

FANSDC Board Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: April 18, 2026

Executive Summary

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Treasurer's Report

Total Income:

Total Expenses:

Current Balance:

2026 50th Camporee - Golden Jubilee

Key Decisions

- NSDCA members eligible to call/cue (with Chair approval)
- Non-NSDCA members are eligible (with Chair approval)
- Must have ASCAP/BMI license
- Non-NSDCA member registration: +\$10 fee
- Quilts of Valor: 13-14 awards, Saturday 9 PM
- Advertising approved in USDA Magazine (\$90)

Proposed By-Law Amendments

- Article 6:** Allow virtual board meetings (phone/video)
- Article 8:** Nominating committee from 3 to 2 Chapter representatives
- Article 9:** Add audit reference to Standing Rules

To be voted on in October 2026

2026 Camporee Update

- Issue:** Co-chair coordination challenges
- Action:** 30-day deadline for contract (May 16)
- Backup:** Road Runners chapter ready to assist

National NSDCA News

- 2026 International:** June in Belleville, Texas
- 2027 International:** Lebanon, Tennessee
- Membership decline:** Down to ~280 members (-82 from last year)
- Discussion** of potential final Camporee planning

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1. Call to Order

- Meeting called to order by Marshall Blick at 10:00 a.m.
- The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Marshall Blick
- The Invocation was presented by John Ide
- The Roll Call was performed by Ken Shacter. The following Board Members were present:

Chapter 193 Representatives/NSDCA President: John & Dolly Ide (193)
FANSDC President: Marshall & Laura Blick (128)
FANSDC Vice President: Susan Snider (128)
FANSDC Secretary: Ken Shacter (128)
FANSDC Past President: Bob & Barbara Rosenthal
FANSDC Camporee Chairman: Pat Herscha & Laura Ramsey (Marilyn Scott, absent)
NSDCA State Representative: Laura Ransey
FANSDC Treasurer: Absent
FANSDC Camporee Vice Chairman: Absent

e. Others present (for all or part of the meeting) were:

Dennis Ramsey
Carolyn Shacter
Ron Imus
Mark Fetzer
Mary Chesnut

f. October 2025 General Meeting Minutes

- i. Marshall stated they are available on the FANSDC website and stated approval is deferred to the October 2026 General Meeting.
- ii. Note: in hindsight, the minutes to be approved should have been the October 2025 Board meeting, not the General Meeting. (ACTION ITEM) This should be taken care of during the upcoming May Board meeting.

2. Association Reports

a. Treasurer's Report (see attachment for details)

- i. Presented by Marshall Blick
- ii. Covers period from the State Camporee in October, 2025 to March 31, 2026.
- iii. Summary:

<u>Financial Metric</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Total Income	
Total Expenses	
Current Balance	

- iv. Motion to approve by Ron Imus.
- v. Second by Bob Rosenthal.
- vi. The vote to accept the motion was unanimous.

b. NSDCA State Representative Report

- i. Laura Ramsey had no additional comments.

3. Unfinished Business

a. FANSDC By-Law modifications

- i. Ken Shacter and Marshall Blick discussed the changes that are proposed to the existing By-Laws (last approved October 22, 2016). The vast majority of the changes are editorial in nature: correcting punctuation, spelling and grammar. There are three contextual changes being proposed. These are (see following page):

1. Article VI (Meetings) Section 2 (Board Meetings) Item 2 to be modified to incorporate verbiage to allow Board Meetings to be held either by face-to-face, phone conference or video conference.
2. Article VIII (Committees) Section 2 (Nominating Committee) Item 1 to be modified to reduce the number of (Chapter Representative) members from at least three (3) to at least two (2), to be consistent with the current number of NSDCA Chapters active in the State of Florida. This change was initially discussed at the October 2025 General Meeting. With only two active chapters remaining in Florida (Chapter 128 and Chapter 193), requiring three representatives is no longer applicable.
3. Article X (Dissolution) to be modified to add a statement that FANSDC ceases to exist when only one (1) NSDCA Chapter remains in the state. With the loss of the Strawberry Travelers (Chapter 153), only two chapters remain (128, Square Wheels and 193, Florida RoadRunners). If one more chapter dissolves then FANSDC as a State Association would no longer serve its intended purpose of coordinating between multiple chapters.

