

Central Ohio Corporation of Dance Clubs
Minutes of Meeting March 4, 2019

- 1) COCDC President Pat Jones called the meeting to order at 7:30pm.
- 2) Roll call was called with 16 members present.
- 3) The minutes of the January 7, 2019 meeting were reviewed and accepted. Motion was made by Nancy Swanberg and seconded by Pat Liston. Motion Passed.
- 4) Report of Board:
 - A) President: I appreciate your support over the last year and a half. We have gotten a lot accomplished. Little steps at a time. I want to thank my board. They have been a tremendous help. Velma was great at guiding me through this new experience. Terri and I were on a learning curve and but I think we are coming along. Pat Liston does a great job for us with our budget and finances. Terri with the minutes, keeping us updated on our membership and the clothing sale. Lynn with reimplementing the friendship badges, the scheduling, the snowball workshop, new lesson ideas. I have really enjoyed it and thank you. I have also learned a lot about state corp. Thank you to Mary and Dennis for that. Everyone should have their free student passes for the graduation packets.
 - B) Vice President: There were 10 clubs in the council when the friendship dangle was reintroduced. When Hi Timers joined in the fall we now have 11 active square dance clubs. Lynn let an inquiring dancer know that it was fine to go ahead with the ten if they completed in the year. Since I cannot pass it out in paper form it will be emailed out and also be able to be completed on line. Ray will be able to keep track of the online when a dancer completes the requirements at a specific dance for Lynn to review later as to how many dances they have attend. Please put the form in the graduation packet for the new dancers.
 - C) Secretary: Thank you for putting up with me while we were getting this learning curve together. Thank you for all your help this year. Thanks to the board for all your support.
 - D) Treasurer:
 - i) A motion was made by Doug Burdette and seconded by Erma Wolf that the treasurer's report be accepted as presented. Motion passed.
- 5) Report of Committees:
 - A) Marketing/Recruitment: We will have a special meeting at 6:15pm on March 21, 2019.
 - B) Ways & Means-Honoree Dance: Pat and Dick would like help to set up and break down after the dance. Set up time will be at 12:30pm. Dixie Squares will be the greeters. Erma, Tom and Connie will be ticket sales. All clubs will bring refreshments. Pat Liston has all the tablecloths and paper products. Lynn will

bring the coffee pot. Grove City will bring the water jug. The reps need to inform their clubs of their assignments at the dance. Dixie Squares to be at the door to greet by 1:15pm. The nominees will not pay for the dance.

C) Special Dance: We will ask the dancers if they have any charity they would like to see the money go to instead of our current charities. We will discuss this at our May meeting.

D) State Corp:

i) Peggy Carney formally inducted Terri Ross as a State Corp delegate and Pat Jones as an alternate for Central Ohio. Terri and Shirley will share one vote.

ii) 2019 Proposed slate of officers - Vote at the May meeting.

President: Barry & Peggy Carney

Vice President: Mary Galentine & Dennis Budinski

Treasurer: Cindy Warner

Recording Secretary: Brenda & Matt Howard

Corresponding Secretary: Irene & Ray Dommin

iii) Caller Lab project: How many dancers in Ohio? Each Federation/Council is asked to send in the total of dancers in their area.

iv) New email address for Susie-Q – suzieqcreations1@gmail.com

v) Website: (www.SquareDanceOhio.com)

vi) Jonathon & Cindy were successful in retrieving some information from Debbie Cina. It was far less than what was given to her.

E) Convention:

i)Convention Committee: This consulting committee will consist of Past Chairs. It will collect information pertinent to future conventions. Peggy Carney and Steve Stoehr have volunteered to head the committee.

ii)Mary Galentine is in charge of Education at the 2019 convention. There will be a one two hour presentation of prior Convention Chairs to answer questions by the current and upcoming chairs.

iii)A minimum of 20 couples is necessary for the Round Dance Clinic at the convention in May. Frank & Sandy Hartzell will be the clinicians.

iv)There will be a Trail-in Round Dance. Chuck & Shirley Berry, Sandy & Frank Hartzell, Richard & Ella Reinhard and AmyRiehl are the Cuers. The cost is \$8.

v)The Spring Fantasy is at the Gahanna Community Congregational Church, Sunday, March 24, 2019, 2-5 pm. There will be a basket auction at the Spring Fantasy and the profit will be donated to the State Convention.

CONVENTION REPORTS:

66th National Square Dance Convention

Matt Howard presented information regarding changing the name of the National 501-C3 Corporation to the Ohio Square & round Dance Association.

For a one-time usage fee of \$325, future Ohio Conventions can use the Corporation to gain tax or liability advantage. The convention must provide education to be eligible.

58th Ohio Dance Convention, May 4-6, 2018

Steve & Beverly Stoehr

Dennis Budinski presented the final financial report for the 2018 Convention. The \$10,024.42 profit was deposited into the State Corp account.

59th Ohio Dance Convention:

Becky Ramsey

There will be a panel for those interested in becoming a cuer.

There will be an Education Panel of past Convention chairman.

There will be a discussion about promotional tools for square dancing.

The Trail-In Dance will be hosted by Mapletown Squares May 2, 2019, 7-

10:30pm. Callers are Ken Burke, Tom Davis, John Ramsey, Tom Strickland;

Cuer is Doug & Phyllis Burdette. Cost \$8.

Barb Garris distributed the invitations to the State Corp Honor Luncheon. (There is limited seating so R.S.V.P.'s will be required)

60th Ohio Dance Convention:

Cincinnati will be hosting this convention

The Group Sales Agreement (contract) with the Crowne Plaza Columbus North – Worthington was signed 1/14/19. Room rates are \$95 + tax.

