

# Central Ohio Corporation of Dance Clubs

## Minutes September 12, 2016

**COCDC President Velma Doyle** called the meeting to order and introduced **Steve Stoehr**, who presented guide lines for the joint effort between State Corp and its 6 Federations to hold the **2018 Ohio State Convention**. Crowne Plaza Columbus North is the most practical location at this time. It was proposed that each of 7 Federations donate \$1000, totaling \$7000 seed money to get started; that \$7000 seed money passed on to next convention the following year. Each Federation would be responsible for 2 of the 12 convention positions (jobs). The splitting of any profit 13 ways (1 part to each of the convention positions and 1 part back to State Corp.) was also proposed; splitting of loss was not addressed. The first step in getting started is to find a Convention Chairman.

Steve also reported the **2017 National Convention** has 1600 registrations to date. They are setting up Grand Square Caller School and ROUNDALAB. Third floor is for rounds, second floor for education and 1<sup>st</sup> floor for mainstream, plus, other dancing, and food service. There is a street car 2 blocks from the convention hall to access many restaurants. Twenty three tours.

**Chickee Weber** presented a glowing report on the **Honor's Day Dance May 6, 2016** in Akron. The one day event will run from 10 AM to 10 PM with hot hash, high level DVD and advanced from 5: - 6:45 PM. Eastern Star ladies are doing food service, including the Honoree Luncheon. Please get reservations in early so they know how much food to provide. Several hotels are nearby if dancers want to come on Friday to participate in the Trail End Dance. Check website [LinkedSquares.com](http://LinkedSquares.com).

**COCDC Roll Call** - There were 18 members out of 13 clubs and 7 convention guests. Johnny Applesseeds dance club was welcomed as our newest member. 2016/2017 COCDC Club Contacts forms were distributed. (Please add Terry Ross 614-815-6116 as Dixie Squares' new Council Rep.)

**Treasurer's Report** - Pat gave an up to date financial report including 3 clubs paying dues this evening and 4 clubs still outstanding. Treasurer's report was approved.

**Bills** - Bills to be paid included \$25 for Mifflin meeting room, \$25 for USDA Insurance and \$100 for 2016/2017 COCDC calendars. Paying of bills was approved.

### Committee Reports -

- a. State Corp. will meet on Sunday. Mary Galentine reported that the State Convention final report will be ready to turn in after they receive a hotel reimbursement check Tues.
- b. No report from Caller's Assoc. as last month's meeting was cancelled. All are grieving the loss of National caller Tim Marriner.
- c. Demos - Shirley Monnett reported the Sweet Corn Festival went well and Country Living Demo is coming up. Thanks to various callers supporting club demos as well.
- d. Marketing/Publicity - Velma reported the new committee met at 6:30 this evening and decided to focus on retention since most fall classes have already been recruited. Three council funded "new dancer" dances were set up: Sat., Nov. 12, Gahanna CCC (if available) 2: - 5: hosted by Orbiting and Maple Leaf Squares (who will provide refreshments); Toys for Tots dance on Sun., Dec. 11, Gahanna, 2: - 5: was approved for a new dancer dance; Fri., Dec. 16, Little Brown Jug's Hi/Lo "Night Before Christmas Pajama Party" will be converted into a new dancer dance pending club approval.
- e. Constitution & By-Laws - no report
- f. Ways & Means - Pat reported our Honoree Dance is March 12 at Eastpointe Church.
- g. Convention - Mary thanked Friendly Ties for sharing their dance night and callers with the State Convention Committee for the Convention "Dancer Appreciation" dance on August 29. It was a huge success.

**Old Business** - tabled

**New Business**

- USDA Insurance rate may be slightly higher than \$4.75 per club member. Velma will email the updated figure to clubs ASAP. Make checks out to **USDA** and bring them to the 11/7/16 meeting, or mail them to Velma. COCDC voted to no longer take \$.05 per person as a handling fee. (We previously had only decided to forego the fee when new members were added mid-year. This Sept. decision was extended to the total program.)
- Toys for Tots jobs were tabled until 11/7/16 meeting.
- Stomping Grounds dance hall in Hilliard was presented by Lynn LeMaster. \$35 an hr. Included set up and clean up time which seemed a bit pricey except for Special Dances.
- Council approved State Corp's proposal to move forward with the 2018 State Convention starting with a search for a chairman.
- Mary Galentine commended Westerville on their club T-shirts from (T Shirt Express, 740-393-0206). Bucks & Does uses a company named Tag-5. [Georgia@tag-5.com](mailto:Georgia@tag-5.com) .

**Club Reports:**

**Bucks & Does** 5 new dancers so far. Nov. 3 is Johnny Preston. Nov. 13 Yellow Rock dance.

**Dixie Squares** No new dancers. Up-coming flyers on table. Veteran's Dance Sun. Nov. 6.

**Friendly Ties** Sun. 18<sup>th</sup> Open House, Tues 20<sup>th</sup> free lesson, \$4 thereafter.

**Grove City** Wahington Courthouse Demo. Halloween Dance Oct. 29. New Year's Eve dinner dance...see flyers for both.

**Hicks & Chicks** Increasing admission to \$7. Up-coming flyers on table. Lessons begin the 18<sup>th</sup>.

**LBJ** Two more major demos. Lessons begin 27<sup>th</sup> .

**Maple Leaf Squares** 5 new dancers. Two more recruitment efforts 14<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>.

**Orbiting Squares** 54<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dance Sept. 16. Lessons begin Thurs. @ Gahanna.

**Westerville** Lessons start Wed. Cuer change Sat. 17<sup>th</sup>...Mark Johnson for Rich Johnson.

**Johnny Appleseeds** Lessons begin Thurs. 22<sup>nd</sup> - free. Magnet/Burdette on 24<sup>th</sup>. Beck/Warren on Dec. 18, 3: - 6: no early rounds.

**Starlites & Satelites** Membership due.

**Motion to Adjourn:** Next meeting Nov. 7, 2016 @ 7:30. Recruitment Committee 6:30.

Respectfully submitted, Nancy Swanberg, Secretary