

January 9, 2010

Meeting was called to order by President Colleen Monk at 2: pm At the Boise Valley Square and Round dance center.

Roll Call was taken with all officers in attendance except Publicity Patti Dorr, and Linda Shinn Area 1 Rep, Mike Long Area II Rep, and Jack Sears Area IV Rep.

Minutes were read and approved as written.

Treasurers report was given and approved with a balance as of January 9, 2010 of \$3930.79

Corresponding Secretary: Brenda reminded the areas of their time to pick the Round of the Month. Area 1 Jan-- Area II Feb -- Area III Mar -- Area IV April and Area V May.

She is now accepting nomination for Officers for the 2010-2012 year.

Membership: No report

Publicity: Patti was unable to attend the meeting but sent a report read by Dawn.

Please continue to send your club news, events and updates. Let me know of any inaccuracies as soon as possible.

Please send your information as a doc attachment (word document) or send it in the body of the email. That way I can edit, copy and paste. Flyers or anything you want added to the web site that you do not want edited can be submitted as pdf. Flyers, notices, cue sheets, etc are converted to pdf before I post them. These work best if someone wants to print the pages.

I have found two links that no longer work. Do Couerly Q's still have a web site? Do Tanglefoot Squares still have a web site? Please let me know if you find links that do not work. Sometimes repairs need to be made.

If your club or association has a web site, please send the address so I can link to it. That is probably the best way to keep information up to date.

I made a print copy of the Tattler last year but never received any feed back. Do you want that? The directory has pretty much the same information. The old print Tattler has some editorials, club news, etc but I am not receiving any of that type of information. Let me know what you think. I am open to any suggestions or ideas to make this as informative and user friendly as possible.

Insurance: We have 884 square and round dancers insured in Idaho and Libby Montana. We currently have 24 clubs insured. The Jolly Mixers from Idaho Falls ceased dancing in October.

State Festival 2010: Les reported all we need to have a successful festival on June 11-12 is dancers. Currently we have 44 couples registered. Ten callers and four cuers.

RV and tent camping will be allowed at Minico High School in designated areas. RV's will need to pay \$5.00 per night and it may be paid with you're registration or when arriving at the festival. The Burley Inn and the Budget Inn have blocked 25 rooms each for square dancers and will hold them until June 1, 2010.

We plan on Showcasing Idaho Callers and Cuers Friday with mainstream and phase II dancing in one gym and plus dancing and Phase III and higher round dancing in another.

Round dance workshop will be held Saturday with TJ & Bruce Chadd and square dance workshop with Rick Hampton. For additional information check the Idaho Federation Web Page.

State Festival 2011: Darin reported the Caller will be Tim Mariner and Cuers will be Ron & Georgia Woolcock. The dance will be held on June 10-11 2011 somewhere in Area III. The theme will be patriotic and the colors will be red, white, and blue.

State Festival 2012: Don and Doris McPeak will chair the 2012 State Festival. Nancy and Stan Tillberg along with Linda Shinn and Stan Flagel will co chair. Meetings will be starting soon to finalize the location and theme. The schools in this area would not commit this early for 2012.

Area Reports:

Area 1: Circle N Swing, Sandpoint. We have no students this year. Special dance is on February 14, 2010. This is a Sunday and will be held from 1 to 4 pm. Annual Sweetheart Festival Sandpoint Community Hall. 204 S. First Ave. Vern and Kathy Boggs from Spokane will be featured.

Coeurly Q's, Coeur d' Alene. We have 30 students for squares, 14 couples for rounds as of December 28th. January dance will be "Party Level" to help them learn to have fun on the dance floor. Ed Schiffner is teaching. We had a wonderful article in the Spokesman Review on September 27, 2009

"Healthy Dose of Fun" that really bought a lot of attention to square dancing in Coeur d' Alene. Linda Shinn organized a "Mystery Trip" in October and 44 dancers were picked up along the way starting in Libby, MT, then to Bonners Ferry, ID Sandpoint, ID, Hoodoo Valley, Coeur d' Alene, ID, Spokane Valley, WA ending up in Colfax, WA for the Frolickers 60th Anniversary. Everyone was presented with a bus dangle after the trip. Ted Jewell volunteered to drive the bus. Members have been working on Community projects to make the clubs presence known as we make ready to celebrate our 50th Anniversary of Square dancing in Coeur d' Alene. Our May 1, 2010 dance will be our time to celebrate so if any of you have danced or called or cued for the club please send your name, address and e-mail to Lind Shinn President so an invitation can be sent.

