

HEART OF AMERICA FEDERATION
of
Square Dance Clubs

MINUTES
BOARD OF DIRECTORS/DELEGATE MEETING

Saturday, March 21, 2026

The meeting was held at Shoal Creek Patrol Division, 6801 NE Pleasant Valley Rd, KCMO. Roberta Beier, President, called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m.

Attending the meeting:

Federation Officers and Staff:

President: Roberta Beier & Jackie McKown
Vice President: Juline Norman
Recording Secretary: Laurie Russ
Corresponding Secretary/Insurance Coordinator: Brenda Colvin
Treasurer: Ginny Battiest
Fed Facts Editor: Karla Jones (via Zoom)
Fed Facts Circulation Manager: Tom Bender (via Zoom)
Historian: Gay Clemenson

Club Delegates:

BNR Squares: Claude Burch
Cross Trailers: Sue Bates
Docey Dandies: Tom Bender (via Zoom)
Harmony Dancers: Susie Shearer
Heartland Squares: Michelle & Steve Wilson
KC Plus: Mike Shedor
Live Wires: Patricia Chaney
Savannah Sashayers: Jerry Belgum

Past Presidents:

Dick & Libby Gilbert
Doug Finnicum (via Zoom)

Guests:

Mike Salerno, Caller for Docey Dandies & Heartland Squares (via Zoom)
Dan Wheeler, Cross Trailers

Absent:

Co-Vice President: Robert Norman
Co-Recording Secretary: Paul Russ
Fed Facts Circulation Co-Manager: Susan Bender
Pistols 'n' Petticoats Delegate: Joyce Schemmer

Past President Brad & Annette Davis
Past President Don Strange
Past President Fred & Carolyn Goucher
Past President Edythe Weber

Minutes drafted from the previous meeting held on February 7th are posted on the website. Mike Shedor made a motion to approve the minutes from that meeting. The motion was seconded and there was a unanimous vote for approval. Brenda acknowledged the votes from members attending via Zoom. Minutes will be notated as approved and posted on the website.

Officer and Staff Reports:

1. President

Per the Bylaws, Roberta needs 3 volunteers for the Audit Committee to review the financials which must be completed by the end of June.

2. Vice President

- Juline, as chair of the Credentials Committee, reported on a new club that has been formed and would like to join the HOAF. They are a youth club in Kansas named Wheel and Dealers Youth Club, sponsored by Heartland Squares. Juline's report is attached. Mike Shedor moved to accept this club as an HOAF member. Discussion on the club included concerns about carpet on the floor, whether parents would attend dances, and if there would be reciprocal visitation from other clubs. Libby stated that this age group would enjoy participation in Banner Stealing. Insurance will be obtained through USDA. They are planning a Special Dance in June (see attached flier).

There was a discussion about funds in the HOAF treasury that came from youth clubs that had folded many years ago. These funds were supposed to be earmarked for spending on youth groups. Although the balance sheet does not reflect any separate funds, several people remember this. Roberta asked for this to be researched and reported at the next meeting.

With no further discussion, a vote was called to accept the club. The vote was unanimous and it passed.

3. Treasurer

- Ginny did not have financial reports to distribute at the meeting. The reports were provided and are attached. She stated that 56 ribbons have been sold. This does not include a few that Joyce sold at their last dance.

4. Recording Secretary

- Laurie had nothing to report.

5. Corresponding Secretary

- Brenda reported that there are 15 voting members present. A 3/4ths majority would require 12 yes votes for a motion to pass.

- Brenda reported that there are a few new dancers, mostly with Harmony Dancers which brings the total dancers on the roster to 307.

