

NORTHWEST DISTRICT MINUTES

The quarterly meeting of the Northwest District was called to order at 5 p.m. on August 12, 2023 at Graceway Fellowship Hall by president Carol Hershey.

One addition to the agenda was a slide presentation at the State Festival by Steve Bean.

Roll call was answered by eight clubs. A quorum was present.

Robert and Helen Cummins were introduced as guests.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: April 23, 2023. A motion was made by Fred Goucher to approve the minutes as sent by email. Motion was seconded, vote taken, minutes were approved as sent.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Beginning balance April 23, \$4,370.58. Ending balance August 12, \$4,651.03. Report was filed for audit.

GENERAL REPORTS:

Correspondence: Two cards were sent, one to Don Strange and another to Rick Long.

District Presidents Report(s): July 23, 2023. The Northeast District talked about the Route 36 Dance hosted by the Peppy Promenaders and Tanglefoot Squares. Dave and Penny Byers, chairmen of both the Square Dance of the Year Committee and the Caller-Cuer Hall of Fame committee reminded the district presidents nominations for both of these awards are due by August 1. They also have a trailer available to use in parades; contact Dave and Penny. All of the districts indicated lessons are being started. Northwest District mentioned their district dance is August 12. She also reported the group discussed ways the Promotions Committee could get funds 222 to the clubs to help promote square dancing.

State Meeting Report(s): July 23, 2023. April meeting minutes were approved. A proposal to rename the Missouri State Festival to Missouri State Convention will be brought before the Board. Since it requires a Constitution change, it will be voted on in October. There were 218 Doin's mailed. There are 1,116 dancers insurance in Missouri. Carol Hershey made a report on the status of the State Festival. Liz Rooks reminded the Board about the Day of Dance during the State Fair in August. The Nominating Committee recommended that the current officers be re-elected for the coming year; election to be held at the October 15 meeting. Ordering signs for promoting square dancing was discussed. People were asked to go back to their local areas and see what signs cost at home. It might be cheaper to order locally.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

27th NW District Dance – August 12, 2023. Graceway Fellowship Hall. District Callers and Cuers. Mainstream/Plus/Rounds/Lines, 7-10 p.m. Savannah Sashayers hosting. Ray Trowbridge is MC.

64th State Festival hosted by Northwest District: October 13-14-15, 2023. – Carol Hersey ran through an update of were the plans are for the upcoming State Festival. More volunteers are still needed. Updates were given on the progress of committees. The Ramblers will host the lunch prior to the State Meeting, October 15, 2023 in Sedalia. It was approved to purchase a gift certificate of \$50 from the NW District for the silent auction. A reminder that clubs selling raffle tickets keep 1/2, other half goes to State. The next planning meeting will be held August 23rd. Steve Bean showed a slide show of what he is preparing for the State Festival. It will displayed on a wall in the main dance hall. Everyone thought this was a good thing.

The Northwest District has no callers or cuers that qualify for the Caller/Cuer Hall of Fame nomination.

Square Dancer of the Year nominations from clubs were due to Carol by July 1. Carol turned in two nominations.

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Friendship Visitation: Carol Hershey reported that six club participated.

A flyer was put together for Lessons – Carol asked how people thought it was working.

Report on Shooting Stars Farmer's Market demo – Desiree Stone. 32 people representing six clubs helped on May 20 in Kearney. They had 13 people sign a sheet indicating interest in lessons. Six of those people actually started lessons.

Report of the Mainstream Blast #2 July 15. It was a smaller group, mostly Live Wires.

Nominating Committee for 2024. Election at October meeting. No report, but several people indicated that Monica Reynolds had called them and they had told her they would continue in office.

NEW BUSINESS:

Dan Wheeler asked permission to purchase a cash tray. They have never had a real one. It would be nice to have. Request was approved. Dan will purchase and be reimbursed.

CLUB NEWS:

- Shooting Stars will be moving to the South Valley Middle School (same location as Ramblers) for their upcoming dances. Lessons begin in September in Kearney.
- Live Wires begin lessons in August.
- B-N-R Squares lesson are Wednesdays until Christmas
- Cross Trailers half-way dance in Saturday, August 19, 1-3 at Graceway.
- There is a USDA Webinar on August 19 on Creating a Welcoming Dance Environment. It is by Zoom.
- Savannah will be starting lessons soon.
- Dan Pearson will be starting round dance lessons in September.

Next meeting is October 22, 2023 – 2 p.m. – NKC Hospital Pavilion.

Meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.