

MINUTES OF THE MVDC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

NOVEMBER 9, 1991

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 by President Jo Bonnell. Those present were Howard and Isabel Bailey, Jerry Davis, Pete and Betty French, Ed and Betts Melhuish, David and Susan Decker, Len and Mona Cannell, Paul and Jo Bonnell, Tom Abeln, Barbe and John Cook, Barb Dieterle, Tom Geiger, and Lorraine Fortner.

The Trustees met at 9:00 and had the following to report:

1) They are revising the rules for selection of the Honor Couple. The new rules will stress club involvement, especially recognizing those who are officers and/or are active in MVDC and statewide activities. Callers, Cuers, and Prompters will be eliminated from consideration so that more recognition will be given to active dancers.

2) The Trustees recommend that the Council host both a Trail In and a Trail Out dance associated with the national convention next summer. The Trail In dance June 22, has already been approved by the Council and will be coordinated by the Trustees.

There was a motion to have a Trail Out dance Sunday afternoon June 28, to be cosponsored with the Callers Association - seconded and passed. This will coincide with the start of the Airstream Convention being held at Wright State the following week and we hope to draw participants from both Conventions.

Jo announced that, with much regret, she had accepted the resignation of Bob and Bev Peyton as State Corporation Reps. Betts Melhuish served as interim replacement for them. There was a motion to appoint her as the new State Rep. - seconded and passed.

Publicity Report - David reviewed the form and rules for the Council Demo Dangle. There was a motion that the requirements for the dangle be set at Five council sponsored demos within a single calendar year; the form to be signed by the Chair of the Event (or designate) at the event and the completed form to be submitted to the Club Operations chair - seconded and passed. The form will be available at the January meeting.

David also reported that there were 13 Council demos in 1991 and there are 2 already planned for 1992. There was discussion of a proposal to standardize the packet of club flyers distributed at Day-in-the-Park and other Council demos. It was decided that the Council would no longer coordinate the distribution of club flyers - each club could distribute them, or not, at any given event. The Publicity committee will still be responsible for distributing Council information at these events.

Vice President's report - Fall classes include 7 Round Dance students and 21 Square dance students. Tom showed everyone the angel badges distributed to those invited to angel at the Plus classes. The badges will be collected at the end of the year for redistribution next year. The Round Dancers will be producing a matching badge (round shape) for their angels.

Computer Records report - all current.

Club Ops. Report - Honor Couple forms will be distributed this month.

Treasurer's Report - Pete reported a net change this period of a \$1450 loss - largely due to the expenses for the Honor Dinner and lesson classes. We made approximately \$10,000 profit on the convention. This will be allocated to Council income as \$2600 for each of the next 4 years (until the next convention). This is less than the income we allocated in recent years. In addition, income from lesson classes is down. However, certain expenses keep increasing (e.g. printing). There was discussion about how this budgetary short-fall should be resolved. The discussion was tabled for the new Executive Committee.

Insurance forms will be distributed this month and are due back at the January meeting; payment will be due in March.

Betty French reported that the revised Constitution and By-Laws would be distributed this month. The new schedule cards will also be available.

Community Relations - MVDC donated another 300 pounds of food to the Resource Bank - mostly baby food. The Ambassadors have a busy schedule lined-up, but are available for more - contact Mona. Mona is also still collecting videos of various club activities.

Len reported that the mini-Legacy was very successful - 5 MVDC couples attended. Next year's mini-legacy will be October 2-4. The message there was that individual dancers are not getting the word about local and state activities.

Membership - no report.

State Corp. report - The Ohio DMV has rejected the proposal for a square dance license plate. There will be a festival in Lima the first weekend in May, which will include the State Corp. meeting, recognition of honor couples, and dancing. Cleveland bid to host the 1999 state convention.

We need a chair for the 1995 state convention. Planning needs to begin in January. Contact Jo if you know of anyone who would be interested.

There are 4 people willing to run for Trustee but no slate for the other offices. After much discussion, the Executive Committee recommends that the Council be asked to suspend the Constitution and delay the election until the January meeting. Tom Abeln, Nadine Zerkel, and Deborah Dirkston will serve as nominating committee. Although this committee has now been formed, they have not had time to function.

We agreed the Council should participate in the Showcase of Ideas at the 1992 National Convention.

The Trustees agreed to develop a policy for filling vacancies in the schedule for the Pavilion. There may be an opening soon, so a procedure will be written to ensure fair allocation of a departing club's time.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:15.

Respectfully submitted,

Lorraine Fatur

PUBLICITY

FINAL REPORT - November 9, 1991

Publicity Chairperson - David & Susan Decker

During 1991, the Executive Committee gave preliminary approval for a demo dangle to be given to dancers that perform for a predetermined number of demos. Final action is still needed to set the number of demos to be danced at to receive the dangle.

The M.V.D.C. was involved in 13 demos during 1991 to date. We have bookings for 2 demos in 1992 already.

During August there was a lot of anguish from time to time about getting together flyers from all the dance clubs, to be handed out at the multitude of demos that take place during a short period of time in the summer. Some of the clubs didn't get their flyers to the Council at the appropriate time or place. Sizes also varied.

I would like to propose a set of guidelines be approved for 1992 and beyond. All clubs be invited to submit 500 flyers sized $5\frac{1}{2}$ x $8\frac{1}{2}$ (half sheet of paper) printed on one or both sides to the Publicity Chairperson 14 days before Day in the Park or by August 1st, whichever is earliest. This way, packets can be assembled in reasonable order and time. All will be identical. If flyers are not recieved by the closing date they will be excluded for the entire season. Clubs should be notified if more flyers are needed, but 500 is about what we gave out during the period of Day in the Park thru Holiday at Home. These guidelines would make the process of giving out the flyers much easier and assembly would not be at the site of demo, where there are sometimes problems with wind or rain.