

## Minutes of the MVDC Executive Committee-February 26, 1994

Dave Decker called the meeting to order at 10:00a.m.

Present: Paul and Jo Bonnell, Ted and Becky Campbell, Mona and Len Cannell, Barbara Collis, David and Susan Decker, Betty French, Peter French, Marjorie and Mick McNeal, Robert and Adelheid Price, Fran Weaver, Millie and Bud White, Glenn Wick.

### Topic 1: Use of the Pavilion

At the January Council meeting Sue Wilkinson announced that the Pavilion is now under the Division of Public Works, which requires that all park activities be self-supporting. Any use of the pavilion must be reported to Sue Wilkinson. MVDDC has its dance card on file. Any change must be reported to Sue. This includes cancellations, meetings, and non-Council events. Forms will be available through the trustees.

### Topic 2: Application for Council Membership

The Country Classic Dancers have requested membership in the Council. Although the Council is interested in including country western dancing in its offerings, membership cannot be extended to this group at the present time because it is not a club that offers open dancing. At such time as the group meets the conditions specified in the bylaws, the Council will be happy to extend membership. A letter informing the group of this decision will be sent promptly.

### Topic 3: Council Sponsorship of Round Dance Lessons

The Council is reappraising its position with regard to its sponsorship of round dancing. Some confusion exists with regard to the relationship between "two-step" classes and "country western" dancing. The current contract expires on March 31. An inquiry letter to students with regard to their satisfaction with the lessons was suggested.

**Motion 1:** MVDC will reexamine its sponsorship of round dance classes with particular attention to the wording of the contract.

The motion was seconded and it carried.

### Topic 4: Monday Night Pavilion Square Dance Lessons

Currently five couples are taking lessons. One or more angel couples are needed. Cancellations because of inclement weather potentially causes an overlap in the use of the pavilion for make-up lessons and for the Summer Plus program. Basic lessons will end April 18; Mainstream will begin on April 25.

Mike Alexander will use his discretion in completing lessons. Betty French will develop flyers announcing the date and price for the mainstream lessons beginning April 25.

**Motion 2:** The MVDC will sponsor the Summer Plus program which will be held for nine weeks beginning Monday, JULY !!.

The motion was seconded and carried.

#### **Topic 5: Dancers Survey**

A preliminary copy of a survey of club dancers was offered for emendations. The following items were suggested:

1. Eliminate any item that identifies the respondents.
2. Ask for number of years dancers have danced; types of dancing they dance, number of clubs to which they belong; program level they regularly dance; number of times per month.
3. Ask what they consider a reasonable admission price for dances.

#### **Topic 6: Insurance Charge**

Currently the insurance fee per club is \$20.00. This amount will remain in effect until the periodic review of the umbrella policy in 1996. The council and each club have split the fee. At the January 8 council meeting a discussion of the need to reduce the amount of money spent from the reserve fund evoked the suggestion that each club pay the full \$20.

By omission, no formal motion to this effect was called for by the chair or offered by the members. To make the decision procedurally acceptable, a motion to increase each club's contribution from 10 to \$20 was made.

**Motion 3:** For 1994, the insurance fee for each club will be increased from \$10 to \$20.

The motion was seconded and it carried. This matter will be addressed at the general council meeting.

#### **Topic 7: Hot Line Services**

Originally the hot line services were for council clubs only. Later they were extended to callers. A motion was offered from the floor.

**Motion 4:** Hot line services will be available only for council member clubs and for their open dance activities.

The motion was seconded and it carried.

**Topic 8: Committee Meeting to Choose 1994 Honor Couple.**

The executive council met on February 5 to evaluate the candidates nominated by their clubs as honor couples. The members attending the meeting followed the prescribed procedures and chose the couple to be honored on the established criteria.

At the February 26 executive committee meeting two points of order were raised: the question of quorum and the eligibility of callers. The secretary was asked to research previous minutes for pertinent information.

Pertinent citations:

MVDC Meeting, November 10, 1992.

"The president of the Trustees, Ed Melhuish, reported ....The committee met on October 20 and recommended that the council board change their rule for quorum to a simple majority; that is, a simple majority plus one. This was presented to the Board on Saturday and it was approved." .

Minutes of the MVDC Executive Committee, November 9, 1991

"The Trustees ...report: 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."

Executive Committee Report, November 12, 1991

"The following decisions and recommendations were made:

1. Trustees presented a new selection system for the Honor Couple, form for club use will remain the same, but more emphasis will be placed at the club level."

Minutes of the MDVC Regular Meeting, November 12, 1991

"Trustees report....Nominees must be dancers, not paid callers, cuers, or prompters..."

At the February 8 ,1994 meeting a motion was offered.

**Motion 5:** That the decision of the committee regarding the 1994 honor couple be ratified.

The motion was seconded and carried with two abstentions.

**Topic 9: Correspondence**

Dave Decker read a letter without identifying the writer who expressed concern that socialization at club dances is not generalized, that there are too many raids, and that mixer dances are not used to advantage. He also read a thank you note for flowers sent to D. Linkous.

**Topic 10: Committee Reports**

Community Relations: Mona Cannell reported that food and a check have been delivered to the Red Cross, and suggested that each club specify an event that will emphasize donations.

Mona also reported that World Affairs will be held on the first weekend in June. Volunteers for committees are needed. The Ambassadors are scheduled to perform. Additional dancers are needed for this demonstration.

Len Cannell reported that a leadership seminar will be conducted at the state convention. Ten dollar grants are available for first time attendees.

Nominating Committee: Robert Price reported that he intends to distribute a list of offices which are open and that he will accept a statement of intention from any person interested in holding office, leaving it to the council to determine eligibility.

State Convention '95 Costume: Betty French described the attire for women as consisting of a white blouse and skirt, a white, gored overskirt with trimmings of hot air balloon colors and with black shoes and belt. Men's attire consists of a white suit and a tie using any two colors in the partner's overskirt. A sewing clinic will be held March 26. Costumes may also be made at Show Biz.

Order forms for hot air balloon badges will be distributed to the clubs.

General announcements: State costumes to be worn at national conventions will be approved by the State Corporation.

Ohio State Fair date for square dancing is August 13, 1994.

Dayton will host the 2001 Convention.

Dave Decker announced that he will be staying in the Dayton area. In the event that neither Dave nor Susan can chair the council meeting, Pete French will preside.

The meeting adjourned at 10 minutes after noon.

Submitted by

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