Check out our web site www.coeurlyqsquaredanceclub.com for details as we progress with our plans for the celebration. Contact Linda Shinn at 208-457-8514 or omasgraden@verizon.net. Last year the ladies made a quilt and it will be raffled with the winning ticket to be drawn on May 1st, 2010. We meet at least once a month at charter member Elvina Doyle's home to work on projects to be used for our door prizes at the dance.

Hoodoo Valley Hoedowners, Jewell Lake Barn, Athol. ID. We are busy with classes with Don McPeak and Theresa Nichols, no report on how many students.

Kootenai Kloggers, Bonners Ferry, ID We have a nice group of students but I did not receive a number. Sunday afternoon dances have been working well for the club, next one will be on March 14th, 2010 with Don Cochrane calling and Justine Brown (4th generation Coeurly Q) will be cueing. These are in addition to their 1st Saturday dances.

Libby Spinning Squares, Libby, Mt. They report that they have about 6 students and doing lessons in Troy MT with Marvin Speck

Shirts N Skirts, Post Falls, ID report they have 4 students and have been having "Party Level" dances to help the students in our area have a dance experience! January 15, 2010 will be their 16th Anniversary dance with Don McPeak teaching and calling for the club. Theresa Nichols is the cuer.

Area II: Mike Long sent an e-mail in that reads; Nothing really to report on Area II, except that we are voting at the end of the month to put Area II into suspension and give it's responsibilities (5th Saturday dances, Festivals, and liaison for the Federation) into the custodianship of the Clearwater Callers and Cuers Council. Jo and I have proposed to continue as representatives if they would like. We miss everyone and say hi to all.

Area III: Up coming dances are Feb 20th Bum Dance - Sagebrush Shufflers in Mt. Home. March 20 61st Stew Feed - Silverleaf Squares Emmett . April 7th Spring Swing - Capitals at the Square Dance Center.

The Intermountain Square and Round Dance Association has four dances that they sponsor each year. The Yearling Round Up for new dancers will be held on April 17th at the square dance center. Funstitute will be held in McCall Idaho on July 9-10 it will be a western theme. Round Dance Festival will be held on October 15-16 at the square dance center, and Fall Jubilee will be held on November 19-20 at the square dance center.

Area IV; We started workshops in September and each club has some beginners, some of whom continue with lessons, others come and go. Each club had elections of Officers this fall. The 5th Saturday dance will be held at the Round A Square Center, Rupert with Larry Stewart as guest caller. Prerounds at 7;30 and squares at 8pm

Magic Valley Singles: Lessons are held each Wednesday at 7 at the American Legion Hall in Jerome with a potluck the 3rd Wed. Steve Hadley is the caller. The club continues to run the soup kitchen in Jerome once a month at St Jerome's Catholic church. Club president is Betty Rice 208-536-2243
bboophrice@yahoo.com

River Reelers dance the 1st & 3rd Saturday with lessons on Thursday. Their annual Spring Fling will be at West Minico Jr. High School, Paul Idaho on April 17th 2010 Club president Ralph & Brenda Walquist 208-438-5456
walquist@calbeone.net

Buttons N Bows workshops for beginners start at 7pm and 8:30 pm for plus dancers This is a change form their previous schedule, The club has a few newcomers including a pre-teen young lady who is doing well and really enjoying learning to square dance.

The annual Christmas gift exchange was fun as always and the Christmas dance and New Years Eve dances were well attended. On Jan 23rd the Winter Black & White Ball begins at 7:30 with pre-rounds and squares at 8 at the American Legion Hall in Jerome Willford Allison caller and Gid Harr Cuer. Reed & Pam Dilworth president 208-539-1485 rddilworth @netscape.net

Area V We moved our fall dance from Sept 26th to October 31st. Had Jonathon Wood calling and Larry Stewart cueing. It was fairly well attended and very enjoyable. Prizes were awarded for the pumpkin carving and costume contests. We will decide at our Jan 23rd dance and meeting if we will continue to hold it at the end of Oct. Our April 24th dance from 3-5 pm dinner from 5-6pm. This is to give dancers from Salmon an opportunity to head home before dark. Area V still has no president or Vice President. Our acting officers are Secretary, Treasurer and Area Rep.

Choo Choo Squares January 22 will be our 26th Annual Black and White, Steve Hadley calling and Clare Gill Cueing. January 29th will be our 50's dance with Boyd & Clare. February 5th will be an Open House to encourage new dancers. Choo Choo's were contacted by Pocatello and Blackfoot newspapers to do stories. This would be good advertising.

Channel 12 contacted the club to do a show. It will air in March for 1/2 hour. We will be videoing the entire dances for the next two weeks so channel 12 can edit what they will use.

Upper Valley Squares will be dancing the 1st & 3rd Sat. starting Jan 16th thru April

Levis N Lace are maintaining at least a square of dancers. Due to Eddies Wife's health, they are never sure when they are dancing. Call before attending.

Jolly Mixers had their last official dance on Dec 17 2009. There were 2 to 3 squares of dancers that stopped attending due to age and health issues that came to say goodbye. The club co hosted with Choo Choo's the New Years Eve dance. Long time member Darlene Soto passed away on January 4th 2010. The remaining club funds were donated to her husband James.

Snake River Advance, Spinning Spuds, The Mystic Squares / Semi Circles clubs are doing good and looking for another great year in 2010. We dance every week Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday.

We want to thank all that participated in the St. Jude / Toys for Tots Benefit Dance. It was a big success. Look for all our special dances throughout the year.

Old Business:

Adam Christman's name was submitted for a USDA scholarship in September 2009. Adam wrote the following letter to the Federation.

Square dancing has always been such a huge part of my life. It has been there since before I was born. Most kids growing up would talk about what they were going to go on the weekend, go fishing, waterskiing, or to a movie, but not I. I got to say I'm going square dancing and was proud of it. Square dancing has brought my family closer together and is one thing that my family will do together and enjoy and the fact that I call has given us more chances to spend time together and attend more dances. Also calling has given me the chance to find a process to come up with new and fresh ideas in any field that is required, whether it be school, construction, or just how to solve a simple problem. You also meet so many interesting and wonderful people square dancing. Each person is different in their own way and each person has a different experience that they're glad to share witch also helps me grow as an individual.

Club Directory, for people that do not have computers and can not print the directory it is the responsibility of the area reps to print one if they let the Area rep know their desires.

The directory is to be out by the 1st of March. Brenda will bring copies to the officers at the May meeting.

New Business:

Delegates for the Nationals being held in Louisville, KY will be Jonathon and Cinder Wood.

There can be four delegates so let Jonathon know if you are going and would like to be a delegate also. It is also time for all dancers to start collecting the potato pins, milk pins, and wheat pins to be taken to Nationals.

The showcase of ideas is out dated. Jonathon would like to include pictures from the other areas of Idaho. He will set up the show case tonight at the dance for everyone to see. He's looking for ideas for changes.

The new Bylaws and Policies and Procedures were handed out to the officers and Area Reps. Each Rep will be given a copy to give to their Association or Council.

Fran brought up to change club dues to \$10.00 per year. The feelings were if we do not need to raise money for anything there would not be a need for the change.

They are opening the renovated Capitol today. It would be a good idea to ask if we could dance in the rotunda once again. Need to find the particulars. Jonathon has a contact and will check. The Idaho Days at the end of the legislative session would be a good time.

Spring meeting Area IV. May 8-9 at the Moose Lodge, 835 Falls Ave. Twin Falls, ID at 2pm. The no host dinner will be held at 5pm at River Rock Grill, 1824 Blue Lakes Blvd (Westside of Magic Valley Mall). Prices range from \$7.00 to \$18.00. The dance will be at the Moose Lodge with pre-rounds at 7:30 and squares at 8pm with area callers and cuers from the floor, starting with Wilford and Gid. Breakfast will be at the Moose Lodge at 8:30 am Price around \$5.00.

Ida Roamer Badges: None

Announcements: 2010 State Festival flyers were handed out.

Meeting was tabled at 3:35 pm until the breakfast meeting.

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Breakfast Meeting was resumed at 8;30am

Roll Call was taken with Patti Dorr, Linda Shinn, Mike Long and Jack Sears not in attendance. Gary & Mary Davis were introduced as Area III's new Area Reps.

Minutes were read and approved.

Treasurers report, a good Dance

State Festival 2010: Les reported that he received some pre-registrations over the weekend. Les and Dawn are planning to visit all the Areas to advertise the 2010 Festival.

Showcase of Ideas. Jonathon thought it would be a good idea to have the showcase at each State Festival in order for everyone in attendance to see it.

Fran made a motion to allow Jonathon to spend up to \$200.00 to up date the showcase. It was seconded and approved. It will either have to be shipped or put in baggage to travel to each National convention. The funds would be available.

Tanglefoot Squares said their web site was being repaired but it would be working soon.

Meeting was adjourned at 8: 52 am.

Respectively Submitted

Donna L. Stradinger
Recording Secretary