

MIAMI VALLEY DANCE COUNCIL MEETING

MARCH 12, 2002

MICHAEL SOLOMON PAVILION

7:03 PM

President Auggie Auckerman opened the meeting at 7:03 pm by asking Steve Hayden to lead the Pledge of Allegiance. Then Auggie thanked Ken Allen for taking care of the last meeting and thanked the clubs for their get well cards.

The following clubs, officers, and committee chairs signed in:

Circle 8's	Ray Fleishman	Twin Base Squares	Agnes Laux
CITYFOLK	Holly Bergman	Wheeler Dealers	Dimples Spencer
Clinton County	MaryAnne	Yellow Rockers	Betty Fischer
Country Squares	Cherryholmes		
Cloverleaf Squares	Deeann Beavers	Trustee	Ellen Wager
Country Cousins	Margaret & Don Cobbs	Trustee	George Heinz
Country Twirlers	Don & Patty Hartley	Trustee	Neal Morrisey
Curli-Qs	Jim Feerer	Trustee	Vicki Roush
Date'n 8s	Stuart Lewis	President	Auggie Auckerman
Dayton Contra	Mona Cannell	Vice President	Ken Allen
Double H Squares	Tim Buck	Secretary	Leslie Hyll substituting for Linda Rieman
Gem City Squares	Mancel Blankenship	Treasurer	Shirley Fluharty
Grand Squares	Diane Collins	MVDN Editor	Stuart Lewis
Hoosier corners	Tim McGraw	Comm. Relations	Vicki Roush
Kittyhawk Squares	Marvin Stibich	Awards Chair	Jim Gill
MV Folk Dancers	Leslie Hyll	MSSC Chair	L. Hyll for E. Cordray
MV Round Dancers	Fay Samborsky		
MV Singles	Jean Aills	The following clubs were not represented:	
Shooting Stars	Bill Fischer	Cardinal Squares	
Squares A Go-Go	Bill Jahn	Dayton Clog Dance	
Super B Squares	Rick Hauser	National Carousel	
Tues After. Plus	John Chevalier	Rounds By Jobe	

Club representatives **MUST SIGN IN** so that their club will receive meeting attendance credit. Meeting attendance at four of the six meetings a year is required to maintain a club's membership in the Council.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Shirley Fluharty reported that she had not received the bank statement yet so did not have a complete report. The current balances are as follows:

CD 1	\$38,946.33	Savings	\$3004.95
CD 2	\$3,923.88	Checking	<u>\$2293.23</u>
CD 3	\$10,053.65	Total Assets.....	\$63,248.86
CD 4	\$5,026.82		

Motion to accept the treasurer's report was made by Bill Fischer, seconded by Don Cobbs. Motion passed.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Leslie Hyll was filling in for Linda Rieman this evening. There was one correction to the January, 2002 minutes – under Club News, the Shooting Stars dance date should be April 6. Motion to accept the January, 2002 minutes as corrected was made by Ray Fleischman, seconded by Jim Feerer.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Ken Allen reported that in 2001 the Council held 6 evenings of Summer Plus workshops with an average profit of \$37 per evening. The Council also held 7 evenings of DBD workshops with an average profit of \$15 per evening. So for 2002, Ken plans to schedule 8 evenings of Summer Plus workshops and 5 evenings of DBD workshops. He is currently working with the MV Callers Association to arrange callers for these workshops. A flyer should be available at the next meeting.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Auggie Auckerman reported that the Executive Committee discussed the following items at their last meeting: Insurance cost increase, Constitution revisions, 2002 Buckeye Dance Convention (Akron) security information, and a leadership workshop.

TRUSTEE'S REPORT

George Heinz asked that dancers respect the handicapped and no parking markings in the Pavilion parking lot. He has experienced problems getting a wheelchair into the Pavilion due to folks parking illegally and blocking access.

George is preparing the Coupon Books for graduating students. Clubs should let him know how many books they need for their students.

NEWSLETTER REPORT

Stuart Lewis reported that he has changed the cover of the newsletter to white paper in order to save some money. The latest newsletter does not include a consolidated schedule strip this time as it duplicates the new consolidated Council schedule. This new schedule was available during this meeting.

ATTENDANCE REPORT

Stuart Lewis reported that 22 out of 30 clubs had signed in for this meeting. He reminded representatives that they need to sign in for the club to receive attendance credit.

MIAMI VALLEY CALLERS ASSN. REPORT

John Chevalier asked clubs to begin thinking about their classes for next year. The MVCA will hold a beginners dance on Sunday.

AWARDS COMMITTEE REPORT

Jim Gill reported that 2 new people have earned their 100 raider badge and 2 new people have earned their 300 raider award.

OHIO CORPORATION OF DANCE CLUBS REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

Auggie Auckerman reported for Tom & Barb Dieterle.

Flyers are available for the Western Day Dance at Sauder Village on July 27, 2002. This dance replaces the Sea World Day for dancers. Square dance badges should be worn to enter the village.

Flyers are available for the State Fair dance on August 10, 2002 from 5:30 – 10:30 pm. Groups planning on bringing a bus must inform Don Garris. Toledo region is supplying the callers and cuers. The Ohio Corp. President has challenged each region to bring a bus load of dancers to the fair.

The proposal for a 2003 Anniversary Dance is being reviewed by the State Fair Board. Plans are to use the Celeste building. This event will be the last Sunday of the State Fair. The plan calls for a free dance.

Cincinnati will host the 2005 Buckeye Dance Convention, approved by the Ohio Corp. The Ohio Corp. has also approved Dayton to host the 2006 Buckeye Dance Convention.

The Knight Convention Center, location of the 2002 Buckeye Dance Convention in Akron, has announced new security policies. These will be in effect for the convention. Sheets with the policies have been passed out, please pass this information on to your dancers.

MINI LEGACY

No report.

MICHAEL SOLOMON SUPPORT COMMITTEE REPORT

Leslie Hyll reported for chair Ed Cordray. Regarding the MSSC treasury,

Balance as of January 1, 2002.....	\$14,090.35
Receipts.....	\$1,805.75
Expenses	\$973.69
Balance as of March 1, 2002.....	\$14,922.41
Deposits Held.....	\$50.00

The MSSC will hold a “Spring Work Party” on April 27, 2002 beginning at 10:00 am until the work is done. The purpose is to clean the Pavilion from top to bottom, and do yard work. Please encourage your dancers to attend and help. In a fit of insanity, Tom Dieterle volunteered to make chili for lunch. Lunch will be free for all workers.

HOTLINE

No report.

HISTORIAN

No report. The Historian position is still open.

CLUB NEWS

Grand Squares – Diane Collins – The Grand Squares are planning a 25th anniversary celebration. The festivities will begin with a dinner and get-together on Sunday, June 9, followed by a dance on June 14 with Dick Duckham calling. All who have ever belonged to the Grand Squares are invited. Contact Jean Malone for further details at 277-2489. Upcoming callers will be Sparky Sparks on March 22; Galen Hibbard on April 12; Mike Sumpter on April 26; Sam Dunn on May 10; and Jack Pladdys on May 24.

Kittyhawk Squares – Marvin Stibich – Kittyhawks will have a St. Patrick's Day Dance on March 17 with Joe Chiles and the Good Old Boys.

Double H Squares – Tim Buck – The caller for the March 29 dance will be Jack Pladdys. The April 29 dance has been cancelled.

Yellow Rockers – Betty Fischer – The Spring Fling dance will feature Ed Laudenschlager and Pam Courts. This dance will be held at the Michael Solomon Pavilion on Sunday, April 14, from 7:30 – 10:00 pm.

Shooting Stars – Betty Fischer – The annual Recycle Sale will be held at the Greene County Career Center on Saturday, March 16, 2002. This is a Hi-Low dance with Topple McGuffey and Gay Chevalier. Saturday, April 6, 2002, is a Hi-Low dance with George Wiseman and also some line dancing.

Miami Valley Singles – Jean Aills – March 15, Hi-Low dance with Brian Shannon and Gay Chevalier; April 19, with Ken Jordan and Elaine Wintson; May 17, Ken Roberts and Gay Chevalier; June 21, Cindy Whitacre and Elaine Wintson.

Super B Squares – Vicki Roush – St.Patrick's Eve Dance, March 16, MSP, 8:00 – 10:30 pm, with Ken Roberts and Stuart Lewis.

Gem City Squares – Steve Hayden – March 24 with Scotty Sharrer.

OLD BUSINESS / NEW BUSINESS

(Hey, you be the secretary! I can't help it the President jumps around between old and new business.)

Auggie Auckerman reported the following information:

- a. The Council received a thank you letter from the Red Cross for the Council's donation to disaster relief.
- b. As was announced at the January meeting, Fay Samborsky and Stuart Lewis were chosen as the Council's Honor Roll Dancers for 2002.
- c. Club insurance payments are due at this meeting. Unfortunately, the premium has increased by 30%. Having called the insurance company, the increase is the result of huge payments made as a result of the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001. All insurance companies are raising rates to recuperate their costs. The Council will go ahead and pay the increased cost.

The clubs are asked to pay an additional \$10, to bring the total to \$45 per club. Please submit this additional payment to the treasurer as soon as possible.

- d. The Council has donated four certificates to ThinkTV for its Great TV Auction. Each certificate is worth \$50 towards dance lessons with a Council club. The certificates have an expiration date of October, 2002. The auction will be held April 15 – 20. If you want to volunteer to help at the auction, call Jimmy Snader at 937-220-1700.
- e. The Honor Dance will be held May 19, from 2:00 – 5:00 pm. There will be entertainment from 1:15 – 1:45 pm, so come early.
- f. Steve & Sherri Hayden, chair for the 2006 Buckeye Dance Convention, were directed to check with Cincinnati for any interest in working jointly on the convention. However, Cincinnati has since accepted the 2005 convention. Steve is going to check with the Lima council for any interest in helping Dayton in 2006. Steve is also be checking various locations for the convention.
- g. Auggie is still searching for a 2nd representative to the Ohio Corporation of Dance Clubs and for a Historian.
- h. Auggie has arranged for buses to transport area dancers to the 2002 Buckeye Dance Convention in Akron. One bus will go up on Friday and come back on Saturday. A second bus will go up on Saturday and return on Saturday. April 20, 2002 is the deadline for signing up to take the bus.
- i. An audit of the Council's 2001 financial records has been completed, including the convention records. No errors were found.
- j. Marvin Stibich, Kittyhawk Squares, asked about club attendance to maintain membership in the Council. He said it appears that 4 clubs appear to not have met the attendance requirement over the last year, based on the attendance page in the Miami Valley Dance News. Stuart Lewis noted that as newsletter editor he did not have all of last years data and as such the information in the newsletter may be incorrect. Auggie Auckerman said he will check with Linda Rieman to review the official attendance records.
- k. Jim Feerer, Curli Qs, expressed the Curli Qs concern that the Council had scheduled demonstrations at the same time as Curli Q dances, and they were not happy about this. The Curli Qs were suggesting that Council demos should not conflict with any club dances. Marvin Stibich mentioned that callers also plan weekends that conflict with club dances. John Chevalier noted that one of the demonstrations in question was probably mis-labeled as it was for people who would not likely get involved in dance clubs. Auggie Auckerman noted that demonstrations need to be done when they are requested, not when it is convenient for the Council. Also, it is not uncommon for different club dances to be scheduled at the same time. Leslie Hyll pointed out that promotion of dancing is a primary purpose of the Council and demonstrations is one way of doing that. While the membership of the Council could decide that the Council not do demonstrations, if we decided not to, the Council should reexamine why it exists. There is some club dance every night of the week. It would be impossible to schedule demonstrations not to conflict with any club dance. Clubs certainly may schedule their own demonstrations that would not conflict with their dances, but they certainly would conflict with another club's dance. Ultimately the dancers will decide which

events they want to participate in, club dance or demonstration. Jean Aills mentioned that demonstrations in question were part of a dance marathon at the University of Dayton and a scouting event. Jim Feerer finished the discussion by saying that he realizes there are considerations. The concern had been mentioned twice at club meetings and he was asked to bring the matter to the Council. Mona Cannell asked the club representatives to let their clubs know there will be demonstrations and why.

- l. Steve Hayden wanted to know if the Council had provided information to the national square dance directory as the 2002 edition listed the wrong representative for his club. Auggie Auckerman stated that the Council had not provided any information to the directory.
- m. Betty Fischer wanted to know if the information regarding which trustees were assigned to which clubs was available. It was stated at the January meeting that this information would be available at this meeting. George Heinz said he had sheets and to see him for a copy.

CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS PROPOSALS

Leslie Hyll, chair of the Constitution Review Committee, presented five proposals to update the Council's Constitution and Bylaws. Copies of these proposals were distributed to each eligible voter during the meeting. The proposals will be voted on during the May, 2002 meeting. The proposals are:

- Proposal 5 – Eligibility for Office
- Proposal 6 – Officer Changes
- Proposal 7 – Officer Removal / Filling Vacated Office
- Proposal 8 – Voting Rights
- Proposal 9 – Miscellaneous Changes

Copies of the proposals may also be found on the internet at

http://www.geocities.com/leslie_hyll/mvdc

Questions and comments should be directed to Leslie through her email at

leslie_hyll@ameritech.net

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by George Heinz and seconded by Jim Feerer. Motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Leslie K. Hyll, Acting Secretary

Miami Valley Dance Council