

MIAMI VALLEY DANCE COUNCIL MEETING

May 14, 2002

MICHAEL SOLOMON PAVILION

7:07 PM

President Auggie Auckerman opened the meeting at 7:07 pm by asking a club representative to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Cardinal Squares	Norm Sorensen	Squares A Go-Go	Bill & Louise Jahn
Circle 8's	Ray Fleishman	Super B Squares	Rick Hauser
CITYFOLK	Leslie Hyll	Swinging 8s	Sondra White
Clinton County Sqs	Larry Ferguson	Tues After. Plus	Curt Hill
Cloverleaf Squares	Ray Beavers	Twin Base Squares	Agnes Laux
Country Cousins	Elbert Spencer	Wheeler Dealers	Dimples Spencer
Country Twirlers	Dick & Sandy Lang	Whirlaways	ABSENT
Curli-Qs	Jim Feerer	Yellow Rockers	Betty Fischer
Date'n 8s	Stuart Lewis	Trustee	Ellen Wager
Dayton Clog Dance	Linda Smith	Trustee	George Heinz
Dayton Contra	Mona Cannell	Trustee	Neal Morrisey
Double H Squares	Tim Buck	Trustee	Vicki Roush
Gem City Squares	Steve Hayden	President	Auggie Auckerman
Grand Squares	Diane Collins	Vice President	Ken Allen
Hoosier Corners	ABSENT	Secretary	Leslie Hyll substituting for Linda Rieman
Kittyhawk Squares	Myrna Allen	Treasurer	Shirley Fluharty
MV Folk Dancers	Ed Anderson	MVDN Editor	Stuart Lewis
MV Round Dancers	Fay Samborsky	State Corp Rep	Tom & Barb Dieterle
MV Singles	Jean Aills	Comm. Relations	Vicki Roush
National Carousel	ABSENT	Awards Chair	ABSENT
Rounds By Jobe	Chuck Jobe	MSSC Chair	Ed Cordray
Shooting Stars	Bill Fischer	MV Callers Assn	John Chevalier

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 gave the treasurer's report for March and April.

Checking Beginning Balance, 1 March 2002	\$2,293.23
Cash Receipts.....	\$545.75
Cash Disbursements.....	\$1,770.42
Checking Ending Balance, 1 April 2002	\$1,068.56
Certificate of Deposit 1, balance ending April 2002 ...	\$39,008.56
Certificate of Deposit 2, balance ending April 2002	\$3,942.06
Certificate of Deposit 3	\$10,104.97
Certificate of Deposit 4.....	\$5,052.48
<u>Savings Account</u>	<u>\$3,006.86</u>
Total Assets.....	\$61,114.93

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

Shirley also noted that 6 clubs (Country Cousins, Country Twirlers, MVFD, Cityfolk, Swinging 8s, Whirlaways) had not yet paid the additional \$10.00 charge for insurance for the year. It had been announced at the last meeting that the insurance premium went up 30% this year and each club's share was an additional \$10.00.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Leslie Hyll filled in for Linda Rieman this evening. Motion to accept the March, 2002 minutes was made by Jean Aills, seconded by Bill Fischer. Motion passed.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Ken Allen reported that the Summer Plus workshops will begin on Monday, June 24, 2002. There will be 10 Plus workshop evenings and no DBD workshops (this is a change from the last meeting). DBD did not do well financially last year. DBD dance opportunities are still available with the Date-n-8s. Flyers for the Summer Plus workshops are not complete yet, but will be distributed to clubs in the next 3 weeks. Ken stated that the workshops are an important Council activity and good for students. Everyone should encourage students and angels to attend. There is NO free admission for angels, but experienced dancers are needed to help the less experienced dancers. Cost of the workshops is \$2.50 per person per evening, 7:30 – 10:00 pm on Mondays at the Michael Solomon Pavilion. Caller will rotate from the Miami Valley Callers Association.

Ken reported that he needs fall class info now so class flyers will be ready at the next meeting and for summer demos. Last year's flyer was passed around to be marked up.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Auggie Auckerman reported that the Executive Committee discussed the following items at their last meeting:

- a. Dance attire – Auggie has heard complaints about proper square dance attire not being worn. It is up to the clubs to enforce or not enforce proper attire, but maybe we need to backoff the requirement to keep from losing new dancers.

- b. Other ideas discussed in the Executive Committee did not get off the ground.
- c. The secretary has had requests from a club to add items to her mailing of council minutes. She cannot send anything out to the other clubs unless it goes through the council president.
- d. PLEASE RESPOND TO RECEIPT OF MINUTES – If you receive your copy of the Council minutes by email, please reply to the message so the secretary knows you have received it. Otherwise, she must send out a hard copy.

