

**KSDCA ANNUAL MEETING – KENWOOD HALL- SALINA KS
MINUTES FOR JUNE 4, 2022, 8:30 AM**

CALL TO ORDER – Allen Hahn, President

Present: Allen Hahn; Sheldon-Cindy Lawrence; Mike Turner; Sue Dellere; Darlene Myers; Lynn Nelson; Kevin-Diane Denning; Dale-Janice Stead; Mike Salerno; Mike Huddleson; Tammy Gough; Dana Schirmer; Chris Wildhagen; Dan-Donna Pearson; Peggy Anschutz; Rex Johnston; Joe Dawley; Guests: Mike Bramlett, National Talent; Dennis Farrar, caller from AZ and Jennie Kirk from Hays, KS, learning to be a caller.

Opening comments from Allen: KSDA meets at the same time as KSDCA. Currently there is a significant topic on their agenda, whether or not to allow callers/cuers to hold an office in KSDA. This conversation is due to the lack of dancers willing to hold an office and the current KSDA officers need help in order to keep their organization running. Callers/cuers have not held office in KSDA in the past. This subject will present possibly a lengthy conversation and then a vote as to whether or not to allow callers/cuers to hold an office. Allen said a representative from KSDA will come over to let us know when this part of the meeting is about to take place. He wanted to know if the callers/cuers wanted to “pause” our KSDCA meeting so all could join the KSDA meeting, then re-start our meeting, or just whoever wanted to go over could attend. Since this involves the future of KSDA and the state callers, Allen felt this was important for callers/cuers to hear what was being said. Lynn made the motion to “pause” to attend the KSDA meeting. 2nd by Darlene. Lynn also made a motion that KSDA and KSDCA funds should not be merged, and they should be kept separate. 2nd by Peggy. Then the motion and 2nd were withdrawn, until more details were known.

Welcome: Allen Hahn

- **Moment of Silence**
- **Reading of minutes of January 23, 2022, zoom meeting:** Sheldon asked if the minutes needed to be read. Dana made the motion to not read. 2nd by Mike H. Approved.
- **Correspondence since last meeting:** Cindy L. – none
- **Treasurer’s report:** Mike T.: balance, as of December 31, 2021, was \$3,911.95 with an ending balance on April 30, 2022, of \$4,372.53. There were membership dues and a few bills. See financial statement for details. These balances do not include the \$1,500 held in escrow as seed money for future conventions. Allen made the motion to accept the treasurer’s report. 2nd by Chris. Approved.
 - It was asked if we could see a spreadsheet of the financials from KSDA that shows KSDCA’s \$1,500 and other Convention expenses. Tammy said she would ask Jane Hon, KSDA treasurer for a copy of that report.
 - **Bills to be paid: 1)** Gary for badges and **2)** Sheldon for postage and secretary duties. Sue made the motion to pay the bills. 2nd by Lynn. Approved.

Guests in attendance: Allen broke meeting order to introduce our guests - Mike Bramlett, featured caller; Dennis Farrar, caller from AZ, who is on the program with our State callers and Jennie Kirk from Hays, who is learning to be a caller.

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Organizational Reports

- **CALLERLAB:** Dana – Had a good convention in Pittsburgh, PA and was nice to be meeting in person. There are MP3's available for each session. Will also be videos on u-tube soon. The next convention is April 24-26, 2023, in Reno NV. Register early for cheaper price. \$230 for caller and \$210 for spouse. Scholarships are available. Jerry Junck cancelled the Heart of America callers' school in Topeka for 2022. Dana said that the current CALLERLAB office in Topeka will eventually be moved to Indiana. Indiana is the home state for Teresa Berger, executive director of CALLERLAB.
- **Roundalab:** Kevin – will have in person convention in Tulsa, OK, the end of June 2022.
- **ACA:** no report
- **Contra:** no report
- **Clogging:** no report
- **Line Dance:** Mike S. – classes are slowly coming back but are doing well.

