

Central Ohio Corporation of Dance Clubs
Minutes of Monday, March 7, 2022 Meeting
At Mifflin Presbyterian Church, 123 Granville St., Gahanna

- 1) COCDC President, Pat Jones, called the meeting to order at 7:05
- 2) Roll call taken with 15 members present and 2 guests – (see sign in sheet).

- 3) Minutes of January 17 meeting reviewed. Erma Wolf made motion to approve with corrections, Nancy Johnson seconded; motion passed.

- 4) Report of board:
 - A. President:
 1. Hi-Timers has joined our Council. It is now an all-rounds club. Paulette Henry is their representative. Chuck and Shirley Berry are running the club.
 2. The Snowball dance was a big success with 10+ squares, Dave Stuthard & Danny Beck calling, Chuck Berry cueing. Lots of students attended. Clothing sale a huge success also. Pat thanked everyone for all their help.
 3. Reminded everyone about friendship badges and to get the students involved as they travel around. You can access the form and information on your phone. The form will be updated since clubs have folded and new ones joined and BADS/ORB will soon have a new name. It's a great program for a dangle.

 - B. Vice-president: Nothing at this time

 - C. Secretary: Sunshine cards were sent; passed out roster to everyone (6 sheets). Some corrections were made. Electronic copy will be sent after corrections are made.

 - D. Treasurer: Gary Jay presented the treasurer's report and the Snowball dance report. Gary is waiting on new checks to arrive. Will pay bills when he receives them. Please let Gary know when you receive your check due to past issues of checks getting lost in the mail. Gary will send out email to everyone of Snowball report. Motion to approve Treasurer's report & Snowball report and pay bills by Velma Doyle, seconded by ??; Motion passed.

- 5) Committee Reports: Pat Jones, Terri Ross
 - A. Marketing/Recruitment:
 1. **Summer Fun Dances** – Terri Ross talked about the past Summer Fun Dances, Council will pay for Callers and rent (no round dancing). Max of \$205. Terri asked “do we want to reinstate having them this summer?” Motion was made by TomTooill to have Council Sponsored Summer Fun Dances, hosted by clubs, squares only, usually 2-hour time frame. Seconded. Motion passed. Please send information and request date to Terri Ross. One dance per club. The reason for these dances is to keep the dancers dancing in the summer.

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2. **Summer Workshops** – Discussion if we need them this summer. Pat Jones explained that last summer they were very helpful and well attended because dancers were just getting back to dancing from the Pandemic and wanted and needed the refresher classes. This year is a bit different due to dancing for the past year.

Items to consider:

- We will have the Summer Fun Dance and regular dances
- Clubs having their own sponsored workshops.
- If Council did have these workshops, would they be free and where would they be? The Gahanna Church is not available this summer on Monday nights.
- Will Council accommodate different clubs having workshops throughout the summer in different locations?
- This would be for June, July, August
- Workshops will be mostly plus calls with some mainstream

Pat Jones asked that everyone take this to their club and get their opinions and let us know what they plan on doing as a club and we will revisit at May meeting.

Tom Tooill asked if it was possible for Friendly Ties to still schedule a **Student Dance**. Terri Ross said yes if it doesn't conflict. Friendly Ties will have a Student Dance on Sunday, April 3rd from 7:00-9:30, with Tom Davis calling and Chuck Berry cueing.

Tammy Goodman asked the question – What month do most clubs stop having hi-lo dances? The general consensus is that April is the last month for hi-lo dances, however it is up to the individual clubs when they have them. Pat also reminded everyone that Buck and Does/Orbiting also have Mainstream dances on some Thursdays. They are also taking banner activities.

Nancy Johnson asked how does a club graduate students that are at 2 different levels of dancing. Some are proficient in Plus, some only Mainstream. Pat Jones said it is up to the club how they want to graduate students. However, she emphasized that it is important for the clubs to publish what level of dance they will be having in the summer so dancers will know if they can dance at that level. If a club wants to continue to have hi-lo dances in the summer that's perfectly fine but it needs to be published as such. LBJ/Westerville students will NOT graduate by May so will continue into the summer for a summer graduation. Westerville does not normally dance in the summer; however, they have 2 dances scheduled to help their students. They will be having hi-lo dances through June. They will post what level of dance on the calendar.

