

# KSDCA ANNUAL ZOOM MEETING MINUTES

## MAY 25, 2021, AT 6:00 PM

**\*\*\*\* NEXT MEETING: January 2022 TBD**

Allen Hahn, President, welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm

**Present:** Allen Hahn; Lynn Nelson; Dana Schirmer; Gary Titus; Tammy Gough; Mike Turner; Betty Skillett; Joe Dawley; Stash Tosio; Sue Dellere; Mike-Iris Huddleson; David Myers; Beth-Stan Neidecker; Teresa Berger, new Executive Director of CALLERLAB; Sheldon-Cindy Lawrence and Kevin Denning (voice only).

**Moment of Silence:** passing of Kay Lewis (wife of deceased round dance cuer Terry Lewis) and Dean Milner, retired round dance cuer.

**Reading of the minutes:** Cindy L. - Allen asked if the minutes from the last meeting, January 24, 2021, needed to be read or could they be approved as written. There were two spelling corrections to the January minutes – under “moment of silence” Ken Oppenlander (not Openlander) and under “sympathy cards” Edythe Weber (not Edith). With those corrections, Dana made the motion to approve the minutes as sent. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lynn. Approved.

**Correspondence:** Cindy L. - 3 e-mails were received – Peggy Anschutz would be unable to attend the meeting as Shooting Stars was having a “practice dance”; Larry Crady would be unable to attend as he has square dance lessons and Mike Salerno would be unable to attend as he is giving lessons. If you remember, Mike S. did have COVID, and he commented, that “health wise, I am still out of breath, but have been able to call a few dances and teach classes. I just need to take a break and sit often”.

**Secretary comments:** Sheldon – thanked everyone for their support over the last few years of being secretary, but as noted several months ago, he would not be re-running for KSDCA secretary, and he has asked Stan and Beth Neidecker to take this position. He will continue to help support them in the future in any way needed with all the duties required for this position.

**Treasurer’s Report:** Mike T. – balance as of December 31, 2020, was \$4,118.48 and an ending balance as of April 30, 2021, is \$4,209.04. 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. See financial report for specific details. Motion to accept the treasurer’s report made by Lynn. 2<sup>nd</sup> by David. Approved.

### Reports:

- **State Convention:** Allen –due to COVID health concerns, I was asked by the Executive Committee to cancel the State Square Dance Convention for 2021. February 3<sup>rd</sup>, Tony’s Pizza Event Center was contacted about the decision to cancel for 2021. The Event Center will not be charging for this cancellation. The National Talent scheduled for the 2021 Convention are tentatively scheduled for 2024.
  - Tammy Gough will be the Caller Coordinator for 2022

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- **CALLERLAB:** Teresa Berger, Executive Director - next convention will be in Pittsburg, PA April 11-13, 2022. Held a virtual convention in Spring of 2021 and that information is available on the website. Encourage you to look at the Keynote address by Mike Seastrom, which talks about how to engage dancers after square dance has been paused for so long. Was a good virtual Convention with almost 400 in attendance.
- **Roundalab:** Kevin – will be a summer virtual convention in 2021.
- **ACA:** none
- **Clogging:** Joe – will have the National Clogging Convention in New Orleans, July 22-24, 2021. Joe does teach clogging through the Wichita Park Department, every Thursday.
- **Line dance:** Sheldon, reading an e-mail from Mike Salerno – “the limit of all my classes, workshops and dances has been raised to 16 people per event. Currently masks are required, but hopefully will be removed in June.” “There is a big 3-day event in Kansas City coming up – mostly line dancing but there will be couples, pattern partner dances and technique classes. This will be August 12-15, 2021, at the Kansas City Airport Hilton”.
- **District Reports:**
  - NEKSDCA – Blue district – no one to report
  - At large - Blue district – no one to report
  - WASDCA – Gold district – Tammy – Fall Festival will be October 22-23, 2021, with Dee Dee Dougherty and Ed-Karen Gloodt doing rounds. Will be at our new location, the Sedgwick County Extension Building, Ridge Road and 21<sup>st</sup>. With fewer clubs dancing, there will be no advanced ticket sales, just sales at the door. We are working on our upcoming dangle dinner in August and the dangle program for the 2021-2022 season.
  - At large – Gold district – no one to report.

### Old Business: Allen –

- **Kansas State Fair** – there will be a State Fair this year, but due to needed repairs to the Capper Building, there will not be a square dance as we had in 2019. There was no other available location, so there will not be any square dancing at this year’s State Fair.
- **State Square Dance Convention Site Selection Committee Report:** the selection committee has worked hard at trying to find a nice dance facility with less expense. The results of their findings were e-mailed and/or US mailed to members 5/23/2021. One big concern was the available date for the Convention and for various reasons it was best to continue to be the first weekend of June. Most of the locations that were looked at could not offer those dates due to booking conflicts. With that thought, Allen will meet with the Convention and Visitors Bureau and Tony’s Pizza Event Center to see what arrangements can be made for the future and/or other less expensive facilities in the Salina area. This is an on-going project, but the plan is that it will be held in Salina on the first weekend in June somewhere. Hope to be able to have a report in a few weeks.

