

SW-SDAW Meeting
Joint Meeting Minutes

February 1, 2016

I. Call to order

Dave Schulz (Mr. Cool) and Bob Dahnert called to order the regular meeting of the SW-SDAW at 7:02 on February 1, 2016 at United Methodist Church of Sun Prairie, 702 North St., Sun Prairie, WI 53590.

II. Roll call

Brenda Deal conducted a roll call. The following clubs were present: Badger Rovers, Callers Council, Diamond Squares, Milton Village Squares, Swingin' Beavers and Westport Squares.

Clubs not in attendance: Limber Timbers, Petunia City Squares and Prison City Squares.

III. Approval of minutes from last meeting, November 2, 2015.

There were no corrections to the minutes. A motion to approve the minutes was made by June Myklebust and 2nd by Ron Rinkoski. Motion Carried

IV. Tips and Cues Report

Last issue of Tips and Cues went out on time. There is one correction to the current issue of Tips and Cues. Westport Squares contact information should be Eldon and Virginia Boehm and the correct phone number is: 608=244-3694. Brenda thanked Dave and Betsy Schulz for article introducing us to Marge Schroeder. The Spring Issue deadline for information and flyers is February 21, 2016. Brenda has already started working on the issue, so please get your flyers and schedules to her soon.

V. Old business

- a) SDAW State meeting report, January 31, 2016
Location: Milton Middle School, Milton WI. SW-SDAW Delegates are Scott and Brenda Deal. SW-SDAW Delegates were responsible for the dancer education session. Please see the attached file of the handout.
 1. The education session discussed several topics:
 - A. Thrivent Financial Funding which is a Fortune 500 company. They handle products like life insurance, IRAs, Financial Planning. Anyone can be a member. If you are a member with at least \$750.00 per year in premiums you earn CHOICE DOLLARS. Instead of paying members shares, dividends, etc. the profits are converted to Choice Dollars and the member decides what 501(c) 3 organization they would like to receive these monies. SDAW Treasurer reported that \$218.00 was received from Thrivent Choice Dollars.
 - B. Amazon Smile (<https://smile.amazon.com>) was discussed as a possible source of income for the SDAW. It is currently being used by the United Square Dancers of America (USDA) to help fund the Founders Memorial Youth Scholarship Fund.

Anyone who purchases on Amazon can designate what 501(c) 3 organization they would like to have receive their monies. There are many 501(c) 3 organizations to choose from. Yesterday, in the SDAW meeting it was discussed, voted on and approved to register the SDAW with Smile Amazon as a 501(c) 3 organization. This account has not yet been established. As soon as it is in place there will be an email go out to update the state on the status.

To purchase on amazon you would go to <http://smile.amazon.com> and enter your normal account information. You will be asked to select your 501(c) 3 organization. Until the SDAW is listed we would like to ask you to choose the USDA to help support the annual Youth Scholarship. You will be notified when the SDAW becomes a choice. Each time you purchase on amazon, ½ of 1% of your purchase price goes to a 501(c) 3 organization of your choice.

C. There was a discussion about the USDA Founders Memorial Youth Scholarship and the 3 goals of the Fund.

1. Teach youth about square dancing, its history and traditions.
2. Increase the number of youth participating in square dancing.
3. Establish a scholarship fund to assist and encourage youth dancers to continue their education.

D. One youth dancer from Wisconsin has submitted an application this year. We will not know the results until June 2016, but wish her success in seeking the scholarship.

2. During the Joint Meeting of the SDAW:

Historian Report (Bob Dahnert) was given. They are still in need of missing past convention ribbons. They are currently seeking a ribbon for the 18th Wisconsin Square and Round Dance Convention in 1976. So please keep looking if there is a possibility you may have one. If you know someone who may have attended the 1976 Convention please ask about a ribbon.

3. Caller/Cuer Scholarship Committee Report (Charlie Bitter) was given. Charlie handed out an updated Application for the SDAW/WLSDLCC Scholarship for caller/Cuer College. As I understand, it this is still on hold. Tom Nickel added that the Scholarship is still on hold. The form that was handed out had been updated and was for review of changes only.
4. Convention Executive Secretary (Karen & Ellery Gulbrand) reported that the Tax person that the State uses is currently going over all of the books/documentation and she will update us at the next meeting.
5. Convention Reports were given on 2016 and 2017. Currently there is not announcement as to who will be the 2018 General Chair from the Central Area. 2016 report was given by Dave Schulz. I won't steal his thunder, since he will be delivering a similar report to us tonight. 2017 report was given by Chuck Muecke. The 58th Wisconsin Square and Round Dance Convention will be held August 4-6, 2017 at Lakeview Lutheran High

School in Hartland, WI. Planning is progressing well. Hotels are still reluctant to block rooms this far out. They had a sample badge there to see. It looks similar to 2016 badge with hot air balloons. They have several fundraisers currently going on in the southeast area. They have had a couple of wine tasting events that went well. They have been selling "Soup in a Jar". They have sold 300 jars of soup. They will be hosting a "Soup Dance" on Feb. 20th, 2016 at Spring City Squares, in Waukesha.

Come attend the dance and try the soup. This will be the last time the soup is sold until fall 2016. They are planning a Cookbook. The details are being put together and there will be information sent out soon. They are hoping for about 300 recipes from dancers across Wisconsin. There will be 200 copies printed for sell at the 2017 Convention. The books may be a preorder item on the 2017 Registration Form.

6. Under Old Business it was brought up for a 2nd time about changing the day of the week that the SDAW meetings are held. Currently they are held on Sundays but the subject is to change them to Saturdays. It was recommended that it be brought back to each area for discussion, since the current people will not always be the SDAW executive committee, delegates or alternates. This item is on the agenda tonight for further discussion.
7. Under New Business the USDA Delegates to the National Convention 2016 in Des Moines, IA needed to be selected. Scott & Brenda Deal had to step down as they are now part of the USDA Executive Committee. The new USDA Delegates are: Bob Dahnert & June Myklebust and Ron & Janelle Mueller. The Alternate Delegates are Ellery & Karen Gulbrand.
8. Bob Dahnert added that Marilyn Kittle gave a USDA Insurance Report and currently there 8 clubs insured with the USDA for a total of 199 dancers cover.
9. The next SDAW Meeting is May 1st in the South East Area. Flyers were handed out tonight.
10. Report on the 2016 Wisconsin Square and Round Dance Convention by Dave Schulz, General Chairman. Currently there are 408 people registered for the convention. Currently we have 42 callers and 13 round dance Cuers registered.

There has been a small problem with hotel rooms at Ho-Chunk. Our allotment was 200 rooms, of these only 9 rooms are left. Dave met with Ho-Chunk today and he was able to secure an additional 20 rooms for a total of 29 rooms available. Make your reservations soon. Also, he was able to talk them into giving us the same room rate for Wednesday and Sunday nights at \$99.00/per night. If anyone was not able to get a room one of the above night or were quoted a different price, please get their names to Dave Schulz and he will get this fixed. Bob Kelm asked how this information will be gotten out to the dancers in the state. Bob Dahnert stated he would talk to Wayne Mattson to get the information into the minutes of the SDAW meeting from Yesterday and will get it to Bernie Coulthurst to pass on to his email list. Scott was asked to get it out on the website and social media. Brenda will get the information into the next issue of Tips and Cues. Campsites at Ho-Chunk, we had 30 sites total, there are only 18 sites remaining.

The 68th National Square Dance Convention (Atlanta, GA) 2019 will be attending the convention. They will be taking registrations for their convention and bringing Ways and Means.

Next 2 convention planning meeting dates are 4/16/2016 and 6/4/2016. Location is DeForest Community Center at 10am. The 2016 Convention Post Mortem Meeting will be on 10/8/2016 at Lake Country Lutheran School, Hartland, WI.

Kathy Nickel handed out the Souvenir book pricing information. The advertising price will be at the same price as last year. The deadline to get everything in is June 30, 2016. Please take the packet back to your clubs to get them turned in on time. 2nd page of the packet has all of the pricing on it and the 3rd page is about the best wishes.

- b) SW-SDAW Spring Jamboree, April 10, 2016
Flyers for the Jamboree were handed out tonight. The jamboree will be hosted by Westport Squares and Swingin' Beavers. Location is Dodgeland Schools in Juneau. The MC will be Bob Asp. Gary & Janet Willard emailed a list of possible fund raising ideas for the jamboree, but were unable to attend tonight's meeting; so Kathy Renkoski presented it on their behalf. Idea #1 is for a Spring Plant Silent Auction. After much discussion the group felt that this would be the best of the options. Kathy Renkoski is to email Gary & Janet with the outcome of the discussion. If Westport & Swingin' Beavers decide to follow through with the plant auction, they will need to get the information out to all of the area clubs. Idea #2 was for Square Dance Yard Signs. The group felt that this needed to be looked into more and that there was not enough time or money available to use this idea at this time. The cost of signs is \$15.00 each, they are expecting the club members to buy signs. Kathy R. brought up that some members would not buy these signs because of living in a condo and cannot display anything in yards. Also, some cities have restrictions regarding signs.

The consensus was that the Plant Silent Auction would be a better fit for a fundraiser for the 2016 Convention.

- c) Tom Nickel gave a report on how the 50 call lessons went and how the new dancers are being included in area club dances. Westport had 3 dancers who completed the 50 calls and went on to complete the workshops for the remainder of the mainstream calls. They have attended a couple of Westport dances and are doing well. Two of them were retreads. Swingin' Beavers had 3 new dancers who have completed the 50 call lessons. The Swingin' Beavers have started a 2nd session of 50 call lessons which are being held at Dodgeland School in Juneau with 5 new dancers.
- d) Tom Nickel reported that there was nothing further to report on the SDAW/WSDLCC Scholarship.
- e) There was no additional old business.

VI. New business

- a) SDAW Meeting day of the week change for discussion only.
At the SDAW meeting on Sunday, Jan. 31, 2016 it was purposed for the 2nd time that the day of the week be changed from Sunday to Saturday. Bob Dahnert looked at the Where to Dance and there is only 1 club listed that dances on the 1st Sunday of the month (1st Sunday of the

month is when the SDAW meetings are held). Barb Gugel added that she felt the change of day would be a hardship for the callers if they have a dance on Saturday. This will be discussed further in the separate meetings tonight.

- b) Competition dancing at the Wisconsin State Square Dancing Convention for discussion only. This addition would require a bylaw change for both the SDAW and the convention executive board. The next time this can be brought up before the Convention Executive Board is at the meeting in January 2017. Scott Deal spoke about the Pacific Northwest Teen Challenge and how that competition is judged. Kathy Nickel spoke about not increasing pressure on youth by having competitions. The kids are at the convention to dance and have fun. Barb Gugel asked how many youth do we have at a convention. The answer was approximately 30 youth. Ed Hobbs shared his observation is that clubs are just not having fun dancing anymore. That a competition that is open to everyone might help increase fun. Dave Schulz shared that a dance that he and Betsy were at recently, there was a couple in their square that was thinking about dropping out of dancing, but had so much fun dancing with them that they are now going to keep dancing. Barb Gugel spoke about callers calling down to the slowest dancer on the floor. Dave Schulz suggested we need to take back to our clubs about styling during lessons.
- c) Next SDAW State Meeting, May 1st, 2016.
The flyer for the next meeting was handed out tonight. It will be held at: Magnus Anderson American Legion Post 399, N50 W34760 Wisconsin Avenue, Okauchee, and WI 53069. Schedule of times and cost of meal and dance are listed on the flyer. Deadline for meal reservations is April 15, 2016.
- d) SW-SDAW Fall Jamboree, October 9, 2016.
Bob Dahnert stated that according to the usual rotation of the Jamborees, this is the date of the next jamboree. The 2 jamborees before this one have been held 1 in Milton and 1 in Juneau, so that means this jamboree should be held in the middle of our area. He also suggested that we use this jamboree to donate monies to the SDAW. This should be discussed further in our separate meetings and taken back to our clubs for a discussion. Delegates should come to the next meeting prepared to further discuss this and vote on a decision at the May meeting.
- e) 60th Wisconsin Square and Round Dance Convention, August 2019.
Both councils need to start thinking about the next time the state convention is held in our area. With the restructuring of our state into 4 areas instead of 5, it means that a state convention comes back to our area sooner. Delegates go back to your clubs and discuss this to see if anyone is interested in being the General Chairman for 2019 and if they have the support and backing of their club. Under the old guidelines for chairmanship it alternated between dancer and Caller/Cuer. With the new restructured guidelines it is whomever is the best qualified. So this means it can be a Caller/Cuer again or a dancer.

The current rotation of the state conventions is as follows:

2017 Southeast Area – Chuck and Jan Muecke

2018 Central Area – No one has been selected at this time

2019 Southwest Area – We are currently discussing this

2020 Wolf River Area – They are also currently discussing this

f) Any other new business

Bob Dahnert – At the Convention Executive Board Budget Meeting in October 2015 it was reported that the 2015, 56th Wisconsin Square and Round Dance Convention made a profit and that the Board decided that each area would receive \$200.00 for their hard work and help with the convention. He presented a check for \$200.00 to be given to the Leaders Council Treasurer, which will be divided with the Caller/Cuer Council in the amount of \$100.00 for each council. The board would have liked to give more monies back to the areas, but they need to start running the board as business and not give all of the money away. They must have monies to meet their expenses as well.

Ed Hobbs reported on the SDAW Jamboree from Sunday, January 31, 2016. It was held in the southwest area, at Milton Middle School in Milton. We made \$400.00 profit from the Jamboree. This will be split with the Caller/Cuer council in the amount of \$200.00 for each council. We had 40 for lunch and 57 dancers. Kathy Nickel and Brenda Deal donated the meat.

Dave Schulz announced a special 2016 convention fundraiser dance. It has been discussed with Westport and they are okay with it being held the night before their normal dance night. It will be held on Thursday, April 28th, 2016 at Maple Bluff Location in Madison. Mark Simmons will make the flyers and get them out to the clubs, websites and social media. We will be paying Jerry Junck for calling an agreed upon rate. Both Jerry Junck and Dave Schulz will call the dance.

VII. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn made by Ed Hobbs

2nd by Tom Nickel

Motion Carried

Dave Schulz (Mr. Cool) adjourned the meeting at 8:13.

Minutes respectfully submitted by: Brenda Deal, Secretary

Minutes approved by:

SW-SDAW Leaders Counsel
Meeting Minutes

February 1, 2016

I. Call to order

Bob Dahnert called to order the regular meeting of the SW-SDAW Leaders Counsel at 8:19 PM on February 1, 2016.

II. Roll call

Brenda Deal conducted a roll call at beginning of the joint meeting and a sign in sheet was signed.

The following persons were present: Badger Rovers – Si & Marilyn Kittle, Diamond Squares – Bob Dahnert & June Myklebust, Westport Squares – Ron & Kathy Renkoski, Milton Village Squares – Ed & Donna Hobbs, Swingin’ Beavers – Scott & Brenda Deal.

Delegates not present: Happy Twirlers, Limber Timbers, Prison City Squares and Petunia City Squares.

Visitors present: Barb Gugel and Robin Alpenglow

III. Approval of minutes from last meeting

The minutes were emailed by Karen Shawkey from the last meeting. The minutes were reviewed by delegates present. No Corrections were found.

Motion: Marilyn Kittle made a motion to approve as sent.

2nd made by: Kathy Renkoski.

Motion carried.

IV. Treasurer’s Report

Report was given by Ed Hobbs. All ten clubs have paid their dues. The current check book balance is \$1,214.80. There was some additional discussion about the SDAW Jamboree from Sunday, January 31st, 2016.

Motion made by June Myklebust to approve the Treasurer’s Report as presented.

2nd by Marilyn Kittle

Motion carried.

V. Committee Reports

a) Tips and Cues

There is nothing further to add to the report from the joint meeting. Deadline for submission of information or flyers for the next issue is February 21st, 2016.

1. Printer Gift – a receipt for the Sausage and Cheese platter that was delivered to Ink Works Printing, Stoughton, WI, was turned in to Treasurer. The platter was delivered in December 2015 by June Myklebust, Barb Gugel and Brenda Deal. It was well received and appreciated.

b) Executive Committee Report – no report at this time.

c) Historian Report – no report at this time.

d) Sunshine Report

A card on behalf of the Caller/Cuer counsel and the Leaders counsel was sent to Ray and Marilyn. Bob Dahnert was missed. Oops

e) SW-SDAW Contact Secretary Report

Bob Dahnert reported he and June had received a couple of calls. One of the calls was about the United Square Dancers of America Youth Scholarship and how to apply. The other call was from someone outside of Wisconsin seeking information on taking square dance lessons.

f) Flag Foundation Report

June is still waiting on shipment of flags. She is hoping that Wanda will bring some with her, to our state convention.