Pat Jones also brought up the questions of how does each club handle charging new students during the summer? Do we need to give the coupon to all students to get into a dance free? After much discussion it was decided to bring this back to the May meeting after clubs are able to discuss.

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B. Ways & Means: N/A

C. Special Dances: Terri Ross

1. **Snowball** – Terri thanked everyone for their help with set up and clothing sale. Terri Ross asked if Council would be willing to allocate the NET funds received from the clothing sale/gate to the 2023 Convention to help offset costs of flooring. Nancy Johnson made the motion, Mary Galentine seconded. Motion passed.
Terri asked everyone to ask their students how they liked the dance and give suggestions on how to make it better. Tammy Goodman mentioned that the sound was difficult. Everyone had a hard time hearing the callers.
2. **Honoree Dance** is April 23 from 7-10 p.m. at the Columbia Heights Methodist Church in Galloway. Tom Davis calling and Dave Blaskis cueing. This is a free dance. Working on the program. We will send out invitations to Past-Honorees, they will have ribbons; packaged food (clubs do not have to bring food). Flyer will be going out. Dance is FREE. Students welcomed.

D. Convention (2023): Terri Ross

Terri introduced different stuffed bears that will be used to promote the convention and passed around to different clubs. Theme is “Salute to the Military”. We will have a military parade at the 2022 convention on Saturday night. We hope to have a Veteran to carry each military branch flag and want everyone to wear Red/White/Blue. Nancy Johnson is the Publicity Chair so please let her know if you can be in the parade. It will last for 20 minutes. Mary Galentine reviewed what is involved in a State Convention for those that have not attended a convention.

Items already ordered:

1. Flooring
2. Shirts – Committee will get them first; women’s and men’s sizes, embroidered. Ray Owens will have the shirts to order on weavethering.com. Please wear them all year to advertise the convention.
3. Badges

Vendors: we have 4 slots and Suzie Q will be there for badges.

Flyers: will be coming out soon

Times: something going on all day Friday and Saturday; tours, education, dancing, etc.

Registration: Will begin at 9:00 Friday for the first time. You can sign up for 1-hour slots to work the registration desk. Let Terri know.

Entertainment: We would like to have a live band or entertainer. If you know of anyone, please let Terri know.

Convention (2022): Terri Ross

Terri explained that our Council will supply a raffle basket for the 2022 convention. It will be a theme basket promoting our convention in 2023.

Convention Committee will be planning 2 fund raising dances in 2022/23. One in Mansfield and one in Grove City. Terri stated that we would like to have clothing sale at each of these dances for money to be designated to the convention.

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E. State Corp: Mary Galentine & Dennis Budinski

State Corp meeting on February 6, 2022 via Zoom; Dues to State Corp (\$35.) due on or before May.

Let Mary G. know of any Sunshine cards that need sent and State Corp will also send a card.

Convention Procedure Sales and advertisement for upcoming (next year) can begin at the current convention on Friday of that convention.

Education for convention has been placed under a Special Events Chairman. The reason for needing Education is because the convention is identified as a 501(c) 3 educational non-profit organization. There should be 2-4 sessions of educational subject of your choice.

BRDC will have Harvest of Rounds on March 27, 2022 at the Gahanna Community Church. Levels 2, 3 & low 4.

Honoree winners will be posted on the individual Federation website- not State Corp. website.

State Corp. also has a Friendship dangle so please encourage your dancers to participate when traveling through the state. There are 6 Federations in the state of Ohio. Conventions are not included.

Honoree luncheon can be attended by anyone and is to honor each Federations Honoree person(s) held on Saturday of convention

Slate of officers for 2022-23 Board are:

President – Mary Galentine and Dennis Budinski - COCDC

Vice President – Cathy Divens – Miami Valley

Treasurer – Cindy Warner – Toledo

Recording Secretary – Pat Jones – COCDC

Corresponding Secretary – Irene Dommin – Akron

2024 convention – Dayton – Roaring in the 20's (cancelled from 2020)

F. Scheduling Coordinator – Terri Ross

Be sure to contact Terri when scheduling any special dances outside of your regular dances so that we can avoid conflicts with other club dances.

