

Central Ohio Corporation of Dance Clubs

Minutes of Meeting August 3, 2015

COCDC President Velma Doyle called the meeting to order at 7:30.

Roll Call: There were 11 members present representing 11 clubs. Mary Galentine & Dennis Budinski were present from the State Convention Committee.

Minutes: Correction under Committee Reports - letter b for letter g; under New Business - Matt changed to Mac. Minutes approved.

Treasurer's Report: Pat Liston report. All club dues have been paid except 2. Bucks & Does and Friendly Ties were each be refunded \$200 for recruitment expenses after submitting receipts of over \$400. Westerville was refunded \$190.50 for recruitment expenses. Mifflin church rent = \$25. Treasurer's report and paying of bills was approved.

Committee Reports:

- a. State Corp: Mary reported Toledo is being asked to do a 1 day dance in 2016 for Honorees. National Convention registrations total 687. Nationals are collecting special Ohio dance photos to post on their website to promote the Convention. A Pre-Convention Dance will be Mar. 3 at Duke Energy Center. Pre-registered dancers are free. Pre-Convention packets to be mailed early Dec./Jan. Tour Convention Center Oct. 10. Jack Pladdys is offering a callers school for \$175 for ten sessions twice per month on Saturdays starting in Oct. Dale Bennett will host an education session at Ohio 56th Convention on Retention. He has found a cheaper yard sign company in Florida.
- b. Callers Liaison/Caller's: Dave Van Dyk reported CALLERLAB is concerned that there are many weak dancers because they go quickly to more complex mainstream and plus calls without learning the basics well. They are exploring a program designed by Jerry Story of 50 calls to make dancers stronger. Clubs may be fined if BMI/ASCAP officials find callers unlicensed. Clubs are encouraged to include wording in their contracts for callers and cuers to bring current licenses to dances as they will be checked before the dance begins.
- c. Demo Reports: Shirley invited clubs to Sweet Corn Demo on 9/5. Velma asked for more dancers to support the State Fair Demo 8/4 and 10 TV Expo at the Convention Center 8/15. She has sign-up sheets and passes. Jason R. and Tommy S. will call at the Powell Liberty Historical Society 9/13, hopefully with the Clear Run Band.
- d. Publicity/Recruitment/Marketing: 3 Clubs were reimbursed for their recruitment. There was no deadline other than 2015 stated. Clubs are encouraged to turn in receipts ASAP.
- e. Constitution & By-Laws: Proposed changes were reviewed by Velma followed by a heated discussion regarding the matter of each COCDC member club having one vote but no delegate being permitted to vote as the representative for more than one club. It was noted that a club leader may end up on more than one club's list of delegates, club officers and other approved alternate delegates. It will be important to have enough representation from the clubs present to establish a quorum. There will be a vote at our September meeting as to whether to approve the proposed Constitution and By-Laws.
- f. Ways & Means: Shirley reported that payment for our services at the Arts Festival has been delayed as she was not able to recruit enough dancers to volunteer for every slot at the Lemonade Stand. We will be paid next month but not the full amount. She is resigning from this fund raiser which will be discontinued. Velma thanked Shirley for her hard work and thousands of dollars raised for COCDC over the years.
- g. 2016 State Convention: Mary reported Johnny Appleseeds' fund raiser netted \$919 for the Convention and Maple Leaf Squares raised \$75 at their July 12th fund raiser. Happy Squares are asking for floor time to perform at the 56th State Convention. Mary also recommended dancers call the hotel directly instead of the 800 number to get discounted room rates of \$89. The Trail End dance will be held in the biggest hall.

Old Business The 2015/2016 COCDC Dance Schedule/Calendar has not been completed. Ed

Laudenschlager determined rather quickly that he was not going to be able to complete and print a calendar. Pat Jones took over, but after finding it was too difficult to put all of the information in calendar form, she converted the dance information into separate Excel files of each club's schedule. Velma said she would send out basic info about the member clubs and the September calendar by email and encourage clubs to use the Cues & Tips and COCDC website. There was much discussion and there was a consensus that it would be much more useful to have the dance information in calendar form in one document for the entire year rather than as a collection of club schedules. Eddie Powell suggested we ask Mark Johnson to work on this project. It was agreed that Velma would contact Mark and that COCDC would pay for publication of the annual calendar if Mark is willing to put it together and the price is reasonable. Dave Van Dyk also offered to work on it. Mary Galentine mentioned that there was a free program that had been offered to the 66th National Convention in Cincinnati that might be useful in putting together this document.

New Business Toys for Tots planning was tabled to next month.

USDA Insurance Forms & Payment of \$4.45 per club member (made out to COCDC) are due by 11-2-15 in order get payment to USDA by the first of the year. (\$.05 will be deducted per member to cover the cost of processing and postage.) Velma also needs a list of all new dancers to be covered during lessons. She shared a Re-Imaging square/ round dancing Slogo design which we will be seeing on many marketing products.

Club Reports

Bucks & Does - New Officers are: Pres. Lynn LeMaster, V. P. Sue Williams, Rep. Dave Van Dyk, Banner Chair Paulette Henry, etc. Classes begin 9/8 with Ed Laudenschlager sponsored at no cost to the club by Gahanna Parks & Recreation Center at 480 Rocky Fork Blvd. in Gahanna. Sept. 40th Anniv. Dance, Oct. 23 Amateur Night, Nov. 8 Yellow Rock.

Dixie Squares - Oct/Nov/Dec flyers on table. Classes begin Tues 9/15 with Gary Fessler. Phyllis & Doug will begin a Rounds class in Mansfield 9/16, 8:-9:30. Waltz & Two Step. Dixie is also planning a web site with lesson info.

Friendly Ties - Officers are Pres. Jim & Donna Easley, V.P. Sue Oxenrider, Rep. Jim Easley, Banner Chair Tom Tooill etc. They plan a Family Reunion Night 9/20 to recruit new dancers (free) then new dancers are also admitted free to first lesson Tues. 9/22.

Grove City End of Summer Picnic Dance Aug. 29 - dinner 5:00. Two halls, Pladdys & Patterson. Lessons begin Mon. Sept. 14.

Harmony DBD has added "Plus" to their name. They dance on 2nd and 4th Sundays, and periodically schedule community dances where new dancers are welcome.

Little Brown Jugs - Have completed 3 of 7 summer recruitment demos. They graduated 1 more new dancer totaling 10. 20 - 30 yard signs out since 7/1. Classes begin 9/15 with Bob Daye.

Maple Leaf Squares - Scott Brown presented Modern Pattern Dancing 7/ 12 with good response. Lessons start 9/13 with Tim Hellinger. Change of caller 9/27 TBA.

Orbiting Squares - Aug. 7 Pabst, Aug. 21 Arnett. Classes begin Thurs. 9/17 with Mark Johnson.

Westerville - No dances until Sept. Lessons begin Wed., 9/16 with Bob Daye.

Motion to Adjourn: Next meeting Sept. 14, 2015 at 7:30 @ Mifflin Presbyterian Church.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Swanberg, Secretary