**North Dakota Square and Round Dance Director & General Membership Annual Meeting.**

Meeting called to order by Mark Krebsbach at 10.01 April 26 at Holy Spirit Catholic Church.

Mark also led us in Invocation. Pledge of Allegiance was said. Roll call was  taken.

Officers:

President: Mark & Bina Krebsbach

Vice President/Secretary: Tim & Doretta Bornemann

Treasurer: Greg & MaryAnn Morford

Club Representatives:

Minot Magic Squares-Gene & Nikki Paulson

Belle’s & Beaux-Tim & Doretta Bornemann

Valley Stars-Alana Gerszewki

FM Square Dancers Association-Donna Alby

Webmaster\_Rosie Vanek (Absent)

License Corrdinator-Greg & MaryAnn Morford

Insurance Coordinator-Gene & Nikki Paulson

North Dakota voting delegate to USD- Greg & MaryAnn Morford

Present at the meeting were:

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

Larry & Bina Katchers, Larry & Deb Pfennig, Vern & Rose Landing, Duane & Gayla Haberlock. Gary & Cheplius.

FMSDA-Alana Gerszewski, Mark Helfter, Bernadette McNeil,

Minot Magic Squares\_Duane & Gayla Haberlack, Gene & Nikki Paulsen

Valley Stars-Pat & Nan Coney, Ed & Aileen Stallman, Donna Alby.

Doretta read the minutes of 2024 annual meeting. Bernadette McNeil made a motion to accept the minutes as read. Ed Stallman Second the motion.

Greg read the treasurers report. Donna Alby made a motion to accept the report as read. Bernadette second the motion.

Club reports were read.

Minot Magic Squares-read by Nikki Paulson

Belle’s & Beaux-read by Doretta Bornemann

Valley Stars-read byAlana Gerszewki

FM Square Dancers Association-read by Donna Alby

Webmaster\_read by Bernadette

License Coordinator-read byGreg Morford

Insurance Coordinator-read by Nikki Paulson

Old Business: None

New Business:

2025 ND Festival- Mark Krebsbach recap. We had 69 people that came and 2 for Friday night only.

2026 ND Festival Bid -Alana read that it will be held April n24 & 25 at the Holy Spirit in Fargo, ND. The Featured Caller will be Curt Braffet.  Round Dance Cuer , Line dance Prompter will be Bernadette.

Greg & MaryAnn Morford will once again be our delegate to National Square Dance Convention  in Shreveport, LA, and will be the USDA North Dakota Voting delegate.

Mark introduced  the officers for the 2026 Festival and State Officers.

President/Charipersons: Bernadette

Vice-Chair:Harv Hegvick

Secretary: Alana Gerszewki

Festival Treasurer: Donna Alby

State Treasurer: Greg & MaryAnn Morford

No further Business Mark adjourned the meeting at 10:26.

All Reports Attached.

Respectfully Submitted

Doretta Bornemann

Secretary

Minot Magic Squares – Nikki Paulson

In 2024 the Minot Magic Squares held five ABC dances. We were able to dance in May, June, august, October and November. We do not have a full square of mainstream dancers at this time in Minot.

Belle’s and Beaux – Doretta Bornemann

The Belle’s and Beaux Square Dance Club in Bismarck continues to be the only active club in the Southwestern Region. We have two main stream dance a month from September to may. At this time the winter month dances depend on the weather and if there are enough dancers available for each dance. Theyare held the Second and fourth Mondays of the month.

This year we did a fun day for the University of Mary Respiratory students. There was a lot of dancing and showing of new dancers the steps.We had 1 person sign up for lessons. At this time we have no lesson times set ups.

Our Dance Venue is currently held at the Bismarck Eagles Club.

On Dance nights we have Round dancing is implemented between square dance calls. Plus dances are implemented if there are enough Plus dancers available.