One clarifying change is proposed:

4. Article IX (Elections) Item 6 to be modified to provide a cross-reference to the Standing Rules in the discussion of the annual financial audit. The current By-Laws state that “the newly elected treasurer shall take office after the annual audit is completed,” but provides no information about where audit procedures are defined.
- ii. Regarding item i(3) above, Bob Rosenthal and John Ide both emphatically stated that there needs to be a state organization, even if only one club remains. John Ide stated Florida would continue as a single-chapter state under the NSDCA. After some further discussion, this item will be struck from the proposed By-Law amendments to be presented for approval at the General Meeting in October, 2026. (ACTION ITEM)
 - iii. No exceptions were taken to Items i(1) or i(2). They will be included in the proposed By-Law amendments to be presented for approval at the General Meeting in October, 2026.
 - iv. A discussion on the guest Callers and Cuers at the Camporee ensued.
 1. Pat Herscha raised the question regarding guest Callers and Cuers, specifically identifying former Chapter 153 Caller Mike Gormley. Ken Shacter pointed out the Standing Rules (Caller/Cuer Qualifications and Related Issues, Item 1) already provides for allowing NSDCA members who are not a recognized Chapter Caller/Cuer and non-NSDCA members to be a ‘performing artist’ at

the State Camporee; all that is needed is prior Board approval. John Ide stated the Standing Rule on this topic is consistent with the NSDCA Standing Rule. After considerable discussion, Barbara Rosenthal made a motion to “Allow all FANSDC members to call/cue at the 50th Florida State Camporee,” which was seconded by Ron Imus.

2. Laura Ramsey asked if the motion as presented would allow weak callers/cuers to perform at the Camporee. John Ide stated that callers/cuers still needed to apply to the Camporee Chair, and final approval would be at the discretion of the Square or Round Dance Program Chair. Barbara Rosenthal restated the motion as, “For this 2026 50th State Camporee, for any Caller/Cuer that is a member of the NSDCA is eligible to call/cue at the discretion of the Caller/Cuer Camporee Chair.”
3. Licensing of the Caller/Cuer was then discussed, and Barbara Rosenthal modified the motion to be “For the 2026 50th State Camporee, for any Caller/Cuer that is a member of the NSDCA and is licensed by ASCAP/BMI is eligible to call/cue at this event at the discretion of the Caller/Cuer Chairs.” Laura Blick questioned the legality and copyright issues of individuals who may not be licensed. (ACTION ITEM) Susan Snider stated she will research regarding the need for individuals to have their own license in light of the fact that the event is required to have a license. After the stated discussion, Ron Imus provided a second for the motion. The vote to accept the motion was unanimous.
4. Pat Herscha then raised the question of extending this motion to include non-NSDCA members (e.g., local Callers Mike Akers or Rod Barngrover) as follows: “For this 2026 50th State Camporee, for any Caller/Cuer that is or is not a member of the NSDCA is eligible to call/cue at the discretion of the Caller/Cuer Camporee Chair.” Laura Ramsey provided the second, and the vote to accept the motion was unanimous.
5. Susan Snider asked if there were any other restrictions on guest performing artists. Bob Rosenthal stated they needed to send in a registration form. John Ide indicated that any Caller/Cuer had to register in the past, even if only performing a single dance. Ron Imus asked if this would be a one-day registration fee; Dolly Ide asked if it would be a walk-in dance fee (in the past it was \$6/dance). Laura Ramsey stated if the guest performing artist was attending the dinner, then they would have to pay that cost. Marshall Blick stated that discussion of costs would be tabled until the May Board meeting at Southern Oaks. (ACTION ITEM) Input would be requested from Bill Chesnut

and Susan Snider (Square Dance and Round Dance Chairpersons, respectively).

v. Summary:

1. One-Time Only: The exception Caller/Cuer acceptance solely by the Square and Round Dance Chairs expires after the 2026 camporee
2. Square and Round Dance Chair Discretion: Protects against unqualified guest performers
3. Copyright Protection: ASCAP/BMI licensing still required for all performing artists
4. Registration Required: All attendees, with the exception of walk-ins, must register for the event
5. Cost Consideration: Fee structure for guest performing artists is tabled until May meeting (ACTION ITEM)
6. ACTION ITEM: Develop clear registration/fee process for guest performing artists participants during the May meeting.

4. Camporee Committee Chair Reports

a. Camporee Chairs

- i. Pat Herscha announced that the current Vice co-Chairs, Dee Casteel and Wendy Brock, do not have a contract for the 2027 State Camporee yet and she is concerned. Dolly Ide asked if Pat thought the current Vice co-Chairs would be offended if the job was taken by someone else. John Ide mentioned that Chapter 193 in the past was a relatively small club, but recently they have been growing and want to participate more. They will step in if necessary.
- ii. Ron Imus suggested the Board send a message to the Vice co-Chairs to see if they want to continue; a contract for a 2027 venue is needed by the May campout. The letter should come from the FANSDC president.
 1. ACTION ITEM: Ken Shacter to compose letters for Marshall Blick.
- iii. Bob Rosenthal mentioned that given the new management at Southern Palms, looking into a new venue for 2027 is a good idea.

b. Afterparties

- i. Thursday will be a campfire – if possible.
- ii. Friday is typically the night of the skit for next year's Camporee.
- iii. Dolly Ide asked about a time for presentation of Quilts of Valor. Dolly reported she knows that 13-14 quilts will be available for awarding to veterans, who must be NSDCA members. She will need to inform the person from the main organization that will make the presentations as to a time the ceremony will occur. The ceremony requires approximately one hour. Ron Imus suggested Saturday's afterparty be devoted to this, to be decided by the 2026 Camporee co-Chairs.

