

KSDCA ANNUAL MEETING
Minutes June 3, 2023

CALL TO ORDER – 8:30 am by President Allen Hahn

Present: Allen Hahn; Mike-Iris Huddleson; Dale-Janice Stead; Lynn Nelson; Sue Dellere; Mike Turner; Allen Hahn; Sheldon-Cindy Lawrence; Peg Anschutz; Rex Johnston; Cindy Titus; Dana Schirmer; Darlene Myers; Dan Pearson; Mike Salerno; Kevin-Diane Denning; Chris Wildhagen; Tammy Gough; Jennie Kirk (associate member of WASDCA)

Moment of Silence: Allen Hahn

- Bob Berroth (caller), Tom Young (husband to cuer Pam Young), Larry Crady (caller), Betty Schirmer (mother to Dana Schirmer)
- Are there any others we have missed? - Caller Jim Mayo

Reading of the Minutes: Cindy L. – minutes from last meeting January 22, 2023. About an hour after I sent the minutes by email, a mistake was brought to my attention that the date of the upcoming CALLERLAB Convention was incorrect. Sent as June 24-26 and should have been April 24-26. I sent out a corrected note the same day, April 7, 2023, and have also corrected the minutes. Sheldon made the motion not to read and accept the minutes, with that correction, as sent. 2nd by Lynn. Approved.

Correspondence: Cindy L. – sent out an email to the callers about the passing of Tom Young, Larry Crady and Dana Schirmer’s mother. Also sent sympathy cards to Pam Young, Wanda Crady and Dana Schirmer.

Treasurer’s Report: Mike Turner – Starting balance from January 1, 2023, was \$3,790.03 and ending April 30, 2023, with \$4,905.85. There were 2 deposits and 4 checks written. This total does not include the \$1,500 seed money held with KSDA for future State Conventions. See report for specific details. Darlene made the motion to accept the treasurer’s report. 2nd by Lynn. Approved. Dana commented the seed money for future Conventions will be \$2,500.

- Bills to be paid – Sheldon said Mike T. used his scholarship money to attend this year’s CALLERLAB Convention in Reno NV. His bill is \$200. He does have his scholarship form signed and a very good report written about his experience. Sue made the motion to pay the bill. 2nd by Lynn. Approved.

REPORTS:

Organizational Reports:

- **CALLERLAB** – Dana – this year’s Convention went well. 250 in attendance. Recordings are available for \$25. Convention for 2024 will be in Grapevine, TX and 2025 Greenville, SC. For the future, if you attend the Conventions, you will get the recordings free.
- **Roundalab** – Kevin – this year’s Convention is June 15-19, 2023, Springfield, MO
- **ACA** - none
- **Contralab** - none
- **Clogging** - none
- **Line Dancing** – Mike S. – had a good group of line dancers at our Convention on Friday evening.

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State Convention Report:

- **Caller Coordinator** - Tammy – reminder, each slot only allows 10 minutes. **Be ready and on stage** when it is your time slot. If for some reason you take too long, it is the MC's job to say your time is up, so the schedule can be maintained. Caller/cuer and MC be careful what is said over the mic. Also, part of the MC's job, especially in the main hall where there is a larger crowd, is to watch the dancers to see if they are breaking down due to a sound issue and/or if someone is trying to tell the caller they can't hear. Please, **if you are an MC, watch the dance floor** so you can then help with this issue.
 - Allen announced the caller coordinator for 2024 will be Dana Schirmer
- **Motel** - Sue - host hotel is full as there is another convention in town the same weekend. They did overbook, even though there was a block of rooms saved. Dancers were told they needed to make their reservations by May 1st. They did manage to find rooms for all dancers and the National Caller did have his room.
- **Hall of Fame** - Dana – the announcement will be made at the January 2024 dance.
- **Camping** – Sheldon - we had 34 in attendance for the Outback Party on Thursday. 16 guests and 18 campers. Less attendance than before covid, but still rebuilding. One couple from Antler, OK. The weather was perfect, no mosquitoes, no cotton falling from the Cottonwood trees and folks danced until they got tired. Had several callers helping. Was a fun time to eat, visit, dance and visit some more .
- **Sound** – no coordinator since there are only 2 (two) halls to sound with 2 (two) separate contracts. Tammy commented that the sound in Kenwood Hall was not set up until late Friday afternoon and the lateness was becoming a concern as the sound in the 4-H building was set up several hours earlier. It was an issue as the National talent cuer wanted to practice and had to bring in their own sound system to do so. Dana made the motion to add a stipulation to the sound contract bid form that the sound systems **must** be set up at least 1 (one) hour before the Convention starts. 2nd by Darlene. Approved. There were comments following the motion that even earlier than the 1 (one) hour would be better, just in case something unexpected could cause an issue.
- **Additional comments from floor** –
 - Additional conversation was made about the sound being either too loud or not loud enough and/or problems hearing the caller's voice. Sheldon said that each caller's PC internal sound should be set around 75%. If it's down, you can try everything, and you won't get sound out of your PC. If it is set correctly, the MA202 sound system can be set accordingly for good sound.