Jerry Junck made his annual visit and called for us in August, 2024

Current officers:

President: Mark & Lynette Dagley

Vice President/Secretary Greg & MaryAnn Morford

Treasurer: Mark & Bina Krebsbach

Valley Stars – Alana Gerszewski

Valley Stars continues to meet on the first and third Thursdays of the month at St. Michael’s school gym in Grand Forks, North Dakota. The club also schedules plus dances on the first Tuesday of every month in Hillsboro at the LEP office complex. When a month has a fifth Thursday, a main stream dance is held, also in Hillsboro, providing another opportunity to dance. The club’s main caller is Charley Huhtala, with several guest callers throughout the year. Valley Stars has 13 current members, and held 40 dances in 2024, with an average attendance of 12 dancers. Unfortunately, the planned Christmas dance for 2024 was postponed due to inclement weather.

The officers include: Pat Connelly, President; Ed Stallman, Vice-President; Aileen Stallman, Treasurer; Alana Gerszewski, Secretary.

The North Dakota Square and Round Dance Festival was held on Aapril 26 & 27 in Grand Forks, hosted by Valley Stars. The festival, with caller Dan Sahlstrom and cuer Bernadette McNeil, proved to be very successful once again, with 103 attendees. Canada and seven states were represented and feedback from the dancers was very positive. The city of Grand Forks does a nice job of extending a welcoming format to the dancers, and help to contribute to a successful event.

The Valley Stars Club participates in demos throughout the year when it is feasible, and held a picnic/dance in July at a Grand Forks park, giving the dancers a chance to socialize in another environment. This was a successful endeavor.

The club is looking forwad to another successful year in 2025 and hope to recruit more new members.

FM Square Dancers Association – Donna Alby

The FM Square Dancers Association has 36 members, with some members also belonging to clubs in Grand Forks, ND, and elsewhere. The club dances on the second and fourth Tuesdays and the second and fourth Saturdays of each month. Tuesday dances are generally held at the CAP Building in Moorhead and the Saturday dances at St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church in Fargo. The Saturday dances were not held during the summer. Average attendance was 23 dancers. Since the Sprotsy Twins were passing through on their way to the Canadian National Convention, the club hosted a “Trails Through” dance in July. It was well attended. Due to inclement weather, the late November dance had to be cancelled.

The annual Breast Cancer Awareness dance in October was held at the Sons of Norway. Proceeds from the gate and the fund-raising activity brought a total doantion of $1340.50 some of which were checks written directly to the Breast Friends. This was the largest amount raised by our club to date.

Lessons were offered in both spring and fall. While the number of new dancers was small, they were enthusiastic and we hope they will continue dancing with us.

Webmaster – Rosie Vanek

The website squaredancenorthdakota.com was created in August 2017. It is a website powered by Go Daddy and appears to be working well. During the last 365 days there were 1933 visitors to the website. The breakdown of visitors is as follows--- in 2024: April = 395; May = 196; June = 145; July = 162; August = 149; Sept = 175; Oct. = 118; Nov. = 67; Dec. = 95. In 2025 Jan. = 131; Feb. = 102; March = 107. There were 134 visitors the last 30 days. The domain name has full protection (as requested by last years vote) and is set to auto renew July 29, 2025 for $35.16. The go daddy website is set to renew August 28, 2025 for $215.09. If the board is satisfied with the current website, these renewals will take place. Last year the costs were $215.09 for the website and $35.11 for the domain. The website price was discounted after I talked to a representative of godaddy on April 23, 2025. It was scheduled to renew at $275.88.

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 Updates have been frequently posted, ie status of dances and any other information provided to me. I encourage clubs to provide me with pictures, change of officers or other newsworthy material.

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 whenever I have made a change to the website and included a link to the website for ease of use.

This report has been prepared March 23, 2025 and updated on April 23, 2025.

License Coordinator – Mary Ann Morford

The annual dues of $25 to the USDA were paid on 9/12/2024.

The annual filing as a non-profit with the IRS ws completed on 10/2/2024.

The $10 dues was paid and filed forstatus as a nonprofit corporation for the ND Secretary of State on 12/9/2024.

Insurance Coordinator – Nikki Paulson

In 2025, the Grand Forks and Fargo clubs chose to insure their clubs through the Minnesota State Representative and the Minot club did not have a full square of dancers, so the only insured through the North Dakota State program was the Bismarck Belles’N’Beaux. We have 22 insured plus 2 that are USDA officers, so there are 24 insure dancers on the roster for the Belles N’ Beaux.