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### New business:

- **Election of KSDCA officers for 2021-2022**
  - Sue – report of nominating committee – contacted everyone either by phone or e-mail and no one wanted to run for an office. The following have agreed to re-run, except for Sheldon and Cindy as co-secretaries. Sheldon did contact Stan and Beth Neidecker and they agreed to take office if elected. Below is the current ballot:
    - **President** – Allen Hahn
      - Allen asked for nominations from the floor for President. There were none. Lynn made the motion to cease. 2<sup>nd</sup> by David. Approved.
    - **Vice President** – Sue Dellere
      - Allen asked for nominations from the floor for Vice President. There were none. Lynn made the motion to cease. 2<sup>nd</sup> by David. Approved.
    - **Secretary** – Stan and Beth Neidecker
      - Allen asked for nominations from the floor for Secretary. There were none. Lynn made the motion to cease. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Joe. Approved.
    - **Treasurer** – Mike Turner
      - Allen asked for nominations from the floor. There were none. Lynn made the motion to cease. 2<sup>nd</sup> by David. Approved.
  - Lynn made the motion to accept the slate of officers by acclamation. 2<sup>nd</sup> by David. Approved. Above are the new KSDCA officers for the 2021-2022 season. Dana thanked those that have served the past year and those that will continue to serve.
- **Request for membership from Dan Pearson**
  - Sheldon – received a request from Dan Pearson. He lives in Parkview MO. He is a round dance cuer and is asking for active status. Sheldon read his qualifications, training, his limited ability to cue, mostly due to covid halting the activity, and his levels of cueing accomplishments. Stash recommended that Dan be accepted as an associate member rather than an active member. Dana made the motion to accept Dan Pearson as an associate member. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lynn. Approved. Sheldon will contact Dan and let him know that he is approved as an associate member. Allen suggested that if Dan has the chance to get more experience during the fall dance season, he could re-apply at the January meeting 2022, then if accepted, he could be approved as an active member and be able to cue at the State Convention. Sheldon will contact Dan explaining the reasoning behind this decision and that he needs “x” number of dances cued to qualify.

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- **Request from KSDA officers**
  - Allen – read a letter from Gerald and Leigh Johnson, currently 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President of KSDA and in line to move up to President. At this point, they can not find anyone willing to run for office of Vice President and they don't want to hold office of President by themselves. At a May KSDA meeting, it was suggested that KSDA and KSDCA organizations combine, due to difficulties KSDA is having in finding leadership. We want to pursue options to find ways to continue to serve dancers in Kansas needed with Statewide leadership. If you would be willing to pursue a conversation about this topic, please let us know.
    - Much conversation and suggestions followed from many members. It is difficult to try to run any organization when officers cannot be found for the needed offices. The topic of “would finances be merged” came up and it was suggested that they needed to stay separate. It was concluded that the KSDCA officers need to know what KSDA suggestions might be, and we would be willing to have a meeting. Allen will notify Gerald and Leigh of KSDCA'S decision.
- **Website at [ksdca.wesquairedance.com](http://ksdca.wesquairedance.com)**
  - Allen – requested that each caller/cuer please look at your website and see if your personal information is correct and updated. Sheldon will try to get it as current as possible before turning it over to our new secretaries. If you don't have a current picture, you are encouraged to do that.
- **National Talent for 2022 at Tony's Pizza Event Center in Salina**
  - **Caller: Mike Bramlett**
  - **Cuer: John and Karen Herr**
- **National Talent for 2023 at Tony's Pizza Event Center in Salina**
  - **Caller: Curt Braffet**
  - **Cuer: Cathy and Fred Fisher**
- **Other new business**
  - Allen – 2023 is the end of the current contract with Tony's Pizza Event Center. Allen and his committee are working to extend that contract or find another location in Salina with the same dates as we are currently using. If that is possible, the National Talent for 2024 would be the caller/cuers who would had contracted for 2021 – Caller: Justin Russell and Cuers: Mitchell and Chelsea Thompson.
  - Tammy – theme for the 2022 State Convention: “It Won't be The Same Without You, Let's All Dance In 2022”
    - Tammy is caller coordinator for 2022
    - Twyla Kovac is dancer coordinator for 2022

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- **Other new business: (continued)**
  - Dana – gave special recognition to Lynn Nelson, who received her 25-year certificate from CALLERLAB and two callers who both received their 50-year certificates, Mike Huddleson and Sheldon Lawrence. Congratulations to all. Allen - these callers will be recognized at the Hall of Fame dance in Topeka, Saturday June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021, at 2:00-4:30, along with those that were awarded Hall of Fame status for 2019 – Mike-Iris Huddleson; Wayne-Mary Ann Kerr; Francis-Julia Zeller and 2020 – Ron-Pat Jackson; Pam Young and Bill-LeRay Wilkie, plus the past recipients.
  - Teresa Berger – at the 2021 CALLERLAB general meeting, Dana was recognized and presented with an award for his service, time, and dedication as Executive Director over many years.

7:10 pm - Allen asked for a motion to adjourn. Motion made by Sue. 2<sup>nd</sup> by David.

Submitted by  
Sheldon and Cindy Lawrence – Co-Secretaries

E-mailed July 30, 2021  
US mailed July 31, 2021, to:  
Dale Stead  
Larry Stock  
Rex Johnston  
Fred Trujillo