

Suncoast Callers & Cuers Association

February 7, 2026 Minutes

Meeting called to order at 9:01 a.m.

Member Attendees: Don Bachelder, Bill Chase, Jim Davis, Clifford Gordon, Gary & Dianne Hicks, Linda Michel, Bucky Tenney, Dave Vieira and Susan Wolford.

Commented [SW1]:

Dave Vieira gave a report on the current standing of the 2028 National Convention to be held in Daytona, Florida. There is a benefit dance in March in Ocala, FL. They are starting to look for other areas to put on a benefit dance for the 77th NSDC 2028. They have received almost 350 registered to date. This includes dancers plus leaders. Picking up about 1-2 registrations per week. We're #2 from a state standpoint registered for Colorado. Orange Blossom is doing their anniversary dance in October to be a benefit dance for the 77th.

Don Bachelder reported on the SCCA Association dances. We made \$92.00 on the Welcome Back Dance in December 2025. We could have the Strawberry Room March 1st, 2026 as a multiple caller/cuer dance. This room holds about 4 squares. Prior SCCA Association dances have had about 2 squares. Don Bachelder said these dances are intended to get callers who don't get much floor time to be able to call. At Temple Twirlers, 3 callers responded to the invitation to call but 9 callers showed up to call. Dianne Hicks says these type dances do benefit both Gary & her. They would like to have these dances happen. Don Bachelder will schedule the Strawberry Room for March 1, 2026 for an open mic for all SCCA callers who attend. It will be a Mainstream with announced Plus and Rounds.

There is an SCCA Sponsored dance scheduled for February 22, 2027 in Punta Gorda at Alligator RV Park.

What are thoughts on a Welcome Back dance next season? Some responded in favor. Will see about scheduling a New Year's dance at Strawberry Square for January 3, 2027.

Don Bachelder reported that he has an application for membership to SCCA from Jeffrey Koffman from Winter Haven, FL. He is a member of Florida Callers Association and has been calling for 5 years. Mike Gormley & Don Bachelder both heard him call at the Florida State Convention this past January and both agreed to sponsor him. Motion to accept made by Bill Chase and seconded by Bucky Tenney. Membership accepted by all.

There were 11 callers to attend the Clinic. Curt Braffet did a great job in his presentation. Presentation included 4 positions that came from the Jerry Storey collection. Curt was paid \$225.

Motion to Adjourn made by Bucky Tenney and seconded by Bill Chase. Meeting Adjourned at 9:33 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Wolford

Acting Secretary