

September 17, 2011

The meeting was called to order by President Jonathan Wood at 2:15 pm . Jonathan thanked Area II for hosting the meeting. No new dancers were at this meeting.

**Roll Call:** All present except Corresponding Sec. Brenda Orgill, who was attending a square dance reunion in Blackfoot, Colleen Monk who was out with a knee injury, and Publicity Patti Dorr.

**Minutes** were read and approved.

**Treasurer's** report was read and approved.

**Corresponding Secretary** Please send information to me for the newsletter. If each area would spotlight a dancer, caller or cuer, then I would have some new information to put in it.

Remember to send updates of the directory. It will be updated on my computer when I receive changes, but will not be updated on the website until spring. This might be something to consider at this meeting.

Elections will be coming up after the first of the year, so please be thinking about encouraging people to run for an office.

**Membership** No report

**Insurance** There are currently 842 dancers insured in Idaho and Libby Montana. We still need to get the class each spring enrolled in the insurance program at the time of graduation.

## **State Festival 2011**

Great dance! Thanks to all of you who attended. A check for half of the profits from the dance was handed to the treasurer. The school custodian still need to be given the \$100.00 tip.

## **State Festival 2012**

This dance will be held on June 21-23 2012 in Post Falls. The caller will be Barry Sjolín from Penticton BC, and the cuer will be Jim Hatrick from Vancouver BC. All of you please come to the State Festival and then travel on to the Nationals in Spokane the following weekend.

## **State Festival 2013**

**Will be dark for the USA West in Boise**

## **State Festival 2014**

Area V will host this dance. They have caller Andy Alomae and cuer Lamont Harris for this dance.

## **Area Reports**

### **Area I**

Circle'n'Swing:

Circle n swing has folded. The members offer a Big Thank you to all of you past and present.

Coeurly Q's:

Open their dance season October 1 with a demo dance at the Silverlake Mall in Coeur d Alene and a catered, by the Longhorn BBQ, dinner. This first dance following the demo and BBQ will be Called and Cued by Rick and Kathy Utter at the Harding Center in Coeur d' Alene. This summer Coeurly Q's sponsored 'Dances in the Park' again in the Coeur d' Alene area parks

on Thursdays. Ed Schiffner called and taught basic steps to get people, anyone that wanted to, up dancing. It looks like interest was sparked to bring in a few new students. Several of our Area's club members joined them for a demo dance at the Koonenai County Fair. Ed Schiffner called and Justine Brown cued. A bit more interest was sparked in square & round dancing. Thanks to Stan Flegel and Gordon Rembowski a swell covered wagon was created and brought to the State Festival 2011 in Kuna to create the focal point of our areas demo for 2012 state festival 'Westward Ho to Idaho, Gateway to the Naionals'.

Hoodoo Valley Hoedowners:

After a busy summer, HVH begins their dance season with a potluck Buddy Night on September 18. This draws a large crowd with most of our members attending bringing along some buddies. This is the opening of our mainstream lessons. We are adding plus lessons on October 2 and Phase II Two Step and Phase III waltz and foxtrot, on Wednesday evening September 21. Our first dance will be our Halloween Dance on October 21. We offer pre-rounds Phase III, Plus then Mainstream at our monthly dances.

We had several members that attended Idaho's State Festival, Montana's State Festival and even the Washington State Festival this year. Fun, Fun, Fun.

We, several of us that is, attended all of our Area's summer Festivals and demonstration dances. We had one demo dance ourselves at the Hoodoo Valley Days. It is looking like we will have a few new students as a result of that dance.

