

IAGSDC

Executive Board Meeting

St. Louis, MO

May 22nd, 2015

Phil Davis called the meeting to order at 1:00pm

Roll Call by Kent Tolleson

47 Full Member Clubs
2 Associate
10 Affiliates

Welcome from Swing Me St. Louis by Aaron Wells. Aaron stated that Gay Caller School had 11 new students. 810 dancers in attendance.

Approval of the 2014 Executive Board Meeting minutes. Rahn Anderson made motion to accept the minutes and second by Rick Hawes. Approved by the delegates.

Treasurer Report:

Financial report distributed. 2014 actuals detailed income of \$6,882 and expenses of \$3,630.80 gave us an excess of \$3,251.20. Approval of the 2015 budget was done last year. Proposed budget for 2016 will do the approval later in the meeting. Balance as of 12-31-14 was \$44,112.16. Line item was left off the Banner Dance line for \$167. Treasurer report approved. Phil then mentioned the proposed 2016 would have \$4,000 in income and expenses of \$3,000 for an anticipated net of \$1,000. Motion to accept the 2016 proposed budget was made by Michael Spayd and second by Terri Sherrer. Approved by the Executive Board.

501C4 application. Still not finalized by IRS.

Membership Report:

Club Liaison Officer, Brad Bruner, reported 47 full member clubs, 10 affiliate member clubs, and 2 Associate clubs. Club membership for 2014 was 1,905 members. This was a drop of about 100 dancers from 2013 (we had 2,045 members). Largest club is Puddletown in Seattle with 122 members, tie for 2nd between Times Squares in New York and Chi-Town Squares in Chicago at 107 members. 3rd largest we had Triangle Squares from Toronto with 101 members. Growth clubs were DC Lambda Squares at 52% increase, Ottawa Date Squares 48%, and Cleveland City Country Dancers 40%.

We had 6 Banner Dancers held this year. Thank you to Times Squares, Hotlanta Squares, Independence Squares, Chesapeake Squares, Suncoast Squares, and Puddletown Squares. Brad mentioned that the banners are being utilized and that any club wanting to use them just let him know. The winter newsletter has gone out and was well received. Please send any news information to him. He also stated that we have a photo bank archive of more than 1,000 photos for clubs to use to promote square dancing. We have two new affiliate clubs: Seattle, Circle Back to Seattle (2018 convention) and Hawaii, Federation of Hawaii Square Dance Clubs (Will Hamp-Chairperson). We have a new Associate member: Phantom Squares of Canoga Park, Calif. (Robert Ameetii-President and Debbie Stop Vice-President).

Knot So Squares has turned in all their paperwork to be a full member. They have 14 members with PaPa Willemsen as their President, Secretary is Michael Bunkow, Treasurer is Bob Jackson, and their caller is Wade Morrow. Motion made to vote in Knot So Squares by Rick Hawes and second by Allan Hurst. Approved by the Executive Board.

Brad stated that there is interest from Frankfurt, Germany to become an Associate member.

Lastly, Brad stated he is working on a video bank (like the photo one) so these videos can be used by all clubs.

Salt Lake City Final Report:

Justin Crawshaw-Lopton reported that Squeeze the Hive had 792 attendees. Justin reported a surplus from Squeeze the Hive was \$28,786.43. He thanked John Faulds for donating his commissions from the hotel. With the surplus Squeeze the Hive donated \$2,000 to each 2017, 2018, 2019 conventions, and \$4,000 to St. Louis (2016 convention), 15% given to IAGSDC (\$4,317.96), Pride Utah \$2,000, \$6,000 to their home club in Salt Lake City, and \$2,700 to All Join Hands.

Convention Advisory Committee Update:

Annual meeting on Sunday at 2pm. Informal discussion about putting on a convention.

A.R.T.S. Report:

Danny Miller reporting on the ARTS meeting. Our convention is being held prior to the National Square Dance convention in Springfield, MA June 25-27, 2015. The re-image committee is spearheaded by Jim & Judy Taylor. They are working on creating a new website with a new logo and slogan, working on creating a Facebook Page, and presenting for approval at Nationals the logo and slogan. Pens & bolos being sold at the National convention as well as at Caller Lab convention. Danny will attend the National convention in June.

All Join Hands Foundation Canada, Ltd.:

Pam Clasper (reports in packet). Report on tables. Not much to report, but since convention will be held in Toronto next year they expect to be busy. They will sponsor some events for Toronto and help new dancers attend convention in Toronto. They will support Canadians at the caller school at the Toronto convention.

All Join Hands Foundation, Ltd.:

Gordon Macaw stated the report is in the packet and will not go over it but want you to take them back to your clubs (not putting them in every one's registration bag) and share the report with them so they will understand what we do and what we fund. In 2014 they paid for the caller school. We paid IAGSDC for some shipping. Salt Lake convention paid AJH for future conventions and AJH sent the funds out for Salt Lake for

conventions in 2017, 2018, and 2019. Recap, in 2014 we had \$26,000 in donations. We have funded to date over \$121,000 in projects. The Gay Caller School is the biggest expense. IAGSDC elects an advisor on AJH board. Scott Phillips thanked for his last 2 years of service. John Oldfield wants to be your next advisor. The Executive board of IAGSDC approved John as the next advisor to represent IAGSDC on the AJH board.

2014 Callerlab Convention:

Harland Kerr presented. There are about 17 members of GCA (Gay Caller Assoc.). Eight page report to be distributed to IAGSDC.

GCA Report:

Kent Forrester reported that there were 7 new students at caller school - from very new to experienced callers. Betsy Gotta was the teacher and Ken Sale teaching assistant. Next year instructor will be Anne Uebelacker and teaching assistant will be Brian Jarvis.

Work is ongoing on the website for GCA. Thanks to Michael Wills. They now can take membership via PayPal on the site. Membership has jumped from 64 to 90 and they hope to break 100 at this convention.

Intro to calling session is on Sunday morning at convention this year.

New Business:

AJH Sponsorship/Fundraising.

For the Hoedown tonight (Trail-in dance) there will be two boxes for AJH. One will be for U.S. and one for Canada. Funds from U.S. cannot go across the border. If you write a check from a US bank please drop it in the AJH Canada box and AJH U.S. will earmark those funds to AJH Canada. AJH US can send the funds to AJH Canada.

Website changes.

Michael & Fred developed a new structure. Currently it's offline. The change will allow for more items on the website and will be mobile ready device. Access will be greatly improved. CMS is on a Drupal platform. The new configuration will provide more freedom for folks running fly-ins or conventions. Announcements have been made for the project that's working on clearing up multiple emails. Transition of records goes by the

emails. Once cleaned up we will move everything over. Ongoing fly-in or convention registrations will be notified when the change is made.

Officers met and want to propose that for the banner dances moving forward to earmark them for conventions so that the funds are able to be used for convention support. We need to define what "support" means. Is it seed money, pay off debt of a previous convention, etc.? IAGSDC funds, as of now, are just in the bank with no directive and no opportunity on how to use those funds. Earmarked money from Atlanta (2011) did stipulate \$4,000 to use to help support future conventions that suffered a loss.

Future Conventions:

2016 Toronto: Lee Godfrey stated that they are more than halfway from their break-even number of 700. They are about at 395 registrations. They will have a Contra event during convention. Support from AJH Canada and previous conventions. Firm hotel price is \$155 US dollars. Free wi-fi offered to all guests. MLR is working with Ken Sale and volunteers to be liaisons for GCA callers. Bill Eyler will be working with caller school as well. Pride weekend is before Toronto convention so come early. Video and 50/50 for this weekend. Current rate is \$210 for registration and goes up June 1, 2015.

2017 Palm Springs: Swing and Mix 2017 presented. Hotel is connected to convention center and all indoors (don't have to go outside). The room rate is \$149 (1-4 occupants). There are hospitality suites available during this convention weekend. T-shirts for sale and a super raffle (\$20 per ticket). Winner will drawn at Toronto convention. Sunday morning: 9:15am early special rate for first 100 dancers (payment of \$145 paid by 4pm on that Sunday). Beyond that 100 the rate will be \$185. Registration table open will be open Sunday and Monday till 4pm each day.

2018 Seattle: Bill Anderson presented Circle Back to Seattle. They have their logo but no merchandise as of yet. 501 C 3 approved and in place. Contracts signed for 10 callers. Seattle downtown Sheraton Hotel selected. Dates of convention will be Wed., July 4th (trail-in) and closing ceremonies Saturday, July 7th. Website is close to going live.

2019 Convention bids. Philadelphia presented first (Dates July 4th-July 7th). Packets were handed out. Minneapolis presented second (Dates July 4th-

July 7th). 44 member votes cast. Philadelphia garnered 28 and 16 for Minneapolis. We are going to Philadelphia in 2019.

Interested clubs bidding for 2020 Cconvention. Kelly Shortandqueer submitted a letter of intent that stated Denver has declared their intent to bid for 2020. Nominations are closed.

Any clubs interested in 2021? None, as of today.

Election of Officers for 2015-2017:

Vice-Chair position is now open. Aaron Wells nominated by Allan Hurst and seconded by Rick Hawes. Aaron accepted the nomination. Delegates voted Aaron Wells as the Vice-Chair.

Secretary position is now open. Nomination of Kent Tolleson nominated by Michael Spayd and seconded by Rick Hawes. Kent accepted the nomination. Delegates voted Kent Tolleson as the Secretary.

Club Liaison Officer is now open. Brad Bruner nominated by Danny Miller and seconded by Rick Hawes. Brad accepted the nomination. Delegates voted Brad Bruner as the Club Liaison Officer.

Meeting Adjourned at 3:30pm.