

2022 Combined Board of Directors and General Membership Meeting

St Michael's Catholic School Gymnasium

Grand Forks, ND

April 30, 2022

President Mike Carr called the meeting to order at 9:05 am

Mike introduced the 2022 officers:

President-Mike Carr

Vice President-Ed Stallman

Treasure-LeAnn Carr

Secretary -Aileen Stallman

Director at Large- Nan Connelly ([secretary's note: Director at Large should be Duane Haberlock](#))

Attending the meeting were Mike & LeAnn Carr, Ed & Aileen Stallman, Pat & Nan Connelly, Wanda Huhtala, Greg & Mary Ann Morford, Vern & Rose Laning, Bernadette McNeil, Gene & Nikki Paulsen, and Wayne & Dorothy Lamom.

The last state meeting was conducted via e-mail on April 26,2022. The minutes were posted at Square Dance North Dakota with no action items. Mike called for a motion to accept the minutes as posted. Greg made the motion with second by Bernadette. Motion Carried

Bernadette made a motion to suspend Roberts Rules of Order, and Pat seconded, motion carried.

Mike named the representatives from each district:

NE-Wanda Huhtala (interim representative)

SE-JoEllen Harris

NW-Duane & Gayla Haberlock

SW-Tim & Doretta Bornemann

Insurance Coordinator-Gene and Nikki Paulsen

License Coordinator-Vacant

Mike commented that Gary Chepulis has been acting as license coordinator for the past three years, (secretary's note: Gary has held the position since 2014) it is time to have someone else fill the position

Historian- Vacant

If anyone knows of someone to fill the vacancies, let the new President Bernadette know.

Secretary's report- Nothing to report

NORTH DAKOTA SQUARE & ROUND DANCE CLUBS, INC.

Financial Report April 30, 2022

Balance as of April 30, 2021		\$1,080.90
Income		
Dues		
Valley Stars	\$40.00	
L & M Squares	\$40.00	
Saturday Fun Nite	\$40.00	
Belles & Beaux	\$40.00	
Minot Magic Squares	\$40.00	
		\$200.00
Checking Account Interest	\$.12	
Total Income		\$200.12
Expenses		
Webmaster	\$300.00	
USDA Insurance	\$ 25.00	
Gary Chepulis (State Registration)	\$ 10.00	
Total Expenses		\$335.00
Balance as of April 30, 2022		\$946.02

The books were last audited June 2021 by Bernadette. Mike called for a motion to accept the treasure's report, Greg made the motion, Pat seconded, motion carried.

North Dakota USDA Insurance Report for 2022 Annual meeting

By Nikki Paulsen

The insurance year runs from January 1st to December 31st. The club square dance season runs from September to May, so there is some odd overlap and confusion on occasion.

Minot Magic Squares Dance Club (146)

10 dancers registered for 2022

No 2022 students / no lessons scheduled yet

Minot had No insurance for 2021

10 dancers for 2022

2022 Belles N' Beaux Square Dance Club (147)

Bismarck took out 2021 insurance in the fall of 2021 when they resumed dancing. 36 dancers plus there are 14 new students:

Bismarck 2021

39 dancers registered for 2022

35 paid, 4 are insured by others:

Mark & Bina Krebsbach by USDA, Eugene & Nikki Paulsen by Minot Magic Squares Dance Club (146)

13 2022 Students:

Karn Lamon

Jordan Krill

Tara Haberlock

Trey Haberlock

Erica Haberlock

Roger Emter

Rena E Emter

Kyle Otteson

Carol Linn

Eric Wanchic

Maria Wanchic

Aurelia Wanchic

Demitri Wanchic

Mike called for a motion to accept the insurance report, Ed made the motion and Vern seconded, motion carried.

License Coordinator Report April 11,2022

Report read by Vern for Gary Chepulis

USDA Annual dues of \$25.00 paid October 26,2021

IRS Annual filing as a nonprofit registered October 25,2021

ND Sec of State annual 2021 nonprofit corporation dues of \$10.00

Report filed and dues paid December 17,2021

Gary and Diane Chepulis

Bernadette made a motion to accept the license report and Greg seconded, motion carried.

Southeast district report

By Bernadette

The Southeast District has two clubs: L & M Squares and Saturday Fun Nite. Both clubs are located in Fargo. L & M Squares dances on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month and Saturday Fun Nite dances on the 2nd and 4th Saturday of the month. Both clubs have 2-3 squares at the dances.

Currently, the two clubs are working on combining into one club, Fargo Moorhead Square Dancers Association (FMSDA), which, if successful, will be effective 1-1-2023. The new organization will dance on both Tuesdays and Saturdays. The structure will be as follows: one President, two Vice Presidents (one in charge of Tuesday dances and one in charge of Saturday dances), one Secretary and one Treasurer.

FMSDA will be hosting the 2023 ND Festival in Fargo on April 28 & 29 at St. Anthony's with The Sprosty Twins as the featured callers and Natalie Sprosty as the featured cuer. Registration forms can be found on both the ND state website and the FMSDA web site.

Northwest Director Report
Read by Dorothy for Duane & Gayla Haberlock

April 10, 2022

Northwest Director Report

Since last year's Festival, we've had about 10 dances and a 6-week session of lessons end of May through June 2021. With the callers coming from out of town and our ND winters and snowbirds, we had more dances in the summer and fall and took a break the beginning of 2022. Our dance attendance has ranged from 11-27 people including many young singles and some elementary school students. We want to thank the Bismarck dancers also who have joined us on a regular basis.

Thank you to all the Square Dance Callers that have called for the Minot Club! These include Larry and Deb Pfennig, Charlie and Wanda Huhtala. A big thank you to Larry and Deb Pfennig who gave the lessons for the new people. He did a fantastic job!

Gayla and Duane Haberlock and Wayne and Dorothy Lamon

Minot Magic Squares

Northeast Director Report 2022

By Wanda

Valley Stars Officers

President- Ed Stallman

Vice President-Nan Connelly

Secretary/Treasurer-Aileen Stallman

Valley Stars first activity for 2021 was a socially distanced potluck meeting in the Stallman backyard May 2. Some of us went to Minot to dance with the Minot Magic Squares.

We danced at Holy Family Catholic School in June and August. Some of our members participated in the demo dances at the steam thresher's reunion at Braddock, ND and the Western Minnesota Steam Threshers reunion at Rollag, MN. Many Valley Stars participated as angels for the lessons given in Fargo and Moorhead through the FMSDA. There was a mainstream blast for the current students of FMSDA at the home of Alana Gerszewski.

We began dancing in September at St Michael's Catholic School gymnasium, dancing mainstream twice a month from September until now. We also dance Plus once a month at the LEP Office Complex in Hillsboro, ND. Our caller is Charley Huhtala.

Valley Stars will be hosting the ND State Square Dance Festival on April and 30 at St Michael's Catholic School gym. Our caller will be Curt Braffet from Carlock, IL and our cuer is Bernadette McNeil from Fargo. Our officers for the North Dakota Square and Round Clubs, Inc are

Director at Large-Nan Connelly

President -Mike Carr

Vice President-Ed Stallman

Secretary-Aileen Stallman

Treasure-LeAnn Carr

(Secretary's note Director at Large is Duane Haberlock)

Southwest District Report

Read by Vern for Tim & Doretta Bornemann

The Belle's & Beaux Square Dance Club in Bismarck continues to be the only club in the Southwestern Region. We have mainstream dance the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month from September thru May at the Bismarck Eagles Club. As Covid-19 numbers are going down, we are dancing regularly.

Our dedicated caller Larry Pfenning has been our caller thru this covid epidemic. Our club continues to Thank Larry for his dedicated service as our Primary Caller/Cuer and instructor.

We were able to set up and complete three sets of lessons over the last 2 years. (Covid has had an impact on this). We have added new members to our club, we currently have 37 active members in Belle's and Beaux Club.