District Reports:

- **NEKSDCA** – Blue District – Dale Stead is president. Have lost several callers in their area due to their passing away or other health issues.
- **At Large** – Blue District – no report
- **WASDCA** – Gold District – Mike H. – August 17th will be our area Last Tip Dangle Dinner and Dance. This will be our 15th year for dancers to earn dangles and enjoy a meal put on by the callers and cuers. Cindy T. said 42 dancers have said they were coming. The 2024 dangle season will start this August.
- **At Large** – Gold District – Peg – Hays Shooting Stars started beginning square dance lessons. Also planning to move the annual Snowball Festival to August 2024, due to the weather issues they had this year.
- Dana added that the Heart of America Association has folded.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Historical Committee – Mike T. - ongoing process.
- Scholarship Report – Mike T. gave a good report on the CALLERLAB Convention he attended with his scholarship funds. Part of his report encourages all callers to look for and try to find replacements for the future of the activity. His report and various helpful websites to improve your knowledge are posted on the website – www.wesquardance.com/KSDCA/

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NEW BUSINESS:

Sheldon – this conversation started a year ago. A committee of Allen, Lynn, Dana, Mike T., and I met in November to revise the below articles. The revision was presented at the KSDCA January winter meeting as a discussion only and is now brought here for a vote. Sheldon again read the changes – what would be eliminated and how the new version would be written.

- **Vote on Constitution & By-Laws revisions** as per Article No.7A&B.
 - Article No. 3.B.1.c revision – will now read “conduct as a minimum, (8) scheduled sessions in a twelve (12) month period”.
 - Allen - made the motion to approve. All approved of the change.
 - Article No. 3.B.3 revision – will now read “a grandfathered or honorary member shall have over 20 years of active KSDCA membership and one of the following.”
 - Lynn made the motion to accept. 2nd by Darlene. Approved.
 - Sheldon – this change was brought to discussion a year ago, as Lynn had requested grandfather status, and some didn’t approve of the current grandfather definition. Now with the new change, Allen asked for a vote to approve Lynn as grandfather status. Approved.
- **Election of Officers for the 2023-2024 season**
- Reading by the nominating committee, Sue Dellere – I sent out emails to all callers and cuers asking “if anyone is interested in holding an office, please reply” and I got no responses. There were no nominations from the floor. Peg made the motion to continue with the current set of officers for the next year. 2nd by Lynn. Approved.
 - Current officers and going into the 2023–2024 dance season:
 - President: Allen Hahn
 - Vice President: Sue Dellere
 - Secretary: Sheldon and Cindy Lawrence
 - Treasurer: Mike Turner
- **Kansas State Fair square dance**, Monday September 11th – Allen Hahn – Monday is dollar day or free admittance with your Dillon’s card. Great way to promote square dancing with 40,000 or so folks on the fairgrounds. Will be dancing at the House of Capper, an open-air gazebo, that can hold about 5 squares. In a great location for folks to be walking past. Any caller in the state is welcome to come and be on the program. Had a lot of folks watching last year, so it was just a great way to promote this activity. Allen has a trifold that interested folks can pick up that advertises clubs and lessons all over the state of Kansas.
- Wanda Crady an honorary member – Sheldon made the motion to make Wanda Crady an honorary member of the association. 2nd by Dana. Approved.

Anything from the floor –

- Lynn – would it be possible to have a zoom meeting? Maybe would get more attendance. For the January meeting try both live and zoom if the ability is there with the facility. Sheldon will investigate that possibility. Was also suggested that we offer workshops during the year, both live and zoom, that would be informative information for the callers.
- Mike H. suggested this organization set up a Larry Crady Memorial Scholarship for any caller that has never attended a caller’s school or any new caller. Not a scholarship for any other purpose. Larry was president of KSDCA for 10 years and devoted a lot of time to KSDCA. Mike H. made the motion for the above scholarship. 2nd by Janice Stead. Questions were asked about how the funds would be funded. Lynn made the motion to table this discussion until a committee could meet to decide exactly how this would be funded. Allen said we would make a committee of the current officers and bring this back up for discussion at the January meeting.

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National Talent 2024: Caller-Justin Russell Cuer-Mitchell & Chelsea Thompson

Next Meeting:

- January 28, 2024 @ 1:00 pm, in Salina – location TBD

Meeting Adjourned – Lynn made the motion to adjourn. 2nd by Darlene. Approved.

Respectively submitted,
Cindy Lawrence
KSDCA Co-Secretary

Emailed and USPS mailed November 30, 2023

USPS to:

- Dale Stead
- Rex Johnston