District Reports

- **NEKSDCA Blue District:** Dale – we have the same officers.
 - President – Larry Crady; Vice President - Dale Stead; Treasurer - Pam Young; Secretary – Diana Wagner
- **At Large Blue District:** no report
- **WASDCA Gold District:** Tammy – Fall Festival in Wichita is October 21-22. Deborah Carroll and John Jones doing squares and Peter and Thama Gomez doing rounds. Also have our Last Tip Dangle Special Event coming in August. Our area is slowly getting back to dancing with fairly good attendance.
- **At Large Gold District:** Peggy – had lessons with a few graduates. Snowball Festival is January 20-21, 2023. Kevin and Diane Denning will be doing rounds. Caller TBD.

State Convention Reports

- **Program Chairman:** Allen – Had to rearrange from past programing, as dropped from 3 halls to 2 halls. Eliminated a few items, tightened the schedule, tried to keep the events in the main hall the same as previous years and decided not to have State callers compete with the featured caller on Saturday evening. Less callers signed up this year to participate, but those that did got 3 or 4 sessions, unless they signed up for less. If you want changes made to the program for next year, please let us know. Unanimous decision, Allen will continue to program for next year. Consensus from the callers was, that with the number of dancers we currently have, this arrangement makes sense, and all seemed pleased.
- **Sound:** There was no sound chairman. Sue and Darlene were responsible for the sound in their respective halls that they bid on. Darlene commented that a motion was made in 2019 that MA150's or MA 220's be used and that turntables for records would be optional. This year, I had a request for a turntable, which I brought, but in the future, I will not bring a turntable. If you are using records, you must supply your own turntable. Conversation followed. Darlene made a motion that for sound, MA150's and MA220's be used, and no records will be allowed at future State Conventions. 2nd by Tammy. Approved by the majority.

KSDCA meeting paused: Allen just got word from a KSDA representative that the topic of a caller/cuer being able to hold office in KSDA was up next on their agenda. Some callers decided they didn't want to "pause" as voted on and just continue on with our meeting. Those that wanted to attend, did leave. KSDCA meeting continued.

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State Convention Reports (continued)

- **Caller Coordinator:** Tammy – left for KSDA meeting but did report later. She thanked all the callers and cuers for participating and taking their time to help make this a good Convention. She really appreciated everyone’s efforts. Allen commented that Tammy and Twyla had done really well, especially considering the change of location.
- **Count Sheet Review:** Sheldon - count sheets are on the table in each hall. Asked each caller/cuer or MC to help keep count of those in attendance. Friday night’s count sheets were well recorded. Thanked everyone for helping. This helps Allen for future programming to know how attendance was at various times and programs.
- **Host Motel:** Sue – left for KSDA meeting but did report later. Chris said he heard a few complaints, which he listed for Sue. Sue and Jim will pass those concerns on to the Motel. Another caller stayed at the Quality Inn and had wonderful service.
- **Camp Host:** Sheldon – at the Outback party on Thursday, we had 54 in attendance. Danced a few tips, then had plenty of social time. Perfect weather. One camper guest brought his guitar, so he entertained, and folks sang along. We had 22 campers and/or cabins registered, so approximately 44 square dancers at KOA. Considering we hadn’t been here in person since 2019, we had nearly the number of campers we have previously had. Successful camper turnout.
- **Additional comments:** **1)** Lynn commented that she liked the 10-minute slots allowed per caller, with no breaks between tips, callers were on time and ready to call, and the MC’s kept on schedule, but going from mainstream to plus was hard to clear the floor and square back up, so that took time trying to stay on schedule. Suggested callers just use 8 of their 10-minute slot, giving time to clear the floor and get dancers squared back up. **2)** Sheldon said the first couple tips were hard to hear, and they adjusted the speakers to cover the corner of the floor. Also, maybe ask callers to adjust volume louder. Lynn suggested lowering the volume of the music to be able to hear callers. Dennis suggested angling the speakers towards each opposite corner rather than straight out, that covers any blank areas.

