

SCCA Meeting Minutes for October 14, 2018

Meeting was held at Strawberry Square Dance Center, Plant City, FL and was called to order by the President, Ted Hughes at 1:32 pm.

Seven voting members were present, plus three spouses and one guest: Ted Hughes - Pres, Richard (Laura) Spaulding - Treas., Mike Gormley - Acting Sect., Bob (Carol) Stern, Carl (Betty) Rod, Gary Hicks, Diane Hicks and Cherylene Sorrells (Strawberry Square)

Mike Gormley was asked to record the minutes, due to the absence of the Secretary.

It was announced that Bob Ormsbee - Secretary has taken a Leave of Absence until further notice. His letter to Ted, which was received on October 5th, reads in part: "Due to the increased workload at my job, and the hours I have to work I am going to have to take a leave of absence under Article IV section B of the constitution." Technically this will make him an "Inactive" member.

There were no minutes of the last meeting available to be read.

Treasurer's Report was given and submitted for audit.

Committee reports:

Bob Stern announced he had obtained Tim Scholl of Arkansas to lead our clinic in February 2019 and Keith Stevens to lead the clinic for February of 2020.

Mike Gormley, Webmaster, reminded all members that they are responsible to get their personal information changes first to the Secretary for recording and then to the Webmaster so changes can be made to the website. Mike also reminded those without portraits or resumes, it is their responsibility to get the information to him.

For the November 18, 2018 Caller/Cuer Critique Dance, it will be limited to members only to be on the microphone. This is part of your benefit of being a member. However, there was some concern that maybe it should be opened to any person looking to get on the microphone, member or not as part of the aims and purposes of this association.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Mike Gormley read to the group a letter he received from the Alabama Square and Round Dance Association asking clubs and groups to write letters indicating their support for the Alabama Association to host the 72nd National Square Dance Convention in Mobile, Alabama in 2023. They need these letters as part of their bid package to be presented in Atlanta, GA this coming summer of 2019. There was no further discussion on this matter and no decision was made by SCCA to send such a letter.

The need for an interim Secretary for the SCCA was brought up again. Ted asked a few members present if they would take it, but got no takers. Ted asked if anyone would at least volunteer to record the minutes for our next meeting, still no takers. With no resolution, the subject was tabled.

We will be using the Callerlab Experimental Condensed Teach Order for the March 2019 Freshman Frolics. Plan your classes accordingly, so your dancers are successful with this list order.

Carl Rod announced that he is officially retired after 45 years of calling/cueing.

It was mentioned that the Clinic scheduled for 10am to 4 pm on February 10, 2019 is a Sunday and may interfere with those wanting to attend church. Since it is at the Martin House, Cherylene Sorrells is not in charge of that, but Cherylene will look into some Saturday dates for us to possibly make a change.

For the March 2019 Freshman Frolics, there was a question as to who gets to call. It was mentioned that those callers/cuers who have beginner classes will be programmed first, followed by other caller/cuer members present, if time slots are available.

An interesting informal discussion followed on how some members approach teaching their classes and what lists they use, as well as how much extended applications get used. A little bit about recruiting and what works was also discussed.

Mike Gormley announced he is starting a new caller run club in Sebring, FL. He will be teaching beginners and building from there. He also mentioned how his recruiting worked and his arrangement to get the venue.

Ted will not be at the November 18th Caller/Cuer Critique dance so is looking for an MC to run the event and schedule the callers/cuers. If you are willing, get in touch with Ted.

Bob Stern made a motion to change Carl Rod's membership status to "Life Member". Mike Gormley seconded the motion. Motion unanimously carried.

Strawberry Square Dance Center will have water ready for any dance event we sponsor, in particular, the Caller/Cuer Critique and the Freshman Frolics. We are responsible, to provide the coffee, cream and sugar, as well as any other snacks. We also are responsible for any clean up. Diane Hicks and Ed Richey are co-chairs for the Refreshment Committee.

Meeting adjourned at 2:33 pm

Submitted by: Mike Gormley