

The combined Director and General Membership Annual meeting of ND Square and Round Dance Clubs, Inc., was called to order by President Bernadette McNeil at 9:00 Saturday April 27,2024 at St Michael's Catholic School Gym, in Grand Forks, ND. After reciting the Pledge of Allegiance, roll call was taken.

Officers:

President-Bernadette McNeil

Vice President-Pat & Nan Connelly

Secretary-Aileen Stallman

Treasurer-LeAnn Carr

Past President-Mike Carr (Absent)

Club representatives:

Belle's and Beaux-Tim & Doretta Bornemann

Minot Magic Squares-Gene & Nikki Paulsen

FMSDA-Donna Alby (Absent)

Valley Stars-Alana Gerszewski

Webmaster-Rosie Vanek (Absent)

License coordinator-Greg & MaryAnn Morford

Insurance coordinator-Gene & Nikki Paulsen

North Dakota voting delegate to USDA-Greg & MaryAnn Morford

Present at the meeting were:

Belle's & Beaux-Tim & Doretta Bornemann, Mark & Bina Krebsbach, Greg & MaryAnn Morford

FMSDA-Alana Gerszewski, Mark & Hella Helfter, Bernadette McNeil, Denny Resendahl

Minot Magic Squares-Duane & Gayla Haberlack, Gene & Nikki Paulsen

Valley Stars-LeAnn Carr, Pat & Nan Connelly, Ed & Aileen Stallman

Aileen read the minutes from the 2023 annual meeting. Mark Krebsbach had a correction to the minutes. Greg and MaryAnn are the USDA ND voting delegate not USDA representative. Bina made a motion to accept the minutes with the correction, Greg second, motion passed.

LeAnn gave the treasurer's report. Doretta made a motion to accept the treasurer's report, Tim second, motion passed.

Bernadette called for a motion to suspend Robert's Rules of Order, Pat made the motion, Greg second, motion passed.

Bernadette announced that Greg and MaryAnn are the delegates to the National Square Dance Convention in Milwaukee this year and will be the USDA North Dakota voting delegate.

Club reports were read:

Belle's and Beaux-read by Doretta. Bernadette clarified that, per new by-laws, there no longer are district reports, just club reports.

Minot Magic Squares-read by Nikki

Valley Stars-read by Alana

FMSDA-read by Aileen for Donna

Webmaster-read by Aileen for Rosie

License Coordinator-read by MaryAnn

Insurance Coordinator-read by Nikki

USDA Delegate - read by Greg

Callers & Cuers-Bernadette stated that nothing has been done since Covid in 2019. The association consist of Bernadette, Charley, and Mark Helfter.

Bina asked if a caller's seminar was required at a festival. Bernadette said it is up to the caller.

Mark Krebsbach shared some information about USDA. There is a lot of information available to dancers at USDA.org. Having insurance is very important because, yes, there are claims.

Bernadette stated that Mark & Bina are currently Plains Region VP; they are running for VP of USDA. She wrote a letter of recommendation for the position of USDA VP.

Old Business:

Bernadette stated she tried repeatedly to contact Tammi Hughes (Historian) to retrieve the historical records, but did not get any response. At this time the historical records and archives are not in our possession.

Bernadette stated that currently Rosie (Webmaster) is given a \$300 stipend to pay for website fees and maintenance, leaving her with \$41.75. Bina brought up the point of the domain protection for \$19.99 (mentioned in the Webmaster report) she said we should probably get the protection. Nikki stated if we do get domain protection, we should increase the amount paid to the Webmaster from \$300 to \$350. Greg made a motion to get the domain protection, Bina second, passed. Nikki made a motion to increase the amount paid to the Webmaster to \$350 annually, Ed second, passed

Mark commented that some of the information on the website is old. Bernadette said every club has a representative who should review and update the information as needed. Bina suggested it be checked every year.

New business:

2024 Festival recap-read by Ed

Bina shared information about the 2025 Festival, it will be hosted by Belle's and Beaux and held at Holy Spirit Catholic Church in Fargo, April 25 & 26,2025. Larry Pfennig will be the featured caller and Bernadette will be the featured cuer and line dance prompter. There will be a drawing for a free registration at 9:00 tonight.

Bernadette asked if there were any bids for the 2026 festival, there was no response.

Bina introduced the officers for the 2025 festival and state officers:

President/Chairpersons-Mark & Bina

Vice President/Secretary-Tim & Doretta

Treasurer-Greg & MaryAnn

Contact person-Vern & Rose Laning

Bernadette informed us that we had received a thank you from Rita Lizakowski and it would be available for all to read.

With no further business, Bernadette adjourned the meeting at 9:30.

All reports are attached.

Respectfully submitted,

Aileen Stallman

Secretary

Secretary's note: Effective June 1st 2024, new state officers will assume their responsibilities; LeAnn Carr will relinquish her duties as treasurer and signee. Greg & MaryAnn Morford will assume the duties of treasurer and signees.