

January 10, 2009

Meeting was called to order at 2:02 p.m, by President Dawn Hutchinson at the Boise Valley Square and Round Dance Center. Everyone was welcomed, and Jack and Mary Sears were introduced as the new Area IV Reps.

Roll call was taken with three absentees. Everett Copenbarger, Patti Dorr, and Randy Lundvall.

Minutes were read and approved.

Treasurer's report was given and approved.

**Committee reports:**

Corresponding Secretary reminded Area Reps to get the round of the month turned in. Every one is encouraged to turn in news for the news letter going out soon. The nominations for officers are coming in and also directory information. All Area Reps are encouraged to get their Association or Council and club directory Information turned in to Brenda so there is an up to date directory on the Web page. The form can be found @ [www.squaredancing.com/idahofed/](http://www.squaredancing.com/idahofed/) . It can be filled our and emailed to Brenda @ [rborgill@bdhsi.com](mailto:rborgill@bdhsi.com).

Membership: No report

Publicity: No report

Insurance: We have 855 insured dancers as of 1 January 2009. Thank you all for getting Your club and class information to me in such a timely manner, it was wonderful to have it in so soon.

**State Festivals**

**2009: Area II.** Planning well underway, we are starting to have monthly meetings We have flyer packets for all the Areas, so please pick them up before you leave the meeting. Lodging information available upon registration or on our web site @ [www.sqdancing.com/idaho09](http://www.sqdancing.com/idaho09).

**2010: Area IV** Magic Valley Association is ready for the 2010 Festival. We have Contracts with Minico High School for the use of 3 gyms, Caller Rick Hampton of Visalia California, and cuer, TJ and Bruce Chadd of Boise, ID for the June 11-12 event.

Committees are formed and planning toward an excellent festival for all who attend. Plans are being made to accommodate all levels for dancers, mainstream, plus and advanced for square dancers and round dances for most all phases.

We have flyers and ribbons available. Flyers will not be handed out in large amounts until the 2009 Festival in Orofino, ID. Jerry and Eleanor Washburn will be in charge] Of pre-registration. Anyone interested in registering now can do so after the meeting.

**2010: Area III** Darin reported a cuer has been hired but does not have a location yet. Will wait until it gets closer to the dance. The Caller will be Tim Mariner.

**2012: Area I** No report

## Area Reports

**Area I:** No report

**Area II** Many mainstream classes, three round dance classes, and two plus classes are currently underway with many student participating in our regular dances now. Callers actively training new callers

We are preparing for the State Festival in June. We will vote on the Round of the Month next weekend when we have a Festival meeting and a Caller/cuer workshop.

**Area III:** Upcoming event for Area III . 21 February is the Bum Dance held by the Sagebrush Shufflers in Mountain Home ID. 21 March is the Stew Feed (Six Shooter Shindig) held by the Silverleaf Squares in Emmett ID. 12-13 June is State Festival in Orofino ID hosted by Area II. 10-12 July is Funstitute held in McCall and being hosted by the Wood N'Hearts and Tanglefoot squares. They are having a "who dunit"

2011 State Festival will be in the Treasure Valley on 10-11 June 2011. Darin & Kirsten Keith are the chairpersons.

USA WEST in 2013 will be held in Boise so save the date of 15-17 August 2013.

**Area IV** Area IV clubs began lessons in November and has several new students. The Rupert River Reelers will host the 5th Sat. Association Dance with Darin Keith as guest caller and Clare Gill and Gid Harr as cuers. Pre-rounds at 7:30 @ Round A Square Center in Rupert ID.

Magic Valley Singles workshops are held at the Jerome Sr. Ctr on Wed. Beginners at 7 pm, Advanced at 8:10 pm. They have 1 new dancer. The club runs the Soup Kitchen for the St Jerome's Catholic Church once a month and also dances at Woodstone Retirement Center in Twin Falls on the last Friday of the month. They are looking forward to dancing at the new Senior Center as soon as it is completed, where they will resume dancing on Tuesdays.

River Reealers has 8-10 new students. They dance 1st & 3rd Saturdays will lessons on Thursdays. Their annual Spring Fling will be April 18th at West Minico Jr. Hi in Paul ID.

Left Footers has 8 new dancers, Beginners dance on Monday, Intermediate on Tuesday and Advanced on Wednesday at the Round A Square Center in Rupert ID

Buttons & Bows has 9 new dancers. The Club sent Christmas cards to several past members who no longer dance. On December 15 their annual gift exchange/steal a gift part was fun with lost of laughs. The club will staff the soda pop/drinks booth at the Twin Falls Relay for Life with Carol St Jean as Chairperson. A portable charcoal fireplace will be raffled. Workshops are held at the American Legion Hall on Monday, advanced dancers 7pm beginners at 8:30. The January 10 dance will be at the American Legion Hall in Jerome as the Moose Lodge floor is being refinished. Dances continue to be held the 2na & 4th Saturdays at the Moose Lodge in Twin Falls, rounds at 7:30, and squares at 8. Members are looking forward to several theme dances and maybe a mystery dance in 2009.

**Area V** Our Area V dance will be January 31st 2009 in Blackfoot at Shilling School 7;30 pm Area V September dance has been changed to October 31st. Halloween Dance to get more attendance.

Choo Choos are working on getting beginners through the Continuing Education Program at the High School

Jolly Mixers regular dance schedule of Thursday nights has changed the time to 8-10 pm to accommodate callers work schedule. No discussion on new dancer's one new couple from Texas has joined the club.

Levi N Lace moved club dances to Wednesday night to not interfere with high school sports. Because of low attendance the Rocky Mtn.Shindig will not take place this year. They will Host our April Area 5 dance in Salmon on April 25, 2009.

Upper Valley Squares are dancing 1st & 3rd Saturdays. Have one couple that danced years ago return to dance again.

Steve's clubs No reports.

Teton Valley Twirlers & Flynnstone Spinners currently inactive due to health reasons.

### **Old Business:**

USAWEST 2013: Greeting to all Idaho Square and Round Dancers. The Policy Board of USAWEST has awarded the 2013 USAWEST Square and Round Dance Convention to Boise. It is now time to start working the process of putting that dance together. The last convention is Boise was a rousing success due to the hard work and dedication of the

dancers involved in putting it on. It's time for a different crew (with lots of help and advice from the previous crew) to take over and show that Boise can do it again!!!

Convention date August 14-17 2013. Proposed location is the Boise Convention Center with the theme of Dancing Through The Ages.

Positions:

General Chairman **Amos and Nancy Mouser**  
Director of Business (Treasurer) **Jonathan Wood**  
Secretary  
Director of Registration/Housing **Kirsten Keith**  
Director of Computer/Statistics  
Director of Publication  
Director of Vendors  
Director of Publicity  
Director of Square Dance **Darin Kieth**  
Director of Round Dance  
Director of Education  
Director of Fashions  
Director of Social/Special Events  
Director of Fund Raising  
Director of Facilities  
Director of Decorations  
Director of Youth

If you are interested in filling any of these positions or interested in serving on a committee for any of these areas please contact us. We request you e-mail your information to [usawestboise2013@live.com](mailto:usawestboise2013@live.com) or contact us by phone @208-587-0689. There are guidelines available for the Directors of each committee to get you started and help with your planning. The next meeting will be in April, date, time, and location to be confirmed later and we would like to have as many positions filled as possible. We would also like to hear from you with your ideas of the good's and not so good's of previous conventions. This will help us capitalize on the right things and hopefully avoid the pitfalls others have run into.

We realize this is a commitment for several years, by planning and working the issues as early as possible we can hopefully reduce the stress and make this a fun experience for all. We have no doubt the Idaho dance community will rise to the challenge and help make USAWEST Boise 2013 the best ever.

Thanks in advance, Amos & Nancy Mouser

National's delegates. Jon and Cinder Wood will be two the delegates going to Long Beach

If anyone else is going and would like to represent Idaho let the President Dawn Hutchinson know.

Arts e-mail tree: Have not heard from Area I or V. Brenda will take care of Area V. The Federation is not a participating member of Arts at this time and as no one is pleased with their lack of doing anything, we will not become members but will participate in the e-mail tree

Policies & Procedures: As the bylaws are going to all the clubs in March in hopes of being ratified, the Policies & Procedures were tabled until that time.

**New Business:**

State Festival 2013 Area V this dance will be in conflict with USAWEST being held in Boise that year. It has been suggested that the State Festival not be held in 2013. Tabled for now.

Nomination Petitions. Eight petitions have been received by the corresponding Secretary Brenda Orgill. They will be mailed to the clubs in March

USDA has a scholarship program for College freshmen. Idaho has a candidate from Sandpoint. A motion was made & seconded for her to apply for the scholarship. It was approved.

It was brought up that Federation officers should be introduced prior to the Saturday night dance at the State Festivals. Maybe a meet and greet could be set up for Friday night with the Federation paying for this event. A motion was made and seconded to have Festival Chairman set this up. It was approved.

May meeting will be held by Area V at the shilling school in Blackfoot Id on May 9th 2009. This is the Mothers day weekend.

Dinner tonight is at Fuddruckers at 5pm Dance at the BVSRD hall will start at 7:30 with pre-rounds and squares at 8pm

Meeting was recessed at 6:45 until the breakfast meeting.

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Meeting was reopened at 8:29 .

Treasurer received \$193.00 after all the bills had been paid. A good Dance.

Do we want to put a limit on the amount for the Social at the State Festival? Could have a donation plate. This will be tabled until the May meeting to come up with some prices.

Fran has some questions about cost of Federation dances. It was passed several years ago to charge \$4.00 per dancer. Should callers and cuers be paying to attend Federation dances? Bring your ideas to the May meeting.

Federation checking account requires two signatures for each check, but due to logistics of the officers only one signature is used. Can Policies and Procedures be changed to legally allow only one signature? These books really need to be audited once a year. It was suggested that the 1st Vice President audit the books once a year and issue a report to the President that this has been done.

We need to make sure that the Incorporation papers are filled out each year. The papers are currently being mailed to Fred Stradinger, who fills them out and returns them in person to the State office. Then he sends a copy to the 1st Vice President. These papers are filed each February.

2013 State Festival: Area V suggested that the State Festival for 2013 go dark so every one can attend USAWEST in Boise. The Area Reps need to take this to their area to see what the feelings are and bring it back to the May meeting.

Each Area Rep was encouraged to promote the State Festival to each club in their area.

Jon & Cinder were thanked for hosting the January meeting.

Colleen and Larry Monk received their danglers for the Ida Roamer badge.

See you all in Blackfoot on May 9 2009

Meeting adjourned at 9am

Respectfully submitted

Donna Stradinger  
Recording Secretary