

# MINUTES

## Heart of America Singles Square Dancer Association

### General Membership Meeting

Kansas City, Mo

May 14, 2016

11:00 AM

**PRESENT:** Maye Wegner called the meeting to order at 11:00 AM. Board members present: Maye Wegner - President, Kelly Bockover-Vice-President, Vicky Zeller- Secretary, Dee Proctor-Treasurer, Louise Coleman-Newspaper Editor, Carol Hersey- Historian & members who signed in.

**MINUTES:** May 09, 2015 minutes were presented. Motion to approve was by Marilyn Berg. Seconded by Jo Saffel. Approved.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Dee Proctor presented Financial Report. Johnnie Houston moved to accept Treasurer Report and present for approval. Seconded by Kathy Mears. Approved. Point brought up to audit or have a trustee committee to go over books.

**Additions to the Agenda:** Idea from a member, Roommate coordination need to be added to the registration form and in the newsletter. Roommate coordinator will be done by Maye for 2017 Festival. Look at the Facebook page for more information for next year. Put a link on web page for roommate coordinator. Facebook and web site contains same information.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**2016 Update/Feedback-** Members really approve using the ribbon idea to let members know who dances which position/level of dance.

Discussion was about solo's mixer at 2017 National Convention. Members suggest a bigger venue for the mixer to hold more than 100 for "Meet and Greet". Suggestions for the Solo ribbon was for the ribbon to say "ask me to dance" ribbon instead of solo ribbon.

Mixer from 7:00 to 8:00 for Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. Members ask why Smoothie Hall only? Members want to continue mixer for next year.

**Meet and Greet-** Was successful. Suggestions were in a better location.

**Announcements at beginning of dance to tell dancers it is ok to stand & put hand up to get a partner.**

**Debit/Credit card payment:** Do you like it? Remember credit card is getting 2% of income. Is it beneficial to use credit card to get next year's pre-registrations?

**State Coordinators:** Need one for Arkansas. We need to focus on getting people from Arkansas. HASSDA is in the program book. Would the person who does program be a coordinator?

Iowa, is there anyone else who wants to be a coordinator?

Curtis Northrop from Wichita, Kansas South Kansas Coordinator will send out his power point out to coordinators that request it about HASSDA.

## **New Business:**

**2017 Festival update**-Claremore, OK, has lots of things to do free. (Q) Do you want set tours? (A) Not sure tours will work. Museum tours can take 30 or 40 min. A person can drive through old town which is two blocks long. Suggestion let everyone arrange site seeing on their own. We could set up suggestions of meet up times for sight seeing. There are lots of neat shopping, and restaurants within a mile. Thinking of bringing in Subway sandwiches as a fund raiser for a local organization. Hammett has hot apple pie (a must to try).

Will have a Trail Out Dance: Gospel theme on Sunday suggested. Cost for hall is \$500 and \$150 for Caller and Cuer \$75. Put out donation jar or offer two prices when register. We haven't set the price for Trail Out dance.

A member made a suggestion to add a line on registration for donation and what about HASSDA as an estate donation?

Two years is good and three years is too many for setting location for festivals. Working with facilities is difficult. Water can cost as much as the facilities. Two year contract does give us better price. There was a suggestion by a member to put cooling the rooms into the contract. Finding facilities for three halls of dance is difficult.

We are looking for 2019 & 2020 festival location. We are looking at Wichita and Joplin.

Hexagon dancers suggest adding hexagon style as a workshop. Can dance this to any of the present halls. Basically dance by definition. Suggestion is a survey at registration table to do hexagon squares. Do this instead mainstream workshop. Can do hexagon squares with the plus hall or smoothie hall. Could just do a top of the hour first three tips are hexagon squares.

2017 flyers are available to coordinators and dancers to take with you.

## **2016 Festival :**

### **New Board Member Nominations:**

Curtis Northrop moved to retain the board. Johnnie Houston second. Approved.

President: Maye Wegner; Vice President: Kelly Bockover; Secretary: Vicky Zeller; Treasurer: Dee Proctor; Newsletter Editor: Louis Coleman; and Historian: Carol Hershey.

## **Comments:**

Thank you to the board for all your work.

State coordinators, please send information for the HASSDA newsletter. Please send us your ideas for getting more dancers involved.

Out and About: Send special dances coming up and we will post them on HASSDA's Facebook page.

Please send your new email address to Louise if you have changed your email. Need personal email and emails are sent out as blind copies only. Email addresses are used strictly for HASSDA members only.

Open floor for questions/suggestions:

Adjourn: 12: 30 PM Curtis Northrop moves to adjourn meeting. Rowena Horr seconded. Approved.

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Above Minutes Approved at General Meeting on April 9, 2017

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