCA to purchase Convention ribbons for both Stan and Beth as they will be calling at the 2019 Convention. David made the motion. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Larry. Motion approved.

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- **Proposed changes to the KSDCA Constitution & By-Laws:** Sheldon – 3 proposals. This is for discussion only, as **none will be voted on until the June 2019 meeting.**
  - First proposal - spouses becoming active members to increase money into KSDCA funds.
    - At the June 2<sup>nd</sup> 2018 meeting, there was a short discussion on this subject and Allen appointed a committee to look into this suggestion.
    - At the June 3<sup>rd</sup> 2017 meeting, the motion was made and passed to purchase ribbons **only** for callers/cuers programmed for the Convention and not the spouses (as in the past), as a way to save money.
    - There are pros and cons to spouses becoming active members -
      - Adding spouses as an active member will bring in \$20.00 more for each spouse. We would then need to add under Constitution Article No. 3 – membership, B.1, a description of an active spouse in this organization. Spouses would not meet the current qualifications. We would also need to decide if the spouse with active member status could have an equal vote. Currently, couples have one vote per couple. Also, now active members get a Convention ribbon from the association, but the spouse has to purchase their own. Since the cost of the ribbon is \$30.00 and the membership fee is \$20.00, the association would be losing \$10.00 and not gaining any income, if ribbons were purchased for spouses. Some discussion on the definition for the spouse member and also concerning couples voting rights where both parties of that couple are active callers or cuers. It was felt that both paid member parties should have a vote in the association. The proposal needs to be re-written for better clarity and then published 30 days before the June meeting. Sheldon will re-write and send out to the membership for comments.
  - Second proposal - district boundary and name changes.
    - We heard today from Larry, that the North East Kansas Square Dance Callers Association will continue to be the NEKSDCA and not the new “Blue” district. They will go by the new boundaries, but prefer to not have the name change. Similarly, the Wichita Area Callers Association will continue with their name, but will abide with the new Gold district.
    - Article 4 will be changed from “four districts: West, North Central, Northeast and South” to two districts: Blue and Gold. The Kansas map on the back of the Constitution needs to be changed to reflect the new district names of Blue and Gold.
    - Article 6 “duties of the secretary” change the wording concerning minutes - “mail a copy to each member”, I would like to change that to “make sure” a copy is sent to each member, thus all forms of media are covered.
    - Article 7 “amendments” – the same change as above, for “mail” a copy to each member, to “make sure” a copy is sent to each member.

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- Third proposal -
  - By-Laws – Article 3, part B “each active, paid member shall be eligible to call/cue at the State Convention if they were an active member the year prior – eliminate the “year prior” and it just say any active member is eligible to call/cue for that current year.
  - 2 previously made and passed motions that will be moved into the Standing Rules
    - January 22<sup>nd</sup> 2017 – those eligible to receive complimentary passes will be picked up when they come to the Convention and will no longer be mailed.
    - June 3<sup>rd</sup> 2017 - motion was made to purchase Convention ribbons for callers and cuers only and not their spouses.
    - June 3<sup>rd</sup> 2017 – motion was made to reduce the scholarship from 3 to 1. The scholarship reduction will continue until KSDCA income can support more stipends.
- **Review membership and forms:** Sheldon has made a few modifications to get more uniformity with the annual membership forms. The help of the NEKSDCA with getting all of their members’ dues and forms turned in a timely manner before this meeting was much appreciated. With the help of Pam Young and her suggestions, the forms will be more uniform for the coming years...
- **Membership feeling about opening Kansas Square Dance Callers Facebook group up to non-members:** Allen – reading Dana Schirmer’s request for feelings from callers about this suggestion. Some discussion, but the consensus was the facebook group, if opened to folks not KSDCA members, it should only be for callers or cuers that are in near-by surrounding states. Allen will get back with Dana.
- **Booth at the State Fair:** Allen – speaking for Larry Sigle, president of the Hutchison square dance club. For many years the Hutchinson club has sponsored a booth at the Fair to help promote square dancing and obtain names of those interested in taking lessons. Since the Fair is state wide, all names gathered are sent to whatever area is nearest the potential student for that club to make contact concerning lessons. They have the booth the entire 10 days of the Fair. This is very costly and even though other clubs and districts have helped with financial aid, they are considering not having the booth this year. But, they also hate to not have the exposure this booth brings. Larry has found that Missouri has a square dance one day at the Missouri State Fair. They feel it is successful and during the dance time, the callers let interested Fair attendees join in for easy level dancing. Per Allen, Larry wanted to know if this would be something the State callers would be interested in helping attend as callers and support for this dance. It could be several hours long with various callers doing different time slots. Rod said there are also negotiations between the club and the Fair board, that if we provide the service of the dance, possibly they might reduce the cost of the booth. If Hutch does continue their booth, they plan to re-organize the booth area and also have a newer, up-dated video showing a higher energy level of square dancing. All this conversation is still on-going, but if there was a dance, they would like to know if not only State callers would be supportive of this dance, but there is the need for dancers to support this to show everyone a fun time. Needs to be more than just a square or two. If the dance was done on Monday, which is Dillon’s Day, the cost to enter the Fair is free with a Dillon’s card or \$1.00, so this could encourage dances to participate. Should be not entirely during the daytime, as it is difficult to get dancers there that are still working. Must consider the support of dancers and the time the dance might be held.

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- **Sound Bids:** Sheldon – we have 3 sound bids. One from Stash for the North East Hall, round dance; one from David for the North West hall and one from Sheldon and Sue for the South Hall, main area. Larry made the motion to accept the bids. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Donnell. Motion approved.
- **Scholarship applications:** Sheldon – we have only one application for scholarship and that is from Larry Crady for the Jerry Junck caller's school. Dale made the motion to accept. 2<sup>nd</sup> by David. Motion approved.
- **Anything from the floor** – no other business.

Sue made the motion to adjourn. Approved.

Meeting Adjourned at 2:20 pm

*Cindy Lawrence*

Respectively submitted  
Cindy Lawrence – Co-Secretary

E-mailed – 04/23/2019 to all Active, Grandfathered, Associate members that have emails

Sent via US mail - 04/24/2019 to the following that don't have emails

- Fred Trujillo
- Larry Stock
- Rex Johnston