Thank you to Cleveland and Akron for sending names of dance instructors in you Council/Federation.

Website name will be 2020ohiodanceconvention

On-line registration will be available

"All That Jazz" Trail-in dances on Thursday (Rounds & Squares)

Round Dance clinic – Friday – 2 sessions

Friday afternoon welcome dance

FREE Callers Clinic - Saturday – 2 hours

One hour Line Dance Saturday afternoon

Saturday Dinner/Entertainment

61st Ohio Dance Convention:

2021 Miami Valley is conducting a search for a site for the Convention.

62nd Ohio Dance Convention:

2022 Akron will have the first meeting for the Convention Feb 9 in Canton.

- F) Scheduling Coordination: A special Reserection dance in Granville 2-5pm \$8.00.
- G) Constitution & By-laws: No Report
- H) COCA: Snowball dance was a successful dance.
- I) Insurance: No Report

J) Nominating Committee: Nancy asked everyone that was qualified to run for office. Pat and Terri had agreed to run again. Then Nancy also had to have a committee so Joi Melvin became Nancy's committee. Everyone declined. Lynn asked for nominations from the floor. Nancy Swanberg stated the candidates that were running and the positions. Pat Jones to be President and Terri Ross to be Secretary for the next term. Doug Burdette made a motion to be declared elected by acclamation & Nancy Swanberg seconded the motion. Motion Passed.

6) Old Business:

A) Rob set the council a very nice thank you note for the card and gift card we sent him. This was to thank him for his years of service in creating, changing and maintaining our website.

B) Pre Snowball workshop final report had 44 experienced dancers and 9 new dancers. 4 Squares on the floor and everyone having lots of fun. The clothing sale brought in \$259. Split the pot was \$32. We considered it a successful dance. The dance is usually 2 weeks before the snowball. The refreshment table worked out very well by assigning what to bring by using the first letter of your last name to determine what food group you would bring for refreshments. There were some questions on how we hired the callers and what were they paid. They receive a \$25 gas card. We decided to hire callers that were not part of COCA this year. There were many positive comments on how much the dancers liked the callers this year. There were a few issues with the sound system during the dance in the beginning but the callers worked to resolve the issue. Council will continue to sponsor this dance. We could use more help next year for the setup of the dance, food and clothing sale, and tear down.

C) The new class schedule proposal for classes starting other times than in September would be call Lessons Outside The Box. How do the clubs handle it financially? Do they combine their lessons with another club if the student count drops too low to afford it on their own. Each club has to decide what will work for that club. If a club wants to start their lessons in January or another time of the year does that put that club at a disadvantage? Bucks and Does volunteered to be the first club to move their lessons to a time other than September. We need to have a committee to have a brain storming meeting. We need everyone on board for this meeting, class coordinators, presidents, reps and anyone else that would like to have some input in to the idea. We will have to pick a date that will work for the most people and when the church is available. We will try for April 1st. Lynn will check on the date and get back with the council. Pat Jones and Lynn will come up with an agenda before the meeting.

7) New Business:

A) Caller Scholarship will not be used this year because no one applied for the scholarship.

B) Schedules do we want to print them again this year? We will check with Mark Johnson and see if he is still willing to print them. The money is in the proposed budget for the printing. There are dancers who are not on line and would still like to have a printed copy of the schedule. All schedules will need to be turned in by

- June 1st. Schedules should be ready by the August meeting if possible. Ads will be sold this year.
- C) We will have to vote on keeping the COCDC Council dues at \$30.00 per club or making a change in the amount. This has to be voted on at the May meeting.
 - D) Clothing sale for the Relay for Life dance. June 8th. A motion was made by Nancy Swanberg that the money the COCDC makes from the clothing sale at the relay for life dance will go to the relay for live organization as a donation from the COCDC and seconded by Erma Wolf. Motion Passed. Terri Ross asked for donations of recycled square dance clothes to help the sale. We are very short on women's clothing.
 - E) Jaye Fitch was asked by several dancers if he could provide information on the shoes he wears to the dances that light up. He will be glad to give any dancer the information if they contact him.
- 8) Club Reports:
- A) Bucks & Does: The electronic payment is up and running. Dancers can pay for lessons, dances, & split the pot.
 - B) Calico Pairs: No Report
 - C) Dixie Square: There will be an all rounds dance the 4th Friday of March.
 - D) Friendly Ties: Angie's dance party was a great success. Jason did Western & Eastern square dancing. Over 100 dancers attended.
 - E) Grove City: 7 Students. 2 Two hall dances are on the schedule.
 - F) Hicks & Chicks: Caller change for the April 6th dance will be Dave Stutter. March 24th 3 Students will graduate.
 - G) Hi Timers: No Report
 - H) I.C. Rounds: 3 Students graduated.
 - I) Johnny Appleseeds: March 21st 13 Students graduated. The club dance will be moved from the 4th Saturday of the month to the 2nd Saturday of the month starting the 2019-2020 dance season. The time will also change to early rounds at 7:00pm and the regular dance starts at 7:30pm.
 - J) Little Brown Jugs: The new dancer dance had 6 students attend.
 - K) Maple Leaf Squares: Caller change March 24 to Tom Davis.
 - L) Orbiting Squares: March 31st and April 5th.
 - M) Starlites & Satellites: No Report
 - N) Westerville Promenaders: At the club meeting it was decided to shorten the announcements. There will be a dry erase board where visiting clubs can announce their upcoming dances. March 22nd 8:30- 10:30 a live demo with square dance attire requested. Bill Url will be sending an email with further information for the dancers.
- 9) The next meeting date will be May 6, 2019.
- 10) Motion to adjourn by Doug Burdette and seconded by Lynn LeMaster. Motion Passed.

Respectfully Submitted by

Terri Ross