Old Business

- **Historical Committee:** Mike T. – Hall of Fame - would like to see deceased members (he had several examples) that have greatly contributed over the years be recognized. Many dancers voting on current HOF nominates, haven’t danced long enough to know dancers/callers from the past that did so much for this activity. Dana, HOF chairman, agrees with Mike’s suggestion and as a committee, they have had this same discussion, but their committee’s issue, is some of these deceased folks they can’t find enough information about them to get the required points needed for the HOF requirements. They would like to create an “honorary” or “honorable mention” HOF title, where they can gather as much information on their contributions as possible and present these dancers/callers as ‘honorable mention’ to the committee. There have been many callers and/or dance leaders over the years that have done a lot for this activity but have not been recognized in this manner. I need to present this request to the KSDA committee for their approval.

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- **Proclamation extension: in the past couple years, due to the covid situation and less dances available, membership was extended without having to meet the required number of dances.** Allen – do we continue this extension for the current dance season year? Lynn - because more Kansas clubs have folded and now harder to get the number of dances required by KSDCA for membership or to participate in our State Convention, could we change the requirement to “x” number of dances within Kansas or residence within the state to belong to the association”. Lynn, living near the Kansas/Missouri border, calls more than the required number of dances, but they are all in Missouri or other states. There was some discussion, a motion was about to be made on the change, then was realized that this could not be done just with a motion. Sheldon said the membership requirements are in the Constitution, so a motion has to be made, presented to the membership at the next meeting, but won’t be voted on until the next annual meeting (June 2023). Sheldon read what is currently in the Constitution, under Article 3 – membership, section B, #1, “c” – “conduct as a minimum, eight scheduled sessions in a twelve-month period with at least four of these sessions within the boundaries of the state of Kansas”. Lynn’s motion, 2nd by Chris was made to get this conversation started, but Dana suggested the wording needed to be worked on by a committee. At this point, the plans are to re-word this article in the Constitution, with the help of a committee, be brought up at the January meeting and voted on at the June 2023 meeting. Chris made a motion to proceed with the current proclamation extension for another year. 2nd by Mike H. Approved.
 - The secretaries will appoint a committee to properly word the above motion that will be proposed at the January meeting.

KSDCA meeting paused: KSDCA members returned. Sue reported that after an intense discussion, it was voted on and passed saying that callers/cuers/their spouses are eligible to hold an office in the KSDA organization. Sue did not know how soon this was to take place. It was assumed by KSDCA members that it most likely wouldn’t happen until next year. Our members now have the ability to apply for an office within KSDA.

New Business

- **Election of Officers for the 2022-2023 season:** nominating committee- Sue - those willing to hold office
 - **President:** Allen Hahn and Darlene Myers
 - **Vice President:** Sue Dellere and Dale Stead
 - **Secretary:** Sheldon – Cindy Lawrence
 - **Treasurer:** Mike Turner

For each office, Allen asked the members if there was anyone willing to run for that particular office. He asked that for each office 3 times. Each time Lynn made the motion the nomination cease. 2nd by Dana. Ballots were passed out. Allen asked that Lynn and Chris count the ballots.

- The results of the election are:
 - President: Allen Hahn
 - Vice President: Sue Dellere
 - Secretary: Sheldon and Cindy Lawrence
 - Treasurer: Mike Turner

Mike H. made the motion to destroy the ballots. 2nd by Tammy. Allen thanked those that were willing to hold an office and also the ones that were willing but did not win the election.

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New Business (continued)

- **Kansas State Fair square dance:** Allen - Monday September 12, 2022, in the Oz Gallery will be the dance and demo. Any caller interested in participating let Allen know. It will be in the afternoon and early evening. Exact time schedule is still TBD. This is a way to help promote square dance lessons. Monday at the Fair is "Dollar Day" – admission is either one dollar or free with a Dillons card. This day brings out a good attendance.
- **Other new business:** none

National Talent for 2023: Curt Braffet, caller and Cathy and Fred Fisher, cuer

- **Will be in Salina, June 2-3, again in the 4-H Building and Kenwood Hall**

Allen: please let KSDA or KSDCA know about suggestions for future National talents and also a different venue that the committee is unaware of, so it can be investigated.

Motion to adjourn at 10:15, made by Dana. 2nd by Lynn

Respectively submitted,

Cindy Lawrence, Co-Secretary
September 1, 2022

USPS mailed September 1, 2022 to:

- Dale Stead
- Larry Stock
- Rex Johnston
- Fred Trujillo