

HSRDC 2013 Third Quarterly Meeting Minutes

Fairbanks Methodist Church

September 8, 2013

The meeting was called to order at 2:30 PM by HSRDC President Roxie Walker. (see Attachment A for attendance)

President Roxie Walker led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance and the Texas Pledge.

Chaplain Bob Lester delivered the opening prayer.

Secretary Bill Bellomy stated representatives from 12 clubs were present for a quorum.

Secretary Report:

The Second Quarterly Meeting Minutes were presented to members. Jeff Dixon moved to accept the 2013 Second Quarterly Meeting Minutes as written. Rick Shawback seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.

First Vice-President Report:

Linda Edwards reported that the Teen Scholarship Dance in July had over 200 people present and \$2600 was raised. These monies will be presented to TSFSRD at their October meeting in Mineola. She thanked Mark Prow for cuing and Fred Goynes for calling.

Insurance Director Report:

Troy Brown reported that there are 985 members in HSRDC. This number will probably increase as there are some clubs that have yet to pay their insurance fees.

Treasurer's Report:

Jim Hallmark presented the treasurer's report (See Attachment B). Discussion followed. Jeff Dixon moved that the treasurer's report be filed for audit. Pat Lester seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.

Marketing Report:

Nick Seelhammer stated that he had been reaching out to the community since his appointment as Marketing Director in June. He has been approached by Love Advertising with a possible sponsor for Hoedown. He also discussed potential opportunities to promote square dancing. HSRDC has been asked to participate in Dance Houston on October 6th at Discovery Green. On December 7th, the city of Hitchcock in Galveston County will hold Winter Fest and promoters have asked that HSRDC members participate. (see Attachment C)

President's Report:

Roxie Walker stated that the 2013 Hoedown is looking for sponsors for the various dance rooms. Room prices run from \$180 – \$1300 per night. Room sponsors would have the room named after them in the Hoedown Program Book and the club bringing in the sponsor will receive a 10% discount for an ad placed in the Where 'n When. It was suggested that guidelines be sent to the club presidents.

Old Business:

Roxie Walker moved to permanently table the discussion of discounting Where n' When ads. Rick Shawback seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.

Susan Pittmann presented a report regarding the location for the 2016 State Festival hosted by HSRDC (see Attachment D). Based her committee's research, Waco was chosen as the Festival site in the bid submitted to TSFSRD.

Roxie Walker informed the Council that TSFSRD had accepted the bid for HSRDC to host the State Festival in Waco on June 16 – 19, 2016

Carolyn Smith, Chairman of the 2014 Conclave hosted by HSRDC, presented her report. Conclave is the third of four yearly business meetings that TSFSRD conducts and it is the meeting where the State Officers are elected. TSFSRD fiscal year is from July 1st – June 30th and the bylaws state that Conclave must be held on the first weekend in March. The date for the 2014 Conclave is February 28th – March 2nd. TSFSRD theme for this year is "Stars and Stripes over Texas". Houston is the largest district in the Federation and several years ago HSRDC bid to host the 2014 Conclave. TSFSRD will give HSRDC \$500 to help with expenses. Money from the "door" and raffles goes to HSRDC. HSRDC duties are to make arrangements for a location to hold