

May 8, 2010

Meeting was called to order by President Colleen Monk at 2:05 pm.

Roll Call: Everyone was present except Patti Dorr who had to work and Larry Stewart, who was attending a funeral in Salmon for Barbara Fields. Also not present were Area 1 Rep Penny Goodman and Area 2 rep.

Minutes were read and approved with one correction. The Cuers name for the 2011 State Festival is Ron and Georgina Woolcock not Georgia.

Treasurer's report showed we have some funds to work with. The report was approved.

Corresponding Secretary: The directories are ready to proof read before the final printing is done.

Membership: No report

Publication: Patti was working this weekend and will miss all of the meeting and Dance. I don't have anything new to say. Just send information, schedules, flyers, & news. Put Idafedmac.com in your group's mailing list to your dancers.

I use anything pertinent to the web site. Example, I receive everything that Hoodoo Valley sends to their dancers. Some information is used, some ignored as not relevant to the web site. It's very efficient for them and for me. Sorry to miss out on this weekend. Patti

Insurance: We now have 862 dancers enrolled in our insurance program. Capital Squares of Boise have 22 new dancers alone.

All of the clubs need to remember once your class graduates, they need to send in \$4.45 per person to be insured for the rest of the year as a club member. There is no pro-ration of the fee.

I know a lot of clubs sent me a list of class members this fall, but so far only the Capital Squares and Tanglefoot Squares have sent in the names of their new dancers.

So Area reps go back to your area and get the clubs to send in names of their graduates with the \$4.45 fee per person. We are supposed to be 100% compliant State wide and I would hate to see us lose our insurance.

State Festival 2010: Les & Dawn Hutchinson are chairmen. The 2010 State Festival June 11 & 12 is in good order and all that is needed is more dancers. The program is pretty well set as we await confirmation from Callers and Cuers to times assigned in the program.

Activities will start Friday at 9 AM with a tour of the restored Wilson Theater in Rupert. Several trips will be made as we could only get a 24 passenger bus. Sign up sheets will be available Thursday at the Trails In Dance. Dancing will start at 10 AM in the main gym and continue throughout the day with Mainstream, Plus, and A-1 Square dancing and all levels of Round dancing. Work-shops will be held Saturday with TJ Chadd and Rick Hampton.

Currently we have 145 dancers pre-registered with thirteen Idaho callers and ten cuers registered to participate in the program.

RV and tent camping are available for a \$5.00 per night camping fee.

State Festival 2011: Darin and Kirsten Keith are Chairmen. The flyer is ready except we are still negotiating with Kuna High School, where the State Festival was held five years ago.

Caller is Tim Mariner and the Cuer is Ron and Georgina Woolcock.

The theme is patriotic, so any combination of red, white or blue can be used.

State Festival 2012: Don McPeak is chairman, but no report was sent. This festival is being held the weekend before the Nationals in Spokane, WA.

Area Reps:

Area I: The new Rep for Area 1 is Penny Goodman. She sent an email introducing herself and sent a report that was not printed until Sunday morning, but I have included in the area reports.

HooDoo Valley Hoedowners graduated 9 mainstream dancers, 7 phase II two step round dancers, and 12 phase III round dancers. We went on with plus square dance lessons after mainstream graduation, and had 14 dancers completing them by 25 April.

Our 2010 Jamboree will be held at the Jewell Lake Barn July 9-11 with Jonathan Wood calling and teaching workshops. Theresa Nichols cueing and teaching phase II & III workshops.

Dave Cassel is handling our web site which includes the Panhandle happenings listings for dances and events up here in the northern area.

<http://mysite.ncnetwork.net/reszxrax/hoodoo/>, or just type in Hoodoo Valley Hoedowners web site at the search window and follow the link. Our annual meeting will be held on May 15, 2010 just before our Maypole dance, our last dance of the season. We will know who our new officers will be at that time.

Coeurly Q's: At the time I received this information they had just had elections but Linda did not have a secretary to pass on the final decisions to me. I will send any current info that I receive. As of April 26. They are ready to graduate about 29 new mainstream dancers. They are having workshops on Monday evenings in May at the Harding Family Center in Coeur d' Alene. This summer they will be sponsoring Wednesday evening dances in the park. Which are held in various parks around the Coeur d'Alene area. Detailed information can be found on their web site.

<http://coeurlyqsquaredanceclub.com/default.aspx> or Hoodoo Valley Hoedowner's Panhandle Happenings listing.

Libby Spinning Squares: Have graduated 5 new mainstream dancers in March. May 8 will be their Fab 50's dance with Ed Schiffner calling and cueing. They will sponsor the Logger Festival June 4-5 in Libby Mt with Adam Christman and Lorie Lane calling and cueing. They will host the area one meeting and the Libby Dam dance on Sunday August 2 Randy Lundvall asked to me mention that at their Valentines dance they give a rose to each lady dancer.