- c. The remainder of the Chair reports are deferred to the May Board meeting.

5. New Business

- a. Ron Imus moved “The final decision on the proposed By-Law changes be deferred to the May Board meeting.” Laura Ramsey seconded. (Note: this was not voted on!)
- b. Bob Rosenthal said proposed changes to the By-Laws should be sent to the Board Members with the changes highlighted. Marshall Blick stated only those changes listed in 3(a) above that result in a change of intent be identified. Changes to the Standing Rules will also be identified.
- c. Laura Ramsey asked if there was a list of motels in Eustis for people who were non-campers that wanted to attend the 2026 State Camporee. Pat Herscha stated that those people are on their own to find their lodging.

6. Announcements

- a. Dolly Ide asked how many people were familiar with the USDA (US Dance Association) magazine; very few were. She stated we advertised last year’s Camporee in that venue (a flyer and registration form); she believes the cost for this year would be \$90. Dolly Ide made the motion, “We advertise the 50th Jubilee in the USDA magazine that comes out June 1.” Bob Rosenthal provided the second. The motion passed with unanimous acceptance.
- b. John Ide reminded everyone the 2026 NSDCA International Camporee was being held in Bellville, TX at the Couthatta Recreational Ranch the week before the NSDC in Waco, TX. There are presently only 29 registrations for this event.
- c. John Ide announced the 2027 NSDCA International Camporee will be held, once again, in Lebanon, TN. There is still no theme, and volunteers to organize the event are needed. Contact John if you want to help.
- d. John Ide stated the National NSDCA Board is concerned about the longevity of the National Association. We’ve lost about 20% of our membership each year for the past few years; we are down to about 280 ‘members’ (in quotes as that could be a single person or a couple). The decline in membership is attributed to member age and the lack of desire to travel great distances. The Board is unsure of the ‘magic number’ when it’s time to call it quits and fold. The National By-Laws state that any remaining funds are to be donated to a charity, but a proposal currently in discussion is to use those remaining funds for the final International Camporee registration – not campsite fees.
- e. John Ide reminded everyone the deadline for the Summer NSDCA *TIMES* newsletter is the end of this month.

7. Adjournment

- a. Bob Rosenthal made a motion to adjourn. Susan Snider seconded. The vote to accept the motion was unanimous. The meeting ended at 11:15 a.m.
- b. Next Board Meeting: May 16, 2026 (time TBD)

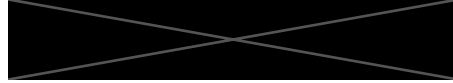
Action Items are listed below.

ACTION ITEM	Responsible Party	Deadline
1.f.ii: October 2025 Board Meeting minutes approval	Marshall Blick	May 2026 Board Meeting
3.a.ii: Delete proposed By-Law Article X amendment	Ken Shacter	May 2026 Board Meeting
3.a.iv(3): Research the need for individuals to have ASCAP/BMI license for 2026 Camporee	Susan Snider	May 2026 Board Meeting
3.a.iv(5): Obtain input from Bill Chesnut and Susan Snider regarding 2026 Camporee registration fee for guest performing artists	2026 Camporee co-Chairs	May 2026 Board Meeting
3.a.v(6): Develop clear registration/fee process for 2026 Camporee guest performing artists	FANSDC Board	May 2026 Board Meeting
4.a.ii: Obtain contract for 2027 Camporee site	2027 Camporee co-Chairs	May 15, 2026
4.a.ii(1): Compose/send letters to 2026 Camporee Vice co-Chairs re: 2027 Camporee site contract	Ken Shacter/Marshall Blick	April 21, 2026
4.b.iii: Determine date and time for Quilts of Valor presentations and notify organization contact	Dolly Ide and 2026 Camporee co-Chairs	April 21, 2026
5.b: Distribute proposed By-Law changes to Board Members	Ken Shacter	May 9, 2026 (one week prior to May 16 Board Meeting)
6.a: Provide 2026 Camporee ad to USDA Magazine	Dolly Ide	Deadline for June 1 issue

Respectfully submitted – Ken Shacter – FANSDC Secretary

Wells Fargo Checking
Oct '25 to Mar 31, '26

Balance as of Sep '25



INCOME:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Descri tion</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Notes</u>
Oct '2			
Feb '2			
Mar '2			

Wells Fargo Checking
Oct '25 to Mar 31, '26

EXPENSES:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Ck #</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
25-Oct			
1-Nov			
2-Mar			
16-Mar			
Mar 31, '26			