

CONSTITUTION
OF
ALABAMA SQUARE AND ROUND DANCE ASSOCIATION, INCORPORATED

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ARTICLE I

Name

Section 1. The name of this Association shall be the “Alabama Square and Round Dance Association, Incorporated”.

Section 2. The address of said Association shall be at such place as shall be determined from time to time by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE II

Objectives & Purpose

Section 1. This Association is not for profit. The general welfare of Society, not individual profit, is the object for which this Association is constructed; and the members are not stockholders in the legal sense of the term and no dividends or profits shall be divided among the members as provided in or contemplated by Section 501(c)(7) of the Internal Revenue Code.

Section 2. The purpose of the Association is to promote and perpetuate the American Folk Dance Heritage and to encourage, standardize, and to educate the social community of Alabama in the art of Western Style Square, Round, Contra, Clogging, Line, and Folk Dancing through the following:

- a. Promoting dancing through publications, periodicals, and training literature as a wholesome, enjoyable family hobby for the social welfare of Alabama residents and for active participation of persons of any race, sex, age, ability, physical or mental condition.
- b. Providing educational seminars for dancers and the general public of the American Heritage associated with Western Style Square, Round, Contra, Clogging, Line, and Folk Dancing- Educational seminars may also include educational subjects such as club operations, leadership, history, etc.
- c. Planning, conducting, and supporting charitable causes whereby the combined talents of the Association may be used to educate and/or assist national and Alabama communities in worthwhile charitable causes such as Crippled Children, Heart Fund, hospitals, senior citizens, handicapped, abused individuals, churches, etc.
- d. Planning, conducting, and participating in exhibitions for institutions such as nursing homes, churches, civic affairs, schools, hospitals, etc.
- e. Providing information for coordinating activities of all square, round, contra, clogging, line, and folk dance associations, clubs, etc. throughout Alabama. This includes functions such as state conventions, area festivals, special dance dates, charities, benefits and other related activities.

- f. Assisting, if possible, any association, club caller, teacher, instructor, dancer which have encountered problems and requests help.
- g. Improving the social image of square, round, contra, clogging, line, and folk dancing through acceptable publicity and practices.
- h. Increasing the social strength of square, round, contra, clogging, line, and folk dance organizations through the effects of a collective unified body.
- i. Qualifying Alabama to host a National Convention.
- j. Promoting and maintaining standards which will keep the activity on a high social level above reproach.
- k. Conducting an Annual State Convention.
- l. Acting as a liaison for the Alabama dancers with National Organizations and other State Organizations.

ARTICLE III

Government

Section 1. The government and management of the Association shall be vested in a Board of Directors.

Section 2. Officers and Delegates shall be selected as provided in the By-Laws of the Association, as now or hereafter adopted, and they shall have and exercise only such powers as may be provided in said By-Laws.

ARTICLE IV

Membership

Section 1. Membership in this Association shall be open to all Association, Clubs, Individual Square, Round, Contra, Clogging, Line, and Folk Dancers, Callers, Teachers, Cuers, Prompters, and Instructors that are involved in the Alabama dance activity.

Section 2. There shall be an annual meeting of the Association membership to be held at the time, date, and place as specified in the Association Bylaws. Regular and special meetings may be called as provided in the Bylaws.

ARTICLE V

Liquor & Gambling

Section 1. The Association shall have no right to engage in and it will not engage in the selling or keeping for sale or otherwise dispose of any liquors, liquids or beverages that are prohibited by the Laws of Alabama to be manufactured, sold, or otherwise disposed of in this state, and said Association shall not permit its members to keep or store any such prohibited liquors or beverages at or near the premises of the corporation for use by or consumption by its members or others for distribution or dividing among its members or its guests, and that said Association will not maintain any unlawful; drinking place or any liquor nuisance contrary to the Laws of Alabama.

Section 2. This Association shall not permit any game to be played for wager on any gambling or the presence of any gambling devices on or about the premises.

ARTICLE VI

Amendments

Section1. Amendments to this constitution may be made at any regular or special meeting of the Board of Directors by an affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the authorized voting members present, provided that notice of the proposed amendment was submitted at a previous meeting or by mail at least 30 days prior to the regular meeting.

ADOPTED, as amended, as the constitution of the Alabaman Square and Round Dance Association, Incorporated, on this 8th day of February 2014.

ATTEST:

/S/ Don Philpott
Don Philpott
Recording Secretary

/S/ Elaine Wheeler
Elaine Wheeler
President