

IAGSDC

Executive Board Meeting

ZOOM Houston, TX

July 3rd, 2021

Call to Order:

Ed Zeigler called the meeting to order at 11am PDT

Roll Call by Kent Tolleson

44 Full Member Clubs
13 Affiliates

Approval of 2020 Executive Board Meeting and General Membership Meeting:

Motion to approve the 2020 meeting minutes that were sent out. Motion to accept the 2020 Executive Board Meeting minutes was made by Rick Hawes and second by Terri Sherrer. Approved by the delegates.

Houston Convention Status Update:

Everything was smooth for virtual convention with one minor hiccup that was resolved in one of the breakout rooms. Planners believe they have avoided a \$130,000 penalty from the hotel. There was some discussion with them about hosting a future event but nothing concrete by either party. Houston had some income from Philadelphia and Denver. They used some of the funds to pay some monies to pay callers a portion of what they would have earned. Most callers have had no income because of Covid and Houston has helped them as much as they could. They had about 290 registrations. Only 20 registrations remain that have not directed the convention whether they want a refund or roll it to Minneapolis. If they do

not hear a response, they will automatically be rolled over to Minneapolis convention. Merchandise for sale. All proceeds go to the Callers for Houston. Ladders for Denver and Houston only available through convention planners. Proceeds to the Callers.

Video from CALLERLAB Convention:

Congrats to IAGSDC and Gay Callers Association (GCA) for being the recipients of the Chairman Award from CALLERLAB. Ed played a snip of the video and both he and Harlan displayed the awards for all to see.

Treasurer Report:

Justin presented the Treasurer's report. Delegates have their packet. Dues for clubs will be based on last year's numbers. All Join Hands (AJH) stated they would cover all dues for all clubs for this year. For 2020 actuals we had a net income of \$7,464.84. For 2021 we are expecting a loss of \$720 and for proposed 2022 we are expecting a loss of \$1,345. Trademark came up and will be discussed later. No \$5,000 in the budget for maybe an IRS fee. We are hoping it will be resolved and no penalty/fee to be paid by IAGSDC. Total Assets do not equal to Total Liabilities/Net worth. Justin is to work on correcting this error. Terri Sherrer motioned to accept the Treasurer's report once amended and Rick Hawes second. Delegates approved the Treasurer's report.

Trademark Status:

We finally have it in the initial submission phase. Thanks to Kent Forrester from Washington, DC for all his help in getting this started for us. No cost to IAGSDC.

IRS:

\$5,000 fee from IRS. They are back logged because of Covid. IRS confirmed they received the letter. It's in process but hope to hear something soon. We are hopeful they will waive this fee.

Club Development Report:

Brad Bruner presented to the delegates the highlights from the year. Brad had monthly meetings with members and had many presenters about Covid, returning to dancing (Social Square Dance-SSD), annual memberships, contracts, etc. Brad has all the recordings of these

presentations. Available to anyone who may want a copy. Brad presented a quick guide document about SSD (SSD in a nutshell) for getting back to dancing. Survey results presented.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Review 2020:

Take a Peak (virtually) from Denver. Rick reported that Denver's number one goal was to protect all dancers/callers and to go virtually. Time of convention they were hoping to break even. They received donations from everyone. They paid out all their caller contracts and flooring contracts. They were very grateful. Denver donated to future conventions and other groups as well. They still have about \$25,000 yet to be disbursed. Kelly reported on the "Home Edition" event. Virtual convention provided 26 hours of events over 12 days. Still can review on the youtube channel. IAGSDC virtual square dance calendar has come out of this virtual convention.

Website/Club Hosting:

Fred Loehr reported on the website and web hosting. We added the virtual calendar managed by Kelly. Host 19 sites (hasn't changed). Looking at new software to change from of our current site.

CALLERLAB Convention:

Harlan Kerr reported on highlights of the virtual convention. Two documents created by CALLERLAB. Welcoming Square Dance Environment and Guidelines in Dealing with Inappropriate Behavior. Please share with your club. Virtual convention was done this year. Sociability was the theme for the convention and keynote speaker. Three resolutions. First was to modify by-laws to reduce board of governors from 25 to 18 (that passed and will take place over the next four years). Also, to amend the by-laws to state they would remove a board of governor member if they missed 2 votes in a year. Finally, recognizing the SSD as a dance program. 2021 review year. Two changes in mainstream. One change for plus program. Advance list just ended 2 days ago and will be announced soon. Challenge should be finished in August 2021. Next convention is April 11th-13th, 2022 in Pittsburgh, PA. Barry Clasper reported on knowledge for CALLERLAB. Website is knowledge.callerlab.org. Information is not just

on CALLERLAB but anything square dance related. A service to the general square dance community.