G. Constitution & By-Laws – Nothing at this time

H. Insurance – Velma

Be sure to contact Velma with information of new members joining your club. When students join, they have to be added immediately. The list needs to be up-to-date for insurance to be valid. Council will continue to pay for these additional people because we paid for all members for 2022 year. (They are grandfathered in).

I. Nominating - Nancy Johnson & Mary Galentine

Slate of Officers: Vice President – Terri Ross
Treasurer – Gary Jay

No nominations from the floor. Sue Corbin moved to close the nominations and approve by acclamation. Erma Wolf seconded. Roll Call taken; unanimously approved.

Pat Jones asked for an Audit Committee. Dennis Budinski & Dave Sewell will serve.

6) Old Business:

- A. Zoom account – Paid through May 2022. Nancy Johnson made a motion that we have our May Council meeting via Zoom. Mona Porter seconded. Motion passed.
- B. COCDC sponsored new dancer classes – Bob Hindman of Westerville suggested that if we could secure 1 to 3 different places located throughout the city to hold classes for all clubs it would save a lot of money. There was much discussion about pros and cons. Items to consider:
- Location and driving – multiple locations needed
 - Instructors need to coordinate schedule and be the same at all locations
 - Instructor(s) approved by Council
 - Days of week
 - What do we charge – students should still pay a fee
 - How do we get people to be enthusiastic about taking class?
 - Do we start classes different time of year – possibly January so people don't have to wait a year if they want to learn.

Pat Jones asked that everyone take this back to their club to find out what they would like to do. We will form a committee to begin investigation of this issue.

We can ask Don Karger from Johnny Appleseeds to come speak about marketing also.

Pat Jones suggested someone formally ask for a special meeting to discuss this issue. We could have the meeting in May/June after the State Convention.

- C. Banner activities for COCDC free dances – after discussion it was decided to leave it up to the individual clubs whether they permit banner activities or not.

7) New Business:

- A. Next clothing sale will be for Relay for Life Dance at Grove City on June 11, 2022.

8) Club Reports

- A. BADS/OS – having banner activities at Mainstream dances; They will be launching their new club's name on May 27, 2022 dance. They will be giving out a dangle. Theme Red/White/Blue, Tom Davis, caller; Chuck Berry, cuer. If you have an old banner, they will come and get it.
- B. Calico Pairs – No report
- C. Friendly Ties – Have not decided when class will end. Averaging 3 squares/dance. Fiesta Dance on May 15th with Dave Stuthard and Jason Raleigh.
- D. Grove City – April 30th 2 hall dance with Darrin Henry, Tom Davis & Chuck Berry. We will be hosting workshops on Mondays from 7:00-9:00 from April 18 – May 16th. No masks are required! Student dance on April 9 with Dave Stuthard and Dave Blaskis.
- H. Hicks & Chicks – Graduating 7 students on April 3rd.
- E. Hi-Timers – Continuing rounds on 1st, 3rd, 5th Wednesdays beginning at 6:30 for lessons and 7:30 high level of rounds
- F. I.C. Rounds – still dancing every Monday night at Amvets in Delaware. Mark Johnson is coordinating the Spring Fantasy Rounds dance on March 27th geared towards lower levels at Gahanna CC Church. Please dress up.
- G. Johnny Appleseeds: 27 students to graduate. Schedule on website. Need angels.
- I. LBJ – will graduate students in the summer. March 18th dance has been moved to Amvets @ 485 Park Ave, Delaware with Eddie Powell and Chuck Berry.
- J. Starlites and Satellites – No Report
- J. Westerville – all dance dates on website. Phyllis Burdette will not be cueing on April 16 dance.

Next meeting scheduled for Monday, May 2, 2022 @ 7:00 pm via Zoom.

Motion to adjourn meeting by Terri Ross, seconded by Erma Wolf. Meeting adjourned at 9:10pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Jones for Paulette Henry due to moving