

**Central Ohio Corporation of Dance Clubs**  
**Minutes of meeting May 11, 2015**

**COCDC President Velma Doyle** called the meeting to order at the Gahanna Community Congregational Church at 7:50 PM due to a lock-out difficulty at Mifflin Presbyterian Church.

**Roll Call:** There were 16 members present representing 13 clubs.

**Minutes:** Correction to minutes: Bucks & Does manned the Honoree Dance food table and Friendly Ties were greeters. Minutes approved as corrected.

**Treasurer's Report:** Pat was pleased to report that COCDC made a \$310.50 profit on the Honoree Dance. After account updates were reviewed, Doug Burdette praised her report.

**Bills:** Pat = \$72.68 for raffle tumbler built by Dick Liston. (COCDC will lend it out to any member club dance events); Pat = \$81.40 for paper, postage and misc. Honoree supplies; Velma = \$68.33 reimbursement for overlap insurance prior to USDA insurance; \$21.49 for postage & copies. \$57.20 to USDA for 13 new dancers (Checks totaling \$57.85 were turned in to Council by individual clubs. Council actually keeps five cents per dancer). There was much discussion clarifying USDA paperwork & insurance coverage. Community Congregational Church will be paid \$25 tonight instead of Mifflin Church. The treasurer's report and paying of the bills was approved.

**No Communications to Council or President's Report.**

**Committee Reports:**

- a. State Corp: Mary Galentine reported Toledo is still a viable Federation. Columbus Convention Committee shorted them a publicity box at the State Corp luncheon. Error was quickly corrected. Kathleen Raleigh is in charge of State Corp publicity since moving back to Grove City. Round Dance Council didn't list their Spring Fling on the COCDC Special Dance Listing in a timely manner, so 2016 Convention Skit rehearsal was rescheduled to accommodate them. Cleveland Convention attendance was 777. Toledo was asked to hold a 1 day event in 2017 to recognize our 2016-17 Ohio Honorees. They are undecided. A 2017 National Convention email is coming out on tours. A campsite is set and Homewood Suites contracted.
- g. Mary shared that June 14 Columbus Convention fundraising dance will be sponsored by Johnny Appleseeds in Mansfield with Beck and Burdette. Our local fundraiser on Aug. 1 will be at Gahanna with Mackey and Berry. This will coincide with the next State Corp meeting held in Columbus Aug. 1<sup>st</sup> at the Crowne Plaza. Meeting is open, but buy your own lunch followed by a tour of this 2016 Convention site. Mary also gave a glowing report of the Mardi Gras Magic skit. Jim Wilson's video will be posted on the convention website soon. 84 people are registered to date. Coffee & Cookies event had 150 guests. Shirley Monnett thanked everyone for their donations to the Columbus raffle basket.
- b. Caller Liaison/Caller's Report: none
- c. Demo Reports: On Thurs., June 11, a COCDC demo is scheduled at Easton Town Center from 4:30 - 6 PM. On 9-13-15 Jason and Tommy Seymour will call at a demo at the Good Ol' Days event in Powell. The Sweet Corn Festival will be 9-5-15. (NOTE: Subsequent to this meeting the June 11th demo was cancelled.)
- d. Publicity/Recruitment/Marketing Report: Velma shared Operation Frontier workshop information presented by Dale Bennett in Cleveland. The key to Frontier's success last year was YARD SIGNS. Much marketing discussion followed culminating with this motion: "COCDC will reimburse member clubs that are offering beginner square dance classes for 50% of their documented 2015/2016 new dancer marketing expenses up to \$200. This will be for a one year to date trial". Jim Easley moved, Shirley Monnett seconded and motion was approved.
- e. Constitution & By-Laws: Velma distributed copies of the proposed amendments to the

Constitution & By-Laws. Council was asked to review the forms and return for discussion and official first reading at the Aug. 3 meeting. If approved then, a vote on acceptance will take place at the Sept. 14 meeting.

- f. **Ways & Means:** Shirley reported the Arts Festival will be held June 12, 13, 14. She will be seeking at least 40 volunteers to work the lemonade stand, so please sign up.

**Old Business:** Ed Laudenschlager reported he cannot print the 2015/2016 COCDC Schedule the way he would like to. Pat Jones offered to help him. Club info is due 6/1/15.

**New Business:** Velma announced that Jim Wilson, from LBJ, set up a new public Facebook account called *Central Ohio Square Dancers* and posted his video of the Mardi Gras parade skit from the State Convention in Aurora. It is hoped that dancers will use this to share dance related information. It is up to the individual dancers whether they wish to sign up on Facebook.

There was discussion about a law suit in Michigan involving ASCAP/BMI licensing infractions, resulting in a large fine for the club involved. It is important that each club check all callers' licenses before booking them and also upon their arrival at dances (in case they have expired since they were booked). It is important to see the actual licenses, not copies. Clubs can also check with Dana Schirmer of CALLERLAB and/or Matt Letson of the American Caller's Association to verify each caller's license.

### **Club Reports:**

Bucks & Does graduated 2 dancers. They (along with Grove City Western Squares and Hi-Timers) are sponsoring a bus trip to Wooster on Oct. 11 to celebrate Dick Mackey's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of calling. Sign up with Debbie Kitts.

Dixie Squares are done for the season. They did not appreciate others taking over their dance slot when Dixie went dark for Convention weekend.

Friendly Ties still have tickets for their Cinco de Mayo dance. 9 graduates.

Grove City Western Squares has two specials - May 30 with Pladdys & Strickland; Relay for Life fund raiser June 13 with Raleigh, Courts & Davis.

LBJ graduated 9 dancers + 1 finishing in June. Two specials - May 29 with Raleigh/Warren; Sun., July 19 Summer Fling, a pool party in Hillborn Room at Mingo recreation center with Mark Patterson and Elaine Wintrow.

Maple Leaf Squares are having workshops on 2<sup>nd</sup> Sundays and dances on 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays during the summer. On Sunday afternoon, August 9, Scott Brown from Pittsburgh will be presenting a new teaching program that allows new dancers to start at any time. Location to be determined.

Orbiting - caller change on June 5 to Eddie Powell. They will continue workshops with Mark Johnson thru June 11. Mark will start beginner rounds on Thurs., June 18 at Gahanna.

Westerville graduated 6 dancers.

**Motion to Adjourn:** Next meeting August 3, 2015 at 7:30 PM at Mifflin Presbyterian Church.

Respectfully submitted, Nancy Swanberg, Secretary