TRUSTEE'S REPORT

George Heinz had coupon books for graduates available. Please contact George to get some for your students.

George also recommended that dancers have a release form readily available in case of an accident. A dancer at the State Convention was denied access to his partner after she became ill because he was not an immediate relative.

Vicki Roush reported that she has 60 dancers on her demo list. Please realize that demos will conflict with some dances as there is a dance every night of the week. Vicki would appreciate flyers and other info about clubs other than squares to pass out at the demos.

NEWSLETTER REPORT

Stuart Lewis asked that even if your club has no subscriptions to the newsletter, please see him to pick up a sheet of schedule information for your club to update. Mark it up and return it to him and he will update your schedule in the newsletter.

Stuart said he was concerned that newsletter subscriptions are down, he thinks due to the new council schedule. He has started sending email notices to subscribers that the newsletter is available on the web. He would like folks to go look at the newsletter on the web, in addition to subscribing so that he can say to advertisers that there are a lot of subscribers. If everyone would either subscribe or look at it on the web, we might be able to get enough advertisers to make the newsletter free again.

Stuart asked now that the Council schedule foldouts are out and being used, how do you like the new format? One club indicated that they preferred the older format (clubs listed by days vs. dances listed by date) (but that is not enough feedback to be able to say dancers prefer one format over another).

ATTENDANCE REPORT

Stuart Lewis reported that seven clubs had NOT 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 announce that MVCA had elected the following officers for 2002: President, Jason Raleigh; Vice-President, John Knight; Treasurer, Ken Roberts; Secretary, John Chevalier. It is time to recruite new dancers for fall classes. He noted that Callerlab has discussed dress including prairie skirts. He noted that they had some success with casual dress demos. Be sure when hiring a caller for a demo that the caller knows how to handle new dancers. Some apprentice callers in the area do not know how to handle new dancers.

Tom Dieterle mentioned that not many callers attended the State Convention this year and dancers complained. John said he would take that back to MVCA.

AWARDS COMMITTEE REPORT

No Awards report was available.

OHIO CORPORATION OF DANCE CLUBS REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

Barb Dieterle announced that state corp had elected new officers: President – Paul & Mary Cousino; Vice-President – Bob & Judy Calkins; Recording Secretary – Mary Ann King; Treasurer – Don & Barb Garris.

Youth Square Dance Day at State Fair – State Corp is asking for donations to help support this event. Each council has been asked to donate and any individuals that wish to donate. You can send donations to Don Garris, 4299 Parklawn Dr., Willoughby, OH 44904.

The State Fair square dance will be held on August 10, 2002 in the Rhodes Building from 5:30 – 10:30 pm. There are dressing rooms available for changing into square dance attire. Cleveland won the table of ideas at the state convention.

MINI LEGACY

No report.

MICHAEL SOLOMON SUPPORT COMMITTEE REPORT

Ed Cordray reported on the MSSC treasury as follows:

Balance as of March 1, 2002.....	\$14,922.41
Receipts.....	\$1,680.00
Expenses	\$318.47
Balance as of May 1, 2002.....	\$16,283.94
Deposits Held.....	\$50.00

An expense that will show up on the next statement is the floor refinishing, approximately \$2700. Ed thanked the folks who helped at the “Spring Work Party” on April 27.

HOTLINE

No report.

HISTORIAN

Sherry Hayden has volunteered to fill the position of Historian.

COMMENTS

Butterflies for National Convention. Barb Dieterle thanked everyone for making butterflies. The Council donated 1546 butterflies. Ray Fleischman, Circle 8s, noted that some women started a club as a result of working on the butterflies. If anyone has any stray butterflies, Vicki Roush will be happy to take them to the convention.

Steve Hayden noted that at Gem City Squares, square dance attire is always optional.

CLUB NEWS

Cloverlead Squares – Ray Beavers – The Midwest Ohio Callers Association are sponsoring a Turkey Hop dance on Sunday, November 10, 2002 near St. Marys, OH. See flyer for details.

Super B's – Rick Hauser – There has been a change in caller for the Saturday dance. May 18, Pam Courts & Stuart Lewis; June 1, George Wiseman & Gay Chevalier; June 15, Jack Pladdys & Stuart Lewis (Picnic & Ice Cream night); November 2, Wild, Wild Western Dance, Curt Braffet, Jack Pladdys, Nick Hartley, Gay & John Chevalier.

Miami Valley Folk Dancers – Ed Anderson – MVFD will have an Open House this Thursday, 7 pm at the Pavilion, free. This would be a good time to find out what folk dancing is all about. Mini-Workshop on June 20 with Joe Graciosi teaching Greek dances, 7 pm, \$5.00.

Grand Squares – Diane Collins – May 24, Jack Pladdys, Gay Chevalier; June 14, Anniversary Dance, Dick Duckham, Pat Toney; June, July, August – dance only on 2nd Friday; July 12, Ed Pabst, Gay Chevalier; Sept 13, Keith Rippetto, Gay Chevalier.

Shooting Stars – Bill Fischer – Graduation Dance, May 18, Ed Pabst, Gay Chevalier. During June, July, August, dancers may dress casually. Square dance attire starting again in September. The Shooting Stars web page address has changed. The new address has been placed with your fliers.

Miami Valley Singles – Jean Aills – May 17, Ken Robers & Gay Chevalier; June 21, Bob Newman & Elaine Wintrow; July 19, Cindy Whitaker & Gay Chevalier.

Cardinal Squares – Norm Sorensen – Summer dances will be in casual attire with air conditioning!

Curli-Qs – Jim Feerer – June 8, 8 pm, Dick Dickham, Gay Chevalier, casual dress. No dances in July or August.

OLD BUSINESS

Auggie Auckerman reported the following information:

- a. During the last meeting, there was a question as to whether several clubs were meeting their attendance requirement at Council meetings. The secretary checked the sign-in rosters for the last year. The July, 2001 roster was missing. Even with the missing roster, one club missed too many meetings. The club has been notified and is here tonight. **PLEASE REMEMBER – YOU ARE REMINDED AT LEAST TWICE DURING EVERY MEETING TO SIGN IN. YOU MUST SIGN IN TO RECEIVE ATTENDANCE CREDIT.** Saying you forgot to sign in will not get you credit. Attendance at four of the six meetings a year is required to maintain your club's membership in the Council.
- b. Please pick up your packets in the back. There are always several left that should have been picked up.
- c. Honor Dance, May 19, at the Pavilion from 2 – 5 pm with entertainment from 1:15 – 1:45 pm. Cost is \$4.00 for non-honor folks, free for honor folks (you need your honor badge) or council shirt. If you have not received your honor badge yet, we will have a list of people who have applied. Each club has been given a slip requesting finger foods for the dance.

NEW BUSINESS

Auggie Auckerman continued with the following items:

- a. Council Benefit Dance will be held on Sunday, September 15, 2002 at the Pavilion. There will be door prizes and a raffle. Proceeds will go toward operating the Council.
- b. A nominating committee will be appointed at the July meeting. The committee will have job descriptions for all of the positions to be elected. Please volunteer to help.
- c. Earn a dangle by participating in demonstrations. See Vicki Roush for details.
- d. Substitutes for Council representatives need to understand that they have to sign in and pick up packets.
- e. Stuart Lewis and Fay Samborsky were presented a plaque from the Ohio Corporation of Dance Clubs for being the MVDC Honor Roll Dancers.

Norm Sorensen of Cardinal Squares presented a proposal for a new award – the Henry Fowler Memorial – Annual Banner Raid Award. His club is concerned about a lack of emphasis on the Banner Raid program. They propose an annual award to the club with the most raids and retrievals each year. A flyer explaining the award was passed out. He would like to have a vote in July to decide one of three things: (1) to officially create the award and call it the “Henry Fowler Memorial Annual Banner Raid Award,” (2) to officially create the award and call it the “MVDC Annual Banner Raid Award,” or (3) to not create this banner raid award.

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 March meeting. Each proposal was discussed and then voted upon. The results of the voting are as follows:

Proposal 5 – Eligibility for Office – PASSED

Proposal 6 – Officer Changes – FAILED

Proposal 7 – Officer Removal / Filling Vacated Office – PASSED

Proposal 8 – Voting Rights – FAILED

Proposal 9 – Miscellaneous Changes – PASSED

An updated copy of the Constitution and Bylaws will be available at the next meeting. Leslie thanked the rest of the committee, Fay Samborsky, Neil Morrissey, and Iris Maloney, for all of their hard work..

A motion to destroy the ballots was received from Barb Dieterle, second, Betty Fischer. Motion passed.

OTHER

While the votes were being counted, the floor was opened for more comments.

Steve Hayden, Chair of the 2006 State Convention, asked what was liked and not liked about the convention that just ended. Answers included: Sunday morning program was excellent; Fashion show pamphlet was neat; Want more callers from our area to attend; Solo corner was a bust; Line dancing was hard to find; No need to reinvent the wheel – learn from history.

The acting secretary did not hear who made the motion to adjourn the meeting. She assumes it passed. She also forgot to write down what time it ended.

Respectfully submitted,
Leslie K. Hyll, Acting Secretary
Miami Valley Dance Council