We had the pleasure of dancing to Jerry Junck, as he was in our area in August of 2021, and called a dance. We are looking forward to him being in our area again in August of 2022, and will be calling a dance at that time.

Officers for 2021-2022 were as follows

President-Gary & Diane Chepulis

Vice President/Secretary-Deb Pfenning

Treasure-Greg & Mary Ann Morford

Respectfully Submitted

Tim & Doretta Bornemann

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[Secretary's note Mary Ann Morford stated there are now 25 dancers](#)

Motion to accept the district reports by Mary Ann and Wanda seconded, motion carried,

Webmaster Report

Read by Aileen for Rosella Vanek

WEBMASTER REPORT

ROSELLA VANEK (NODAKROSE2008@GMAIL.COM) 701-261-4396

The website squaredancenorthdakota.com was created in August 2017. It is a website powered by Go Daddy and appears to be working well. The Covid pandemic has really affected face to face dances. The number of visitors to the site decreased since there were few dances. During the last 365 days there were 870 visitors to the website. There were 166 visitors in February 2022 and in March there were 174 visitors. I have posted updates frequently regarding the status of dances, and recently regarding lessons beginning and information on the Festival.

The domain name is set to auto renew July 29, 2022 and the go daddy website is set to renew August 28, 2022. If the board is satisfied with the current website, these renewals will take place. Costs for 2021 was \$19.17 for the domain name and \$189.77 for the Go Daddy Website.

All changes and additions to the website have been made when requested, usually within a day or so of the request. Requests can be made using my email: nodakrose2008@gmail.com

The registration form for the 2022 Festival has been placed on the website.

I also created a Facebook page entitled "Square Dance North Dakota" . Anyone wanting to post information on that can do so. This is just another avenue for people to find out about square dancing. I have been posting an update to the Facebook page when I have made a change to the website and included a link to the website for ease of use.

This report has been prepared April 20, 2022

Rosella Vanek

Ed made a motion to accept the Webmaster report and Wanda seconded, motion carried.

Old Business -None

New Business

Mike talked about USDA. Mark & Bina Krebsbach used to be Vice President of Plains Region, now they are President of USDA. Krebsbachs made a donation to the USDA youth scholarship fund in the name of North Dakota Square and Round Dance Association. Delegates to the USDA meeting in Evansville, IN at the 71st National Square Dance Convention are Greg & MaryAnn.

Bernadette introduced the state and festival officers for 2023

State Officers

President-Bernadette McNeil

Vice President-Pat & Nan Connelly

Secretary- Aileen Stallman

Treasure-LeAnn Carr

Festival Officers

Chairman-Bernadette McNeil

Vice Chairman-Harv Hedvick

Secretary-Alana Gerszewski

Treasure-LeAnn Carr

Registration-JoEllen Harris

The 2023 festival will be held at St Anthony of Padua Catholic Church in Fargo on April 28 and 29, 2023. The featured callers will be Doug & Don Sprosty with Natalie Sprosty cueing.

Bernadette asked why there isn't just a representative from each club instead of district representative since we will only have one club per district? Nikki made a motion to have 1 member from each dues paying club attend the state meeting. Vern said the clubs already have that right. The motion did not receive a second after discussion.

Mike talked about streamlining the by-laws and constitution to be more useful and relevant to the current status of the state membership. Mike asked Bernadette to begin reviewing the by-laws and constitution for streamlining. Vern stated that in the by-laws it states that any proposed amendments or revisions have to be posted on the official website at least 30 days prior to the annual meeting.

Greg asked if current club dues of \$40 will be adequate. Mike asked Bernadette to review dues to see if they need to be adjusted to fund the organization.

Action points

- Streamline by-laws
- Streamline constitution
- Review adequacy of dues

With no further business, Mike asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Bernadette made a motion to adjourn and Greg seconded. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:50am

Respectfully submitted

Aileen Stallman

Secretary