

Minutes of HSRDC 4th Quarterly Meeting 2009

Moody Gardens

October 25, 2009

The meeting was called to order by HSRDC President Joanne Wilson 10:00 A.M.

Pledge of Allegiance by all followed by invocation.

Secretary Jim Lambert stated that a quorum of 8 or more clubs is present.

Secretary report: Moved, Seconded, and Passed (MSP) that minutes of the 3rd Quarterly Meeting are approved. Jim Lambert reminded all that the minutes are posted on the web site soon after each meeting. Jim also reminded everyone that reports are due to the Secretaries electronically, either before, during, or after the meeting.

Treasurer Report: There was no Treasurer's report. The financial picture is essentially the same as last meeting and it is too early to report income and expenditures from the Hoedown.

Old business

TSFSRD Meeting in Amarillo: Joanne Wilson.

Freezing rain – fun state meeting Saturday morning. Gene Osteen gave great report on 4 cities in Texas bidding on 2016 Nation Square Dance Convention. Carolyn and Preston Smith investigated Houston facilities and selected Houston Hilton Americas and George R. Brown for the Houston bid. There were not enough hotel rooms in Galveston.

The vote for the site will be at the TSFSRD Nominating Meeting in Winnie on January 15th. We need lots of Houston people to attend and show support. Other cities submitting bids include Austin, Amarillo and Lubbock. There are no guarantees that Houston will get it. Flyers are out. If we get the bid, it takes approximately 1 year to complete the bid package for National but the verbal intent has already been submitted to the national organization. No other city or state has yet put in a verbal intent for 2016.

Gene and Clydette Osteen gave a brief description of the process to be followed at Winnie. Each city will be given 5 minutes to say why you should select them. You cannot bring in visitors such a convention bureau staff. It is up to you to convince other dancers. Last meeting the dancers were given specific information about the locations, cost space, etc. However, we have to put in the human side. They can ask questions and then you vote for your choice. Three people will go off and count ballots and get a clear winner. If there is no clear winner we could revote.

The delegates at the TSFSRD meeting in Amarillo approved changes to TSFSRD constitution and it will be made it available on the website and an e-mail will be sent to delegates. Paper copies will be given out at the next meeting.

2010 State Festival: The 2010 State Festival in Galveston was introduced by a quick skit. The Friday night dance is sponsored by HSRDC and all profit/loss will go to HSRDC (this dance is traditionally a money maker for the sponsor). We need to spread the word and enthusiasm across the state to increase Friday attendance and thus income for Houston. Roxie Walker will be taking reservations at many of the Houston dances. Registration so far is 175, which is good for this far in advance.

Mary Lou Kiser summarized our planning which includes a tour brochure indicating museums, tours, and golfing events. The callers/cuers for Friday night will be Bob Baier, Pat Barber, and Wade Driver in the Plus hall and The Texas Po' Boys in the Mainstream hall. Mark & Pam Prow will tend to the cueing in the mainstream hall. A special feature will be a Dance-on-the-Beach immediately following the regular dance, across the street on Galveston beach sand. You are invited to dance or just watch.

Houston dancers are encouraged to make and wear the Beach outfit. Carolyn Smith has coordinated with Jimette at Rhythm Creations, Susie at The Square Apparel, and Cindy Markos for you to get your outfit made.

2010 Budget. Jim Stephens presented the budget for 2010. This budget is the same as for 2009 with additional entries, debit and credit, for the 2010 State festival. MSP to adopt the proposed budget.

New business

District Director Elections: District Directors are elected by the clubs in their respective districts. Bob Wilson had received communication from the clubs in all districts agreeing to their respective directors for 2010. Further voting at the Quarterly meeting was not necessary. The District Directors for 2010 are the same as 2009 with the following revisions: District 1, Jerry and Susan Pierson replace John and Paulette Brown; District 4, Jeff and Margaret Dixon replace Jerry and Nanette Tucker; District 6, Leonard and Joyce Magnuson replace Donnie and Sheila Hooker; and Director-at Large-West, Ray and Martha Montgomery replace Ron and Nancy Stone.

2009 Recap: As this is the final Quarterly Meeting for 2009, Bob and Joanne Wilson gave a recap of how the 2009 year went.

Dancers appreciate most of the changes and efforts the board made.

Started off with zero profit budget and we will be right on schedule, including hoedown which was to break even.

We wanted a year to put on great Council dances that people would come to and we think we have done that. Our smallest crowd was 10 squares and most was about 25 squares. The Houston

Caller/Cuer Association was a great asset to us for most of those dances. We tried to have a variety of callers. We also gave some of the callers more time.

We also made the change to stop having the quarterly on Sunday but have them before a large dance. We did that this year Cypress Swingers, Hanger and Frontier Squares and now Hoedown.

Most dancers stayed after the quarterly meetings and this gave additional support to clubs.

Worked on modernized or updated the bylaws, rules of order, procedures manual, and job descriptions and we will complete job descriptions before end of year.

Board was all wonderful to work with which was a real pleasure. Frank Kosub still went to meetings and is dancing after tree fell on him. Pierre French and Bonnie Markland let us work on books to come up with better controls.

Presentation of gifts: Bob and Joanne Wilson gave each Board couple a gift with thanks for their support throughout the year. The Board also gave Bob and Joanne a gift as thanks for their leadership and efforts throughout the year. What a surprise; the gifts were the same.

Future Council Meetings: 1st Quarterly Meeting for 2010 will be held Saturday, January 23, 2010, at Cypress Swingers. The meeting will begin at 4:30 PM (District Directors at 4:00) and will be followed by the Cypress Mardi Gras dance with Paul Cote and the Prows.

Best wishes to Jim and Dee Stephens for 2010.

Respectively Submitted,
Mary Rich and Jim Lambert,
HSRDC 2009 Secretary