6. Committees

- Festival Committee: Mike Shedor is chairman of this committee.
 - 56 ribbons have been sold and the goal was 75. Mike shared the number of ribbons purchased from several clubs including Heartland Squares (20), Live Wires (16), KC Plus (5) and BNR Squares (2).
 - A stage has been obtained for the callers
 - There will be a Caller Forum on Friday from 2 – 5 pm. This will be an unstructured forum. Dancers are welcome and could be asked to participate.
 - There are 8 local callers lined up for Friday night between 7 and 9 pm. Dana Shirmer will MC the event and student callers may be included. The National Callers will close the night from 9 to 10 pm.
 - Susie Shearer offered to loan a Rock & Roll banner that could be used for decoration.
 - Patricia mentioned that the new Youth Club members need to be invited. They will attend free, however, their parents will need to pay.
 - Jerry asked about the 2027 festival. Roberta said that she has lined up Justin Russell and his fee will be \$1,000 all inclusive. He will be staying with Roberta and her husband so there will be no hotel costs. The dance will be held on April 2nd and 3rd. The same venue is being considered for next year. There was discussion regarding promotion of next year's festival at this year's dance. Roberta said she will design and print Save the Date fliers to be available at this year's festival.
- Bylaws Committee: Mike Shedor is chairman of this committee. Patricia Chaney, Helen Cummins and Dan Robertson have worked with Mike on revising the Bylaws. A review of the Articles is also proposed to bring them into compliance and also to align with the Bylaws. The revisions being proposed to these documents were distributed with the meeting agenda. They were presented as proposed, with annotations, and redlined.
 - Articles – 1973 was the last time the HOAF Articles were legally changed. The Articles need to have the address amended because the current address on file is an empty downtown Kansas City address. An amendment must be approved by the 16th Circuit Court Judge and filed with the Secretary of the State of Missouri. The legal address cannot be a PO Box. It can be the address of an officer or we can use an Agent which costs about \$100 or \$150 a year. There are several Registered Agent companies that offer these services which would include handling amendments to the Articles.
 - Bylaws: Proposed revisions were discussed at the past Board/Delegates meetings. Feedback from those meetings were incorporated into the revisions and more recent changes reviewed.

There was a very lengthy discussion on the proposed changes. The following points were discussed:

- Voting right for Past Presidents that appears in the Articles. Proposed revision removes the voting rights. It was proposed that the immediate past president retain the right to vote at the Board/Delegates meetings.
- Most committees listed do not required a certain number of members. Roberta explained that it is difficult to find people willing to serve on committees and having a minimum required number would increase this difficulty.
- Spending approval limits and requirement for both President and Secretary to sign larger checks per Bylaws Article 9, Section 2. It was recommended that checks currently requiring both signatures should only require the signature of the Treasurer and (s)he should have documented approval from the President which must be maintained by the Treasurer . It was suggested that Section 4 of Article 9 be eliminated which requires Board approval for expenditures over \$250.
- Verbiage to clarify Member and Director which seem to be used interchangeably as in Bylaws Article 4. This will be considered.
- It was suggested that Callers should get a vote. Current revisions will allow for callers to serve as a club delegate or as an Executive Board member/Officer which would give them voting rights. Callers are welcome as guests at the meetings and their opinions are valuable.
- It was suggested that the Articles list officers necessary to run the HOAF with a caveat that other officer positons may be created or eliminated from time to time.

It had been planned to call a Special Meeting after this regular meeting is adjourned to call for a vote on the proposed revisions. With all of the discussion and great feedback, these suggestions will be taken under advisement by the Bylaws Committee and appropriate revisions will be incorporated. An updated proposal will be distributed and the topic will be on the agenda again for the next meeting.

7. Sue Bates served on the Nominating Committee and announced the slate of candidates for next year's officers. With current Bylaws in place, couples are required to fill positons. The nominees are as follows:

President, Roberta Beier and Jackie McKown
 Vice President, Juline and Robert Norman
 Recording Secretary, Mike Shedor
 Corresponding Secretary, Brenda Colvin
 Treasurer, Steve and Michelle Wilson

Should the revisions to the Bylaws be passed as proposed, the nominees will be:

President, Roberta Beier
 Vice President, Juline Norman
 Secretary, Mike Shedor
 Registration and Insurance Coordinator, Brenda Colvin
 Treasurer, Steve Wilson

A motion to adjourn was made by Libby and was seconded. The vote was unanimous to adjourn and remaining agenda items will be moved to the next meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 3:15 pm.

Laurie Russ, Recording Secretary

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02/26/2026

Credentials Report

Re: Youth Square Dance Club Venue

To the Heart of America of Square and Round Dance Club Executive Board Members:

The Wheel and Dealers Youth Square Dance Club, an aspiring HAOF Club, has requested approval of their square dancing space. As the Vice President of the HOAF we are charged with with task and we report the following:

According to the Heart of America Federation of Square Dance Clubs By-Laws page 13, Article 15 Section 4: Minimum standards for a club regular meeting plac shall include adequate exits and entrances in case of emergency; physical separation from any location where alcoholic beverages are being dispensed during dancing hours; adequate restroom facilities; and a general appearance of being clean, well lit and safe.