GCA Report:

Marge Corin? reported for GCA. GCA is now incorporated in the state of California. GCA has full non-profit status. Harlan Kerr is the new Chairman of the board for CALLERLAB. GCA honored by CALLERLAB with the Chairman's award. GCA caller school cancelled for 2021. 2022 is planned for May 23rd to 25th in Minneapolis. GCA held two virtual dances this past year.

Wiki/History/Archive/Digitize Project:

Pam Clasper reported for the Wiki project. Wiki has a youtube channel. Archives may have a new permanent home.

All Join Hands Foundation Canada, Ltd.:

Pam Clasper stated the report is in the delegate packet. Working closely with Ottawa convention.

All Join Hands Foundation, Ltd.:

Gordon Macaw. Financials are in your packet. They have had a record-breaking contribution for 2020 year. Board and advisors were announced by Gordon. Over \$12,000 donated to Covid relief. They are dedicated to helping clubs to restart dancing. Ask for club development funds.

Memorial Panels:

James Ozanich presented his report about the Memorial Panels Project. 25 names were added in virtual Denver 2020 convention and since then we have added 41 names in virtual Houston 2021 convention. Total number to date is 1,024 entries. Four physical panels. Anticipating we will need one or two more panels.

Medallion Project:

Rick Hawes presented for the project. Keith Gherig was not available. Denver and Houston do not count. Stays the same.

By-Laws:

Committee never formed from last year delegate meeting. Fred Loher presented a standard form of by-laws for the GCA. He thought he would do the same thing for IAGSDC. Document was in your delegate packet. Goal was to be compliant. Most everything staying the same. However, officers are now the "Board of Directors." Clarification about this was done in the new by-laws. Individual memberships were discussed. Concept was good but probably should be eliminated. Might cause a controversy? The new by-laws submitted pretty much straightforward. Where do we go from here? Much discussion about ending individual membership as a voting member. Delegates decide on the set of by-laws. Once final it goes to full membership for approval. Motion was stated that it will be on the agenda for Minneapolis convention. Amendment to motion from Terri Sherrer that we submit the drafted by-laws version to send out to clubs for review. Motion to eliminate individual memberships. Agrees to the amendment. Present back to all the clubs the new by-laws by Fred and ask for feedback. Ken withdrew his motion, and Terri withdrew her amended motion. Georgiana motion is summarized by Ed Zeigler. Ed will work with Fred to get the by-laws in a format that can be sent to the clubs for review. Will gather the input from clubs and summarize it and have a draft. Then do a final draft and send out approximately 3 months prior to Minneapolis delegates meeting for a vote. Georgiana summarized her motion to be that the Executive Board will re-draft the by-laws that we will have to submit to the general membership for approval in Minneapolis. Rick Hawes second.

New Business:

Will research DOA insurance.

Future Conventions:

2022 Minneapolis:

Rick Hawes (Heads to the Center) presented for 2022. Memorial Day weekend. In person dancing (YAY). Callers in place. 320 registrations for convention. Hotel taking reservations. Fun Badge Tour has 113 registrations.

2023 Ottawa:

Joel reported that Ottawa convention will be held on July 5-8th, 2023. Hotel reservations will be opened in a few weeks. Video presentation tonight. Website will go live. Tours up and ready.

2024: Raleigh-Durham, NC

Mark Ambrose and company are in negotiation stages. Pandemic has made it challenging. Working on the callers. Bill Eyler joined the committee to handle the callers. Durham convention center is the dancing venue. Hotel connected isn't large enough hotel to accommodate everyone, so we are in negotiations with other hotels close to the convention center. Hotels rates are \$129-\$149 for the two closest hotels. Registration fees: \$175 early rate up to \$225 just before convention. Hoping to have a corporation in a month. That will be needed to be in signing contracts. Working with Debbie Ceder to get this to happen.

2025: Expression of interest from Houston.

2026: Expression of interest from Denver.

2027: No expression of interest was made.

Election of Officers for 2020-2021:

Vice-Chair: Kelly Shortandqueer was nominated. Approved by members by acclamation.

Secretary: Kent Tolleson was nominated. Approved by members by acclimation.

Club Liaison: Brad Bruner was nominated. Approved by members by acclimation.

Meeting Adjourned.