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Miami Valley Dance Council
Attn: Mr. Howard Bailey, President
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Subject: Directives that do NOT promote Square Dancing.

Dear Howard,

I attended the July 9 council meeting as a Go Go representative and listened to the boards decision to recommend to clubs to accept only one banner raid from an individual. How about husband and wife getting credit when only one is present. You missed that one.

What idiot thought that up. The council is saying I must if I attend a raid where say three clubs are raiding that I belong to, decide which club to support.

Example: I attend the Shooting Stars with Twin Base, Go Go's and 2x4's raiding. If I choose the Go Go's then Twin Base and the 2x4's are mad especially the officers and banner raid chairman. Why didn't I support their club?

It is MY DECISION to join and support as many clubs as I want. If I attend a raid I expect credit for it. Since when does the council think they can cause friction and problems between members and clubs. Read your constitution. You are to PROMOTE not cause friction between members or clubs.

This recommendation is like others that came from the council. We should lower our dance level or give classes diplomas at mainstream level then tell your students they must take ten more plus level lessons if they expect to dance anyplace in our area. A diploma means you can dance.

Let the clubs run their business as they see fit and stop the councils friction causing, detrimental to square dancing decisions.

How about excluding ball room dancing and then letting any other known kind of club dancing be a council member. PREJUDICE? Twin Base ball room dances.

You as president must see to it that the council promotes square dancing not keep dancers from raiding etc. Our object is to get more attendance not less. You wonder why there are drop outs?

, Also, why should anyone pay guest fees when they are attending a club they are a member of, dance. If another club they also belong to raids they should be allowed to raid and get credit. Raiding is fun. You have them dancing. Why try to limit it. This again is not promoting square dancing.

If you want to suggest something to the clubs, ask that they keep records of raids and retrievals. Example: I have over 300 raids and retrievals yet I have none from the ^{At} Kettynaks from there beginning to 1980. They destroyed all records. I've got at least 50-75 raids there. The Go Go's have no records from 1982 back. I've at least another 50-75 raids during that period.

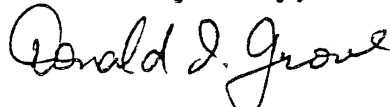
It's too bad we have jealous individuals who are afraid they are not getting a 100 or more badge or feel that those that attend dances must be stopped from accumulation more than one raid per dance. They would be welcomed to be an active member of multiple clubs.

I guess the bottom line is belong to one club only and quit raiding so much, stay home or dance elsewhere.

The first club that limits my raiding will find it the last time I am a member or go to that clubs dances. If necessary I will belong to no club and dance as a guest only where I want to dance.

PROMOTE SQUARE DANCING-- Don't believe it. Personal interests prevail. Read this one to the council members at next meeting.

Yours very truly,



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PS: Club members: The constitution says that any board decision can be overruled by the membership.