The Wheel and Dealers, an aspiring HOAF member, is using the space at the Lenexa United Methodist Church located at 9138 Caenan Lake Road, Lenexa, KS 66215 beginning on February 26, 2026.

The Lenexa United Methodist Church has the following:

- Parking lot with an adequate number of parking spaces and street parking
- Well lit parking lot
- ADA compliant parking spaces (3-4)
- Sidewalk to the back entrance with a flat approach
- Exits and entrances are adequate in case of emergency
- Adequate men's restroom with ADA compliant stall
- Adequate women's restroom with ADA compliant stall
- Elevator on site
- Well lit gathering space, restrooms, and entrance
- The area is clean
- Carpeted floor in the event space
- No alcohol on site
- Safe venue/space

On 02/26/2026, I (Juline) spoke with Nicki A., the youth club coordinator. We had a conversation about the facility and she openly shared. Then, we drove through the outside of the facility and it appeared satisfactory. We entered the facility and were able to see one square, and one caller (in training), in the midst of a tip.

We approve this facility as it meets Heart of America Federation of Square Dance Clubs By-Laws page 13, Article 15 Section 4. What say you?

Juline and Robert Norman, Heart of America Federation of Square Dance Clubs,
Vice President

To be presented at the next HOAF Delegates Meeting to accept inquiries.



We Want You

AT OUR SPECIAL DANCE



Callers:

**D.J. Sermon &
Henry Johnston**

The **recently founded** Wheel and Dealers Youth Club is hosting a **special** dance for **ALL SQUARE DANCERS!!!**

Come see what we're up to!

Date: June 9th

Time: 6:30 - 8:30

Place: Lenexa United Methodist
9138 Caenen Lake Rd.
Lenexa, KS 66215

Theme: **Americana 250!!!**

Donation: Whatever you want to contribute to our new club!

Questions: Please email

Nicki Johnston:
nicki.borgstadt@gmail.com

Kathryn Lalli:
Kathryn.lalli@gmail.com

The Wheel and Dealers hope **you** can make it!!!

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Accrual Basis

Heart of America Federation of Square Dance Clubs
Profit & Loss YTD Comparison
February 2026

	Feb 26	Oct '25 - Feb 26
Ordinary Income/Expense		
Income		
GF Dues & Registration	0.00	180.00
GF Insurance USDA	0.00	1,020.00
GF Interest Income	41.32	530.03
GF Registration Fed Dance	290.00	800.00
Total Income	331.32	2,530.03
Expense		
GF Advertising & Promotion	0.00	100.00
GF Bank Service Charges	0.00	0.48
GF Donation	500.00	600.00
GF Dues and Subscriptions	0.00	25.00
GF Insurance U.S.D.A.	0.00	1,081.60
Total Expense	500.00	1,807.08
Net Ordinary Income	-168.68	722.95
Other Income/Expense		
Other Income		
Fed Facts	0.00	35.00
FF Ads & Contracts	50.00	645.00
FF Subscription Income	40.00	1,641.50
Total Other Income	90.00	2,321.50
Other Expense		
FF Printing & Reproduction	0.00	506.04
FF Website	150.00	150.00
Total Other Expense	150.00	656.04
Net Other Income	-60.00	1,665.46
Net Income	-228.68	2,388.41



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Accrual Basis

Heart of America Federation of Square Dance Clubs
Balance Sheet
As of February 28, 2026

	<u>Feb 28, 26</u>
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
Academy CD 9450672218	13,323.25
UMB Checking	933.46
UMB MoneyMarket/Savings	<u>16,758.83</u>
Total Checking/Savings	30,964.34
Other Current Assets	
FF Prepaid Postage Expenses	<u>287.17</u>
Total Other Current Assets	<u>287.17</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>31,251.51</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>31,251.51</u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Equity	
General Fund Balance	28,914.30
Net Income	<u>2,388.41</u>
Total Equity	<u>31,251.51</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u>31,251.51</u>

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