I received no information from Circle n Swing, Shirts and Skirts or Kootenai Kloggers.

Area 2: No report.

Area 3:

Since January we have had several club special dances. In February the Sagebrush Shufflers in Mtn. Home held their **Bum Dance**. What a sight!! People come in their best "bum" clothes and had a ball. The evening ended with their famous chicken & noodle dinner.

In March, the Silverleaf Squares of Emmett brightened up the season with their "Fun in the Sun" **Stew Feed** dance. Tropical decorations and clothes, complete with the Hawaiian lei greeting made us feel welcome and in the mood for fun. A beautiful quilt and a wooden jewelry box made by Joe White, were raffled off. The Stew was delicious as usual and the homemade rolls were fabulous.

A group of dancers headed up by callers Darin Keith & Jonathan Wood danced at the **State Capitol building** to celebrate the end of the legislative session. We even got a little TV coverage on the news.

In April, the Capital Squares ushered in Spring with cute gardening decorations and flowers at their annual **Spring Swing**. The traditional patio swing and a lovely quilt were raffled off. Even if you didn't win the raffle, there were many lovely door prizes donated by club members. Pie and ice cream finished off the evening.

Also in April, the ISRDA sponsored the **Yearling Roundup**, where we welcome the new dancers and encourage them to spread their wings and attend dances other than their own club. Road Runner and Ida Roamer sheets were given out to all the new dancers that attended. Approximately 45-50 new dancers were graduated in the area.

On a Saturday morning many gathered at the hall with their mops, rags, rakes and clippers, etc. to participate in the annual **hall clean-up**. We are proud of our hall in Boise and work to keep it looking nice.

The ISRDA has developed a web site listing all our area clubs with information to help other dancers find us. There is (or will be) a link from the Idaho State Federation web site. **www.isrdaboiseidaho.org**. (not case sensitive)

Area 4:

Magic Valley Singles: New dancers are down to about 10. May is Open House month where members bring anyone interested in square dancing. It's been quite successful and they'll be up to speed in the fall. They had a Hat Dance and a Men vs. Women dance, the women won. The club dances for the seniors at Woodstone the last Friday of the month. Andrea Summers and Larry Cory surprised many of us by getting married in April. Congratulations.! Andrea had a surgical procedure and Carol St. Jean has been quite ill but thankfully both are healing. Workshops: Wed. Beginners 7pm, Advanced 8:30pm at the American Legion Hall Jerome. Steve Hadley calling.

River Reelers: Had regular dances in Jan, Feb, and March, lessons ended in April. Six squares at the Spring Fling April 17th. No more new dancers. Summer schedule: hosted Association dance May 1 May 15 dance, June 5 & July 17 casual dance. Aug 9 Trail thru dance, Craig Abercrombie calling, Aug 28th Hamburger Feed and dance (tentative). Lessons: Thursdays Caller Steve Hadley.

Left Footers: Beginners dance on Mondays, Intermediate on Tues., Advanced on Wed. Clare Gill Cuer.

Button N Bows: Workshops through the winter months have been very well attended. The club had their Valentine dance and Bum dance in Feb. Shamrock Shuffle in March, April Flop in April -- all with good attendance. Monday May 17 is graduation dance/root beer Float night, club will furnish the floats. Our beginner (about 7) and advanced dancers are now dancing altogether at the Sat dances, last one of the season is Saturday May 22.

Round Dance: When everyone attends there are about 12 couples so we're very pleased with such a good turnout. Wilford Allison & Gid Harr are cuers. Relay for Life will be held at Filer Fairgrounds May 14 & 15th, Betty Rice is chairperson. Over \$1500. has been raised so far. Chairpersons Les & Dawn Hutchinson and committees have things wll lined up for the **Idaho State Festival** June 11-12 at Minico High School in Rupert. TJ & Bruce Chadd are featured curers, Rick Hampton the featured caller. Area 4 Association sponsors the **Trails in Dance** Thurs. night. Area cuers and callers will be showcased Thurs, and Fri. Festival colors are black & white. There is RV and tent camping, cost \$5.00 per night, with motels nearby. We look forward to a good turnout and a good time. Our cuer, Gid and Mary Fields each had surgery and both are healing well. Our caller Wilford has been undergoing treatment for cancer this past year. His spirits are usually up, his voice is strong as ever and he's doing exceptionally well. When he's not up to par, Steve Hadley fills in so the members are very grateful to have both of them. Sandy Miller and Bob Drum have passed away.

June 11-12 State Festival
25-27 Running Bear Camp Ground

August 20-21 Prarie Creek Campout (NOTE new dates)
27-28 Intermountain Christian Church Camp

Area 5: The Choo Choo's have had a fun and busy year. They just had their Sadie Hawkins dance. It was well attended and fun dance. They will have their final dance of the season on May 21. It is their annual **Hobo Dance** and they will have their famous "road kill rock chuck stew". They are encouraging the members to attend the Idaho State Festival in June. They are hosting Jerry Junck on July 29. Clare Gill will be the cuer. The club is also planning a trip to Lolo, MT the 2nd week in August to dance to Darryl Clendinin and Jerry Junck. The Choo Choo's have 3 beginners couples and 2 single girls. They may graduate them at their Hobo dance in May. Summer dances are yet to be determined. The club will have their annual booth at the Eastern Idaho State Fair to earn money to pay their rent for the year. They will begin their fall/winter season in September. The club always welcomes anyone to come and dance with them.

Old Business:

President Colleen Monk asked Area 1 if they could change their September meeting date, due to Area 3's annual Pit Q. They did so to the 25th of September at the Harding Family Center in Coeur d'Alene Colleen pointed out that the by laws read the winter meeting can be held in either January or February, Spring meeting can be held in either April or May and the Fall meeting can be held either in September or October.

State Web site: Report from Patti Dorr. There is no fee for the web site hosting. I am trying to keep it all up to date, no charge. I have considered offering advertising but have not figured out how to do it without it being annoying. I post links to other festivals, etc and they post to ours. Any club can find a place to host their site for free. I think they can go to <http://www.squaredancing.com>, where the IdaFed site is hosted. Also, anyone with an email account has web hosting space. Most people don't use it.

Show Case of Ideas: Jonathan has done a lot of work on the showcase. The top is now lighted. The theme is "Discover Idaho". Every one should send post cards from different points of interest in the areas from around our beautiful State..

Jonathan still needs more Potato Pins to take to Nationals in Kentucky this next month. The Potato Commission will give you 50 pins per person (in person.) If you are out of area you will need to pay a \$3.00 postal fee. For those in Area 3 you can also get the Dairy pins or the Wheat Pins.

Jonathan and Cinder will be delegates to the Nationals. The USDA Board meeting is June 23rd. The names of delegates need to be sent so the info comes for the delegates to vote

USA West August 2010, Greeley Co. needs ideas for showcase of Ideas. Is anyone going to the dance? Jonathan will ask Amos and Nancy Mouser if they are going.

Dancing at the State Capitol:

We had 3 plus squares of dancers from around the valley at the State Capitol Building on the last day the legislature was in session. It was a very successful dance and need to be done each year. There was even TV coverage.

New Business:

Colleen received an email from Mike Callahan, a caller who would be available for Festivals for the 2011 & 2012 year.

Don Sprague and Steve Hadley were asked to open and count the votes for Federation Officers for 2011-2012.

There are 24 clubs that were mailed the ballots, 21 were returned. Out of those, 20 clubs voted. There were no write in votes.

A motion was made and seconded to destroy the ballots. Approved.

President: Jonathan Wood 1st Vice: Darin Keith 2nd Vice: Mike Long
Treasurer: Fran Sprague Cor. Sec Brenda Orgill Rec. Sec Donna Stradinger
Membership: Larry Stewart

Ida Roamer Badges:

We need to encourage more dancers to go for the Ida Roamer badge. In Area 3 each new dancer was given an Ida Roamer sheet in the hopes of them using it.

Colleen and Larry turned in paper work for a beep to their badge.

Announcements: The Federation received a thank you note from John Sato,

Dinner will be at the River Rock Grill at 5pm

Dance will start at 7:30 pm

Breakfast meeting will be at the Moose Lodge at 8am with breakfast following downstairs

Meeting was tabled at 3:30 pm until the breakfast meeting.

Breakfast Meeting May 9, 2010

Colleen resumed the meeting at 8:05 am

Roll Call: All were present except corresponding Sec. Brenda Orgill The Orgill's daughter was coming to Blackfoot for Mothers Day. Also area reps 1-2-3

Treasurers report: It was a good dance. We had 63 dancers and received a \$20 donation as well.

Colleen received an email from Penny Goodman, She is planning to attend the State Festival.

Old Business:

Jonathan and all present thanked Colleen for the job she has done this year.

Get lots of post card to put on the Showcase of Ideas.

New Business:

Larry received an application from the Gem State Squares in Caldwell. They are a plus club called by Darin Keith. A motion was made and seconded to accept the application. Approved.

Get news letters into Brenda within the next two weeks.

Announcements:

Jewell Lake Jamboree July 9-10 Jonathan Wood calling and Theresa Nichols Cueing

Next meeting will be at the Harding Family Center in Coeur d'Alene on the 25th of September.

Meeting adjourned,
Respectfully submitted

Donna L. Stradinger