

MIAMI VALLEY DANCE COUNCIL
Special Meeting
February 26, 1984

This joint special meeting of the Miami Valley Dance Council and the Miami Valley Callers Association, held at the Brown Derby Restaurant, 5513 Bigger Road, on Sunday, February 26, 1984, was called to order at 6:32 p.m., following a 5 p.m. dinner, by President Bailey and was co-chaired along with Miami Valley Callers Association President, John Chevalier. The roll call indicated all officers and committee chairmen were present along with 28 representatives from the 45 member clubs, plus six callers. A total of 80 persons were in attendance. President Bailey introduced his co-chairman and the elected officers of the Miami Valley Dance Council.

President Bailey called for a special standing ovation in honor of Paul and Jo Bonnell's 15 years service as Chairmen of the Buckeye State Conventions held in Dayton. Paul responded that no way could they have done the job without the help and commitment of all the dancers who worked so hard to make these conventions a success.

The president then announced the purpose of the meeting would be to vote on the eight recommendations as presented at the January 10, 1984 regular meeting and taken to the Clubs for approval or disapproval. Howard emphasized there would be one vote per office and one vote per club . . . no one could vote twice.

Prior to the vote both Howard Bailey and John Chevalier read articles pertaining to the problem of dropout dancers. John's was from a publication of 1966 and Howard's from an article written in 1972. This dropout problem is certainly not a new one and has been with us for many years.

Paul Bonnell moved and John Sessler seconded that we vote on each point individually. The motion passed.

Jo Bonnell moved that in place of Item 5 we insert the recommendation from the Executive Board to Council: *That we do not, this year, extend, as usual, going to Mainstream Plus, but stop after Mainstream and have the Pavilion available for Mainstream dances so that people can come for Mainstream dances from April to Labor Day with the hall booked and the callers and dances lined up.* This motion was seconded and passed by a vote of 27 to 2.

After President Bailey read each item there was much discussion from club members and from callers. Following the discussion of each item ballots were marked. After all eight items were read, discussed, and voted upon, the ballots were collected and four tellers were appointed: Mona Cannell, Gay Chevalier, Marlene Reid, and Audrey West.

While the ballots were being tallied, Howard announced these eight items were purely recommendations to the clubs and that the Council was here to help put the approved items into effect . . . on a long term basis. Whether or not the clubs themselves act on a recommendation as approved here tonight is entirely up to the individual clubs. We truly hope that if we come up with an approved program that all of the clubs in the Council would adhere to that particular policy. It must be understood that Council does not dictate to the clubs. Any newly approved programs will not be implemented over night . . . or next week . . . it will take several years to initiate what is approved here tonight and to turn around the loss of dancers in clubs of the Miami Valley Dance Council.

Item 1. Starting this May, have at least one Mainstream dance weekly in the Miami Valley Dance Council area. Have the Clubs volunteer one or two nights when their Club would dance at Mainstream level. The new mainstream dancers could dance weekly and also get to know the Clubs in the Miami Valley. Duration of this first item would depend upon the next item.

Item 1 was amended to read *Encourage* in place of *Have*.

THE VOTE: As written:	3 For	As amended:	35 For
	1 Against		9 Against

ITEM 1 PASSED.

Item 2. Have several Clubs volunteer to change their dance level to Mainstream on a permanent basis.

Item 2 was amended to read *Encourage* in place of *Have*.

THE VOTE: As written:	3 For	As amended:	22 For
	1 Against		21 Against

ITEM 2 PASSED.

Item 3. Have the Clubs sponsor classes only if the graduates can dance at the group level immediately upon graduation. A Mainstream Club would sponsor Beginners Lessons. A Mainstream Plus club would sponsor Plus lessons.

Item 3 was amended to read *Encourage* in place of *Have*, and add *excepting the MVDC*.

THE VOTE: As written	14 For	As amended:	11 For
	13 Against		11 Against

ITEM 3 PASSED.