We had a good attendance at our Jewel Lake Jamboree this year. Our workshops, Mainstream-Plus-Phase III and Phase II, were most enjoyable. The poker walk was interesting. Guy really went all out with placing items and creating full scenes in the woods on the trail that offered views of Jewel Lake and a pleasant afternoon stroll. We had a delicious bbq dinner with a few new menu items this year. It too was well attended. Some long time attendees came again. We had a couple of somewhat unknowns in our area to call & cue for us. David Hinds came all the way up from Great Falls, Montana to call and facilitate workshops. We've had him call for us before and enjoy him very much. He taught us the Grand Square Prowl, and worked on some all position moves. We had another somewhat unknown cuer come over from Spokane, WA, Dan Bailly. Some of us have gone to Phase III lessons that he has taught with Nina Liesi in Spokane. We also attend his club's, Spurs & Skirts, dances. He cues and because he has a

young club, agewise, we want to support the up and coming dancers. Adam Christman is their caller. At his workshops he taught us a couple of old, and not danced often dances that we got the opportunity to dance at the Saturday night dance. The weather wasn't too hot, the barn was decorated lovely as usual, the mix of clubs represented was varied. All in all it was a really good weekend.

We provided a 'Free Coffee' refreshment stop weekend at the East bound Sprague rest stop on US 90 between Ritzville and Spokane. Jon Bair and I were there for the four day 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend with Dave Cassel, Dan Brower, Al Kremer helping on Friday, Guy Hulquist, Joanie Bent, Larry & Rosanne Decker on Saturday, Randee Pound and Theresa Nichols helping on Sunday. A very profitable, interesting and fun endeavor. Our lessons will be paid for. Yahoo.

#### Kootenai Kloggers:

Lessons begin on Monday for mainstream with Rick & Kathy Utter instructing. If there is enough interest again this year Plus will be offered on Tuesdays. Since Sharon McNair was thinking about not teaching rounds this year, after 40 years, there may not be round lessons offered. Perhaps we can talk Kathy Utter into holding a class. I haven't heard anything as of yet. This year was the first year to hold their Huckleberry Festival at the Twin Rivers Campground in Moyie Springs. After 50 years or so being held at the Fair Grounds in Bonner's Ferry. We had the option of dry camping or full hookups, marvelous showers, a covered pavilion, Cheryl's Burger Café for lunch, a poker walk along the river, a delicious BBQ dinner with all the trimmings, games to play and of course swimming. Rick Utter offered an A-1 workshop on Friday night, it sparked interest in some of us. Adam Christman was the featured caller. He taught some mainstream and plus moves at his Saturday workshop. Lorrie Lane also taught some fun things at her Saturday workshops. And of course the Saturday main dance was super. This was a great place for their Festival. It will be held there again next year. It was a really good weekend.

#### Shirts and Skirts:

Lessons begin Tuesday September 20 from 7-9 PM with an Ice Cream Social following. Members of Shirts and Skirts also sponsor rest stop refreshments at two different rest stops during the year. They held their annual Labor Day weekend campout at St Maries again this year. St Maries holds their Paul Bunyon Days the same weekend. So in addition to a great dance, campout dance and activities provided by Shirts and Skirts, Paul

Bunyon Days has a lot of vendors and activities available on Saturday & Sunday. The weekend culminates with a spectacular fireworks show on Labor Day. Shirts and Skirts first dance of the year, Cowboy Kickoff, was held last night in Post Falls, where the club is located. I attended and we had great time. A few of their recently graduated students attended and Don McPeak's grandson Kyle Decker who graduated when he was 6 but is now 11 decided to dance again.

Libby Spinning Squares:

Their first dance will be October 9 in Libby Montana.

This year's Logger's Days dance held in June had Steve Sullivan as the caller & cuer. It was well attended. As usual we had a blast. In late June a special 'Farewell to Rhonda' dance was held in Libby Montana to say goodbye to treasurer Rhonda Taigaafi who moved to Olympia Washington to help watch her grandson while her daughter is serving in the US military. This dance drew a large attendance and was a good one. As it turns out a few of us have stayed in touch with Rhonda and she made a weekend trip over this weekend to dance at the opening dance with the Shirts and Skirts, Don McPeak calling with Theresa Nichols cuing, the HVH travel dance to the Hi Flyers dance in Cheney tonight, Adam Christman calling with Nina Liesi cuing.

## **Area II**

### Barn Owls, Orofino

Bill and Lorryne Kennedy calling and cueing

Have started dances with a good turnout and planning campout next year at Frazier Park. Square dance lessons are underway on Thursday nights.

### Mountain Dewers, Kooskia

Bill and Lorryne Kennedy calling and cueing

Had a good turnout for the Fish Creek campout in August and have Friday night square dance lesson. Meanwhile Lorryne has round dance lessons for both the Mountain Dewers and Barn Owls on Monday nights.

### Twin City Twirlers, Clarkston

Butch Suttey will call one weekend per month, with guest callers the other weekend, and Lorannye Kennedy as cuer.

Had a 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary dance in July with hall full of people from all over and they will be dancing a demo at the Nez Perce County fair on the 23<sup>rd</sup>. Classes started on Thursday with Butch Suttey teaching.

### Dancing Stars to Be

John and Joy Rich are cuers and teachers.

Intermediate lessons will start on Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup> from 6 – 8 with a community dance/intro to rounds dance from 3 – 5 the same day. It will include line dancing, easy rounds (3-4 figures), freestyle dancing followed by regular beginner lessons in January.

We are a sub club of the Twirlers, their round dance arm.

### Square Devils

Ed Holoyoke is the caller with John Rich as cuer.

They are moving their dances from Saturday night to Friday nights on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> weekends and are a Plus club.

They have also been doing A1 lessons at the end of Plus lessons on Tuesday nights to prepare for Nationals in Spokane in June.

They will start the season on Oct. 7<sup>th</sup> membership dance – with a round dance workshop at 7:30 and plus squares at 8.

Check out more information on dancing in the LC Valley at [lcsq.info](http://lcsq.info).

### Pullman Frolickers, Albion

Gary Portratz will call one weekend per month, with guest callers the other weekend, and Nina Leisi as cuer.

Had a great Bridge dance campout in June, and will start dancing next Saturday in Albion.

There will be no lessons this year, however, we will be sending students to the Palouse Promenaders.

### Palouse Promenaders, Moscow

Gary Portratz will call one weekend per month, with guest callers the other weekend, and John Rich as cuer.

The Pines Campout in July was a great success and they are currently dancing a demo today at the Latah County Fair.

They will start round dance lesson on the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday in October and square dance on the first Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday, taught by Dana Gotschell, a new caller being mentored by Gary Potratz.

### **Area III**

We have had several traveling callers during the summer, sponsored by various clubs . We have enjoyed dancing to Doug Davis, Mike Sikorski, Randy Dibble, and Jerry Junck.

**Canyon County Squares** have been dancing on Wednesdays at the Senior Center in Caldwell.

**Capital Squares** held a picnic at Municipal Park in July and had a camp out in Cascade in August. At our dance in Cascade, we had "Amateur Night" and we had 3 people who each did a singing call - they did a great job. We danced at the Veteran's Home during their Armed Forces Day Celebration and we also danced at a beautiful Retirement Home for their Open House. We danced at an Employee Appreciation Day for CitiBank. We will be starting our beginner dance classes on Wednesday, Oct. 5.

**Fiddle Footers** are no longer active until further notice.

**Four Rivers Squares** have been inactive for the summer. They sponsored Doug Davis in May.  
Classes will start Oct. 6 at May Roberts School in Ontario, OR.

**Silverleaf Squares** had done a couple of demo dances at the Emmett Farmers Market. We begin our dance season on Sept. 25 and will have a BBQ at 6:00 pm. Our new dancer lessons start Oct. 1st at 6:00 pm.

**Syringa Squares** are back dancing after a summer's rest. Our caller, Bosco Bosler injured his Achilles tendon while rafting the Grand Canyon this summer, but it hasn't affected his calling! Our club will be having "Sundaes on Friday" dance on the fifth Friday in September.

**Tanglefoot Squares** dance on Thursdays at the Boise Hall. We successfully completed plus lesson over the summer. Our Tailgate Party is October 27. We have a pre-kick off BBQ at 6:30, Pre-rounds start at 7:30. We are raffling off a grill as usual - tickets are 1 for \$1 or 7 for \$5. Please come and join us. Our new dancer lessons will start on January 5, 2012.

**Treasure Valley Rounds** will start lessons on Latin rhythms on Tuesday, October 4.

**Wood N Hearts** is starting a beginning Two Step class in October. We dance at the Oregon Trail Church of god in Caldwell, ID. Our schedule is a little different, so please call or e-mail Cinder for details. CLLNQ4U@msn.com. 208-830-9459.

Our **Funstitute** in McCall was a great success hosted by the Round Dance Groups with a theme of “Round out your Squares”. Dancing was great and breakfast entertainment was a lot of fun with clubs and callers competing in “Club Feud” (like Family Feud on TV). The callers ended up winning!!

Our annual **Pit-Q** was a big success also. A wonderful meal with pit barbecued beef, corn on the cob, coleslaw, tomatoes, and baked beans. Plus dessert. We had an introductory tip of square dancing for guests that were non-dancers, hoping they will join a class. There were several squares and they appeared to be having fun.

**Round Dance Festival** will be held at the Boise hall on October 21,22 and 23 with Gert-Jan and Susie Rotscheid teaching and cueing. Dry camping available on-site and free of charge. Come join us for a great weekend!

**Fall Jubilee** will be held in the Boise hall on November 11 & 12. Eric Henerlau from California will be calling and Jonathan and Cinder Wood cueing.

Area 3 has been working on the **USA West Convention** coming up in 2013. A Kick-Off dance will be held April 14, 2012 with caller Nasser Shukayr and cuers LaMont & Laraine Harris. If you pre-register for the convention, your admission to the Kick-Off dance is free.

**Next meeting** will be held at the Boise hall on January 14, 2012, 2:00 pm. No-host dinner will be at Rajeans, 4969 Overland at 5:00. Sunday breakfast meeting will be at 8:00 at Golden Corral, 8460 Emerald.

## **Area IV**

**Magic Valley Singles:** This summer the club continued with dancing, workshops and potlucks at the Hadleys, Chris Riker’s and the Coreys. Also exhibition dancing at Woodstone Retirement Center. June marked Hazelton’s 100 years celebration with a parade, fireworks and square dancing. Several attended the State Festival in Kuna. The first dance of the Fall will be a potluck on Wed. Sept. 21 at American Legion Hall, Jerome. New lessons start Nov. 2 and new dancers must start in the month of November.

**River Reelers:** The club had several dances this summer, one where Craig Abercrombie was caller. Several members went to Kuna for State Festival. First dance is Sept. 12, no dance Oct. 1.

**Left Footers:** Continue classes with one on hold and five lessons a week ongoing.

**Buttons 'N Bows:** Dancers attending the State Festival said they were impressed with the good job the committee did and all had a great time. In July a potluck/picnic was held for all past, present, old, new square dancers. This was a first and was quite successful. Even though there was no dancing about 100 people came and enjoyed visiting and reminiscing.

Two campouts were held in August, Prairie Creek and Christian Church Camp. Over 60 attended the Christian Camp where we ate delicious meals and had lots of laughs at the skits performed by Jim and Judy Juker, Fred "Rocky" Stradinger, a hilarious comedy fashion show and 2 fun-filled evenings at the bon fire sing-a-long with Jim and Judy playing guitars and singing. Ardeen was our caller and he and Janice were surprised with a cake on their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. Colleen Monk met Doc Hagerman, a retired dentist/square dancer at the Old/New picnic and he agreed to attend the CCC if he had a ride. Doc gave quite an enlightening talk Sunday morning, incorporating square dance calls in his message. Colleen did an outstanding job organizing this event.

Welcome Back Dance Sat. Sept. 24, American Legion Hall in Jerome, October Fest Dance at Billingsley Creek in Hagerman Sat. Oct. 8. Area IV Association 5<sup>th</sup> Sat. dance Oct. 29, American Legion Hall Jerome with area cuers and callers. Rounds: 7:30, squares 8 p.m. Area IV is in the process of reworking their by-laws (Articles of Organization). Long-time member Mae Bubel passed away and will be missed.

## **Area V**

Area 5 news – our next Area 5 Dance will be our Alien (Halloween) Dance on October 29, 2011. It will be held at the Schilling School in Blackfoot, with Bob Calton from Utah as the caller. Everyone is to dress up as aliens.

## Club News –

Snake River Advance Club is dancing every Monday of the week at 7 p.m. in Pocatello (Sullivan's RV Park rec Hall 1935 South 5<sup>th</sup> Ave.) with new advanced dancers.

Mystic Squares Club is dancing every Thursday of the week at 7 p.m. in Pocatello (Sullivan's RV Park rec Hall 1935 South 5<sup>th</sup> Ave.) reviewing for graduating dancers. Will be getting ready to start a new class of dancers on October 14<sup>th</sup> t 6:30 p.m., but first some of the dancers are getting ready for the 14 day Hawaii Square Dance Cruise with dancers from 4 states (Idaho, Utah, Montana, California). We are planning to hold the following special dances: Halloween, St. Jude's Toys for Tots, Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Years. We have enjoyed all the dancers that have stopped by and danced from all over.

Spinning Spuds Club is dancing every Wednesday of the week at 7 p.m. in Idaho Falls at the new location – Church of the Nazarene 1900 Grandview Drive. We are planning to hold the following special dances: Halloween, St. Jude's Toys for Tots, Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Years. Dancers from all 3 Clubs had a fun time Labor Day weekend at the Knothead Trails-in and dance.

Levis N Lace – no news

Upper Valley Squares – will start back up 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday in November if there is enough interest.

Choo Chos – are holding their annual reunion today at 1 p.m. in Blackfoot. Some of the Choo Choo Square dancers have not had any club dances this summer. Some were able to go to the State Festival in June. On June 20, members of the club, past and present surprised a previous caller, Cloyde Murdock on his 80th birthday. They danced for him while his nephew, Boyd Murdock called several dances. Cloyde also called a dance that night. Cloyde and Beverly were presented with a "Book of Memories" with stories from many members of the club. Inside the book were also many pictures. The Choo Chos will be starting the new season on October 21 at the Dance Vibrations in Pocatello, with their Membership and Railroad Dance. Steve Hadley will be the caller and Clare Gill will be cuing. As usual they will have Steve Hadley, Larry Stewart and Boyd

Murdock rotating as their regular club callers and Clare Gill and Larry Stewart as their cuers. We welcome anyone to come and dance with us.

## **Old Business**

Arts, Colleen has been sending anything she gets from Arts to each Area Rep.

Updates to the Federation Directory: Things are going pretty good, but the changes need to be made more often than once in the spring. It was suggested to send a copy of changes to both Patti and Brenda.

USA West 2013: The USA West in Longview Wa. So far we have 78 pre-registrations. There will be wood floors like 2002. Please register for the 2012 State Festival and Nationals being held in Spokane and get your polka dots out there.

## **New Business**

Fran stated that the State Festival money is split between the hosting association, or council and the Federation. The ASCAP & BMI fees always come out of the Federation portion. Can this be an annual expense paid by the festival chairperson before the split is made? Fran made a motion, but it was not in writing, so the meeting was tabled until breakfast to enable Fran to write the motion.

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The meeting was resumed at 8:12 am. Jonathan again thanked Area II for hosting the meeting and making all the arrangements.

Roll Call: Brenda Orgill, Colleen Monk and Patti Dorr were not in attendance.

Minutes were read and approved.

Treasurers report was read and approved. We are still solvent. It is time for the Areas to collect the dues for the clubs in there area. The fee is \$5.00 per club.

Area Reports: Nothing new from the Area Reps.

New Business: Fran made the following motion in writing.

I move that at each State Festival the monies needed for the ASCAP & BMI annual payments be included as Festival expenses. Motion was seconded by Gary Davis. Motion passed.

Dick Spooner said that he had made a disc from all the pictures from their club since 1965. He said he would make a copy to be put in the Boise Archives.

Next meeting will be January 14 2012 in Boise @ 2pm The no host dinner will be held at Rajeans at 5pm. The address is 4969 Overland rd. The dance will be at the Boise Valley Sq & Rd. dance center. The breakfast meeting will be held at Golden Corral at 8am. The address is 8460 Emerald.

Respectfully submitted

Donna L. Stradinger  
Recording Secretary