

IAGSDC

Executive Board Meeting

ZOOM Denver, CO

July 5th, 2020

Call to Order:

Ed Zeigler called the meeting to order at 4pm MDT

Roll Call by Kent Tolleson

- 45 Full Member Clubs
- 1 Associate
- 10 Affiliates
- 2 Unaffiliated

Approval of 2019 Executive Board Meeting and General Membership Meeting:

Motion to approve the 2019 meeting minutes that were sent out. Motion to accept the 2019 Executive Board Meeting minutes was made by Rick Hawes and second by Michael Coan. Approved by the delegates.

2020 Meeting Format:

Ed stated the format of the zoom delegates meeting. It was noted that we will not have a General Membership meeting. Minutes to be sent out by Kent to the delegates and the delegates can pass on the minutes to their club members. Ed will review both this year and Houston's General Membership meeting together.

Special Email Vote for Ottawa Convention:

Kent reported that the vote to move Ottawa convention to 2023 was approved by the delegates. This was an email vote since the request came after the Philadelphia convention but before the Denver convention.

Denver Convention Status Update:

Welcome from Denver, Take A Peak. Kelly Shortandqueer stated they tried to create a virtual convention appropriate for all. Official cancellation of in person convention was decided on May 11th, 2020. Denver created 26 hours of virtual programming from June 20th thru July 12th. They had 1,388 logins so far. Hospitality suites were created virtually. Kelly thanked Jake for the work done to get this up and running virtually. Rick Schoenhals stated that they started thinking about convention in 2014. March 2020 happened. They halted everything at that point. Then the virtual planning began. Diversity and Inclusion was very important to this convention. In March Denver had 680 paid registrations and was on track to have approximately 900 registrations. Callers for the convention: 9 full-time and 3 part-time. These contracts needed to be voided and they all understood. They made it possible to refund everyone 100% of their registration fee. They did not pay out their callers. Asking for donations from registration refunds to help pay these callers. Rick thanked John Faulds for all his assistance/guidance through the Hotel contract process. Kelly stated they did not have funds to give to future conventions. After convention Denver had enough funds from the donation of registration fee cancellations that they paid it forward to future conventions.

IAGSDC Corporate Status:

After Philadelphia convention it was discovered that we had lapse in reporting to the state of California. IAGSDC was labeled as a suspended organization. We have updated the filings and the fees were less than \$100. We remain our non-profit status. IRS was a little more difficult. We had multiple tax ID's and addresses. We updated our paperwork they have approved our 501c4 status. However, they wanted a \$5,000 fee for a civil penalty for not notifying them in a timely manner. We requested a waiver of that fee. After several months they stated we did not reply in a timely manner. We had proof that we did. Covid came along and we have not heard back from the IRS. We don't know if we are waived, or they are

pursuing the \$5,000 fee? We stated we will stay current with them in the future. Filing of forms will happen during the Officer's mid-year meeting.

Treasurer Report:

Justin Crawshaw-Lopton presented the Treasurer report. Dues for this year all but 3 clubs have paid. Shoreline Squares stated the check is in the mail. He has nothing reported for Squares Across the Border or Triangle Squares. All late fees are waived this year. Ottawa convention will need to pay \$25 fee. Currently we have 1,661 members reported to the IAGSDC. Is there anything in the by-laws stating the \$1 per member. Dave Decot brought this up for discussion. For the year 2019 we had a loss of \$1,198.35 and a balance of \$48,751.24. Dave Decot mentioned that the DFI trademark license fee was not showing up. That \$7,800 check was received (this year) after this report was put together. Budget will be the same as last year. Drop the amount for club development grants. We are projecting a loss of \$720 for the year. Budget for 2021 approved by delegates. Trademark renewal is on hold. Rick Hawes motioned to approve the Treasurer report and second by John Faulds. The delegates approved the Treasurer's report.

Membership Report:

Brad Bruner stated around 1785 members, but 4 clubs have not reported. So, this number will be approximate 4% decrease. Top 3 clubs: Redwood Rainbows with 119 members, Suncoast Squares & Rocky Mountain Rainbeaus with 110, and Boots & Squares with 104. The top 3 clubs with the largest increase in members were: Independence Squares with 14 new members, Chesapeake Squares & Rocky Mountain Rainbeaus with 10, and a 3-way tie at 6 new members were Finest City Squares, Times Squares & Suncoast Squares.

Brad stated that we have new banners for you all to use. Go through him to request a banner. We had three banner dancers before Covid: Chi-Town Squares, Hotlanta Squares, and Suncoast Squares.

Club development program: Survey results were distributed from last year. Survey about Covid and impact on their clubs were sent out. 90% responded and will be discussed at the recruitment and retention meeting tomorrow. Highlights. 79% clubs are worried and small amount about the

finances. More worried about going back to dancing. 20% clubs incurred expenses during Covid. Most have missed fundraising efforts. How have callers been impacted. Small amount extremely impacted. Zoom meetings being done for many clubs to keep in touch and informed.

Brad reached out to Australia and Covid has put it on hold. No update on them joining us currently.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Review 2019:

Philadelphia, Belles Run, reported 839 registrants. 77 non-dancers and 7 countries represented. 250 were on the Fun Badge Tour. 171 hours of dancing in 10 halls. Hotel had 97% pick up rate (1838 hotel nights). See DFI report for details of financials.

Website/Club Hosting:

Fred Loehr reported on the website and web hosting. 909 active users on IAGSDC website. On the new system. CMS currently using is reaching end of life. Working to move on from CMS. 19 Club websites hosted.

CALLERLAB Convention:

Harlan Kerr reported that IAGSDC Chair was invited for the first time. Convention was cancelled this year. March 29-31st in Grapevine, TX for 2021 convention. Chair of IAGSDC is invited to attend this convention. LGBTQ is on the schedule for the convention next year. Document on harassment, bullying, etc. (one for callers and one for clubs). A document on calling after Covid. Both documents approved by board of governors. Asking for information on dancing during Covid or after Covid (from all clubs around the world). Support (from committee and board of governors) for SSD to be voted on at next year convention. Sustainable Square Dance was the old version. Three weeks ago, changed it to Social Square Dance. 50 calls make up the program. Design to move dancers 12-14 weeks. It's a destination program and dancers not pushed to the higher levels. Harlan will take over as Chair of CALLERLAB after convention in Grapevine, TX.

GCA Report:

Allan Hurst reported for GCA. No school this year since Denver did not have it. They are working to schedule the Houston GCA Caller School for June-July 2021. GCA will do a virtual calling for Denver July 11th noon-3pm. Annual membership meeting will be held July 12th.

Wiki/History/Archive/Digitize Project:

Pam Clasper and Debbie Ceder reported that we now have a youtube channel. Just getting started. Jorge and Jim will have more information if needed. Wiki has information on all clubs. Update your clubs, etc. Memorial Panels online. List of every name and every badge, photos, etc.

Debbie reported that Jim Babcock assisting us with the digitize project.

All Join Hands Foundation Canada, Ltd.:

Pam Clasper stated that we have new logo. Financial report in your packet. She will not go over it. We have a new website as well. They are looking for anyone from Squares Across the Borders. They are working with the Ottawa Convention.

All Join Hands Foundation, Ltd.:

Gordon Macaw. Financials are in your packet. Looking at Covid. AJH will be proactive. Letter will be sent to the clubs a Covid Relief Fund. They will be helping clubs when they can return to dancing. Matching fund of up to \$5,000 is being done. Still early stages and we are not quite sure how this will all work out. They will address the needs of clubs as they come up. Encourage to have members to donate to AJH Covid. You can designate which club you want your donation to go to. Nomination and election of committee members. Two advisors: Fred Harke, Jr. and Chuck Novak. They can serve a two-year term, twice. Fred Harke to extend another two-year term. Rick Hawes motioned and Terri Sherrer second the motion. Delegates approved the nomination.

Memorial Panels:

James Ozanich presented his report about the Memorial project. He shared the memorial panel website. Listed by name, club, etc. Last year in Philadelphia we 44 new badges. Total is 838. During the last 12 months

we had 18 names added in the memorial section. Please send updated photos for those they do not have photos listed. Red listing means no information available.

New Business:

By-laws clean-up and trademark. Fred Loehr reported that we need clean up on the by-laws. Propose Executive Board to authorize a committee to look at the by-laws and articles of incorporation. Fred just wants to deal with the by-laws. There is agreement from emails but where do we go from here. Rick Hawes motioned to approve to appoint a committee to review and rewrite the by-laws. Jane seconded the motion. Approved to appoint a committee has passed.

Future Conventions:

2021 Houston:

Rick Hawes (Heads to the Center) presented for 2021. Dance socks, masks, gloves, sanitizer, etc. will be available. Website and Facebook is up. Diversity initiative being worked on with Denver group. Merchandise will have an online store. Fun Badge Tour will happen but do not know for sure how it will play out. Dates for Houston is the 4th of July weekend. Registrations have 262 paid dancers, 5 non dancers, 99 on Fun Badge Tour. Hotel information you can contact John Faulds at John@tdaz.travel

2022 Minneapolis:

Rick Hawes (Heads to the Center) presented for 2022. Dates will be May 27th through May 29th, 2022. Trails End dance will be on May 26th, 2022. Hotel rate will be \$139 rate for 1-4 people. Hyatt Regency Minneapolis will be the hotel. Callers are contracted. Early bird happened today. Successfully collected 100 early registrations and 19 Fun Badge Tour registrations. Website and Facebook are now live.

2023 Ottawa:

Joel reported that he was thankful for the change from Raleigh-Durham. The hotel is now contracted. By-laws are done. Website with temp logo is up and running. Moving forward to Caller contracts. Three sponsorships already on board to help offset expenses. July 5-8th, 2023.

2024: Raleigh-Durham, NC

Mark Ambrose reported he has an organized group together. Gary Dougan, Michael Levy, and Betsy Tate. Propose dates are July 4-7th, 2024. Main dance venue the convention center. No single hotel to hold our event. We will have multiple hotels. All are about 3–5-minute walk to the convention center. Hotel rates are different. Check the packet. Delegates approved Raleigh-Durham, NC in 2024.

2025: Expression of interest from Denver.

2026: No expression of interest was made.

2027: No expression of interest was made.

Election of Officers for 2020-2021:

Chair: Ed Zeigler was nominated. Approved by members by acclamation.

Treasurer: Justin Crawshaw-Lopton was nominated. Approved by members by acclimation.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:03pm MDT.