

# Central Ohio Corporation of Dance Clubs

## Minutes of Meeting September 14, 2015

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

**Roll Call:** There were 12 members present representing 10 clubs.

**Minutes:** Corrections under Committee Reports a. Instead of “2016” for Honorees, it should read “2017”; and b. Instead of Dave Van Dyk reported, it should read “It was reported that...”. After noted corrections the minutes were approved. A question arose about caller license checking. Velma explained this was under New Business but summarized that her research with Callerlab and the American Caller’s Association validates the necessity for checking licenses at every dance for current dates. Amateurs can be covered by licensed callers but it is still questionable whether cuers are covered as well. Dick Van Dyk will check the Callerlab website for more information. See recommended club contract clause under New Business.

**Treasurer’s Report:** Pat Liston reviewed her report and stated that all club dues are in as well as calendar ads.

**Bills:** Grove City will receive \$150.50 for half of their \$301.02 recruitment statements;  
LBJ will receive \$200 for half of their \$422.18 recruitment statements.

Velma = \$64.86 for recruitment flyers & agendas

Rob Stampfli = \$10.87 for new web domain: [CentralOhioSquareDancing.com](http://CentralOhioSquareDancing.com)

USDA = \$25 for Council’s annual dues

Building use for tonight’s meeting = \$25

A check for \$142.40 was turned in by LBJ for USDA club insurance for 2016.

The treasurer’s report and paying of all bills was approved.

### **Committee Reports:**

a. State Corp. None

b. Callers Liaison/Caller’s Report. None

c. Demo Reports. Velma still has vouchers and parking passes for Country Living Fair 9/19.

d. Publicity/Recruitment/Marketing. None Velma suggested that since no one has volunteered to form this committee we should have the board become the committee.

There were no Ways & Means nor 2016 State Convention committee reports.

**Old Business:** Thanks to Mark Johnson who completed COCDC calendars. All 200 have been distributed so Council approved an order for 100 more. Nancy will send thank you notes to both Mark and Pat Jones who worked so diligently on this project.

Constitution & By Law changes were reviewed and approved.

All clubs bring finger foods to Toys for Tots Dance 12-13-15. Bucks & Does volunteered to man the refreshment table, Orbiting & Grove City = water jug & registration table, Friendly Ties = greeters, LBJ = paper products, Velma & Fred = plastic ware, coffee & creamer. Gary Jay to contact fire dept. or Marines.

USDA Ins. forms & checks for 2016 coverage due on 11/2/15. Grove City has been invited to join COCDC insurance package for reduced group rate.

### **New Business:**

- We purchased a new website domain: [CentralOhioSquareDancing.com](http://CentralOhioSquareDancing.com) which can be remembered more easily & useful for advertising to new dancers.
- Honoree Dance is 3/13/16. Honoree nominations are due to Pat Liston by Jan. 4, 2016.

- Council proposed and approved of 2 new caller scholarships of \$175. Velma and Dave Van Dyk will work on criteria to be included in the application.
- COCDC will not be hiring a bus to travel to the Des Moines Convention next year.
- It is recommended that we add the following phrase to club contracts for callers and cuers: "I CERTIFY THAT I WILL BE LICENSED BY BMI AND ASCAP TO PERFORM COPYRIGHTED MUSIC AT YOUR SQUARE DANCE EVENT" and obtain the caller/cuer's signature.
- Each club's charter membership in 'Where's the Dance' needs to be updated at <http://www.WheresTheDance.com> before Jan. 1 to maintain free status.

### **Club Reports**

**Bucks & Does** will celebrate their 40th anniversary on 9/25/15. New dancer workshops have begun with Ed Laudenschlager. Gahanna Recreation is sponsoring these free. 15 new dancers showed up. Amateur Night Oct. 23 dance location is changed to St. Lukes on W. 5<sup>th</sup> Ave.

**Dixie Squares** start lessons 9/14. Anticipate 4 couples. Need 10 to break even.

**Friendly Ties** thanked COCDC for reimbursement. They received 10-12 calls from yard signs. Lessons start 9/22 after Family Reunion dance on the 20<sup>th</sup>. Flyers distributed for Disabled American Veterans dance 11/15/15.

**LBJ** reported along with yard signs they distributed over 3000 business cards at 5 demos, a booth @ YMCA event, and All Horse Parade. They had free radio & TV announcements for 2 weeks and plan 1 more demo. Nancy thanked Eddie Powell for stirring us all up about investing a good portion of our budget for recruitment. She distributed flyers for an all mainstream dance on the 5<sup>th</sup> Friday in Oct. inviting clubs to bring their new dancers. Gary Kincade will utilize material from the first 6 or 7 basic lessons. Raids welcome.

**Maple Leaf Squares** tried to start lessons 9/13 with no new dancers attending. 9/27 is their 4<sup>th</sup> anniversary dance with Tim Hellinger.

**Orbiting Squares** 9/18 location change to Gahanna Sr. Center. Chuck Wagon Dance Oct. 2. Pam Courts experienced 2 mini strokes, but hopefully she will still call with Ed Laudenschlager. Classes begin 9/17.

**Westerville** had 14 - 17 calls, 10 sounded promising from yard signs. Classes begin 9/16

**Starlites & Satelites** starting new classes posted in Cues & Tips.

**Motion to Adjourn:** Next meeting Nov. 2, 2015 @ 7:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Nancy Swanberg, Secretary