Item 4. Develop a "Sister Club" concept. The beginner dancers would graduate to the Mainstream Club and after seasoning and proper lessons would go up to the "Sister" group. As an example . . . a group which dances on Friday could have a "Sister" club which dances on the opposite Friday.

THE VOTE: As written:	19 For	As amended:	4 For
	21 Against		2 Against

ITEM 4 TIED.

Item 5. See Motion at beginning of meeting.

Item 6. In addition to the current "South" lessons in the Pavilion, have the Council-supported lessons "East" and "West." This would help the groups that have been too small to be self-supporting. These classes would be on a trial basis, dependent upon class size, local Club support, etc.

THE VOTE:	As written:	22 For	As amended:	1 For
		21 Against		4 Against

ITEM 6 FAILED.

Item 7. Increase the number of lessons to more nearly conform to the Caller Lab-recommended 40 lessons through Mainstream.

THE VOTE:	As written:	19 For	As amended:	0 For
		23 Against		3 Against

ITEM 7 FAILED.

Item 8. Bring in a National Caller on a regular basis to call at the Mainstream level (frequency not specified).

THE VOTE:	As written:	12 For	As amended:	0 For
		30 Against		3 Against

ITEM 8 FAILED.

Gene Diener moved and Paul Bonnell seconded that these results be taken back to the clubs, talked over and tell us at the March 13 meeting what the clubs want the Council to do. Cecil Hartis felt we had already been to the clubs; that tonight's vote stated the wishes and desires of each club and that it was unnecessary to return to the clubs with anything except to report the final vote. Gene Diener then withdrew his motion and Paul Bonnell withdrew his second.

These minutes will be passed out at the Regular Meeting of the Miami Valley Dance Council on March 13 at the Michael Solomon Pavilion.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Cookie Bucher, Secretary

Attendees were:

ADVENTURE SQUARES
 CARDINAL SQUARES
 CHARGERS
 CIRCLE EIGHTS
 CLINTON COUNTY COUNTRY SQUARES
 DATE-N-8S
 DAYTON CONTRA DANCE CLUB
 DAYTON SQUARE DANCE CLUB
 DAYTON WHIRLAWAYS
 EXPRESSERS
 E-Z ROUNDS
 KITTYHAWK SQUARES

Cecil Hartis
 Sam Dunn
 Jo Bonnell
 Randy Weet
 Miles & Kay Barrere
 Wayne Anderson
 Leonard Cannell
 Merle A. Steiner
 Donald S. Clemm
 Barbara Burton
 Dorothy Roasa
 Charles Prass

LAKE CHOCTAW TWIRLERS
MIAMI VALLEY CLOGGING CLUB
MIAMI VALLEY FOLK DANCERS
MIAMI VALLEY ROUND DANCERS
MOTIVATORS
PIQUA HAPPY SQUARES
ROADRUNNERS
S'ALLEMANDES
SHOOTING STARS
SILVER SQUARES
SQUARES A GO-GO
SUPER "B" SQUARES
THIRD SUNDAY SQUARES
TWIN BASE SQUARES
TWO BY FOURS
WRIGHT PATTERS

Howard Bailey
Bob Peyton
Don Hunter
Cookie Bucher
Betty French
Marge Hartis
George Bayer
Paul Bonnell
Charlie & Jo Feeser
Irene Romero
Jim Burton
Carl E. Juergens
Al Peters
Walt Wilson
Glen R. Berry
Jack Worley
Juanita & Bill Lowe
Mona Cannell

John & Virginia Sessler
Bobbie Myers
Lou Hyll

Cindy Zimmerman
Russell Reid
Bess Burchett
Chester A. Sereedyn
Bob & Dixie Gilley
Jim Bucher
Donald I. Grove
Ken Roberts
Mona Cannell
Arnold Wilson
Bill Minton
Gene Diener

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