Legion of Friendship

Bob Dahnert asked if our area clubs are explaining and promoting the Legion of Friendship badge. Kathy Renkoski stated that Westport is. Bob suggested that we go back to our clubs and explain and promote the badge.

VI. Old Business

- a) SW-SDAW Spring Jamboree, April 10th, 2016
The jamboree will be hosted by Westport Squares and Swingin' Beavers. There was a flyer handed out tonight. There was discussion about the details regarding the jamboree. Kathy Renkoski is to get additional information to Scott Deal for a 2nd Flyer to be made. The location of the jamboree will be Dodgeland School in Juneau, WI. Time is set for 1:30-4:00 PM and the MC is Bob Asp.
- b) Committee to review the duties of the SW-SDAW Officers
Committee Members: Ed & Donna Hobbs, Curt & Karen Shawkey,
Barb Gugel, Bob Dahnert & June Myklebust,
Scott & Brenda Deal
The first meeting will be held Thursday, February 18th, 2016 at 1:00PM.
Location: Curt & Karen Shawkey's Home, 610 Malvern Hill Dr., Madison, WI 53718. Curt & Karen's Phone number is 608-241-6001
- c) SDAW Jamboree, January 31st, 2016
Bob Dahnert thanked Ed & Donna Hobbs for all of the help with the SDAW Jamboree yesterday. June Myklebust commented that the next state meeting we need to use the microphones. It was hard to hear what was being said. Barb Gugel suggested that the person in the audience should stand when talking. This would help with projection of their voice.
- d) Any other old business – none heard

VII. New Business

- a) Next SDAW State Jamboree, May 1st, 2016
There was a flyer handed out to all clubs tonight. It was recommended that an email or letter be sent to Tom Nickel with any topics or issues for the next meeting.

- b) SW-SDAW Fall Jamboree, October 9th, 2016
There was a discussion regarding who would host. The decision was, it will be hosted by the Southwest area Caller/Cuer and Leaders counsel delegates and alternates to the SDAW. After all expenses have been met, the profit will be donated to the SDAW. This is a onetime contribution to the SDAW.
Motion made by Brenda Deal for Delegates and Alternates from both the Caller/Cuer counsel and leader counsel host this jamboree with the profit after all expenses are paid, donated to the SDAW one time.
2nd by Marilyn Kittle
Motion carried.
- c) Check from Convention Executive Board
Bob Dahnert has a check to be given to Treasurer from the Convention Executive Board in the amount of \$200.00. It is to be shared with the Caller/Curer Counsel.
- d) Changing the day of the week that the SDAW meets from Sunday to Saturday
There was a lengthy discussion on this topic. Bob Dahnert looked in the Where to Dance in Wisconsin Brochure. Only one club in the state dances on the 1st Sunday of the month. At the meeting yesterday only the Central area raised hands to change to Saturday from Sunday when asked for a show of hands, for those in favor of the change in day of the week. After discussion it was the consensus of the SW-SDAW delegates is to leave the day of the week the same, Sunday. Delegates to the SDAW are to report that decision at the next SDAW meeting.
- e) Competition dancing at the Wisconsin Square and Round Dance Convention was discussed. To have a competition would require a change to the SDAW, Convention, and WLDSCC Bylaws. After much discussion to was the recommendation to the SDAW Delegates that the SW-SDAW would support the youth having a contest in the youth hall one time. We are not promoting a competition. We are having a contest in the youth hall for the kids just to have fun. Suggestions they would dance until the last square is standing. Scott Deal to talk to Barry Johnson for additional information regarding square dance contests like this. It was further discussed that a dangle be given to each participant and have a prize for the winning square.

f) Any other new business:

Smile Amazon explained a little more and the website given.

<http://www.smile.amazon.com>

VIII. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn made by Ed Hobbs

2nd by Ron Renkoski

Motion carried

Bob Dahnert adjourned the meeting.

Minutes respectfully submitted by: Scott & Brenda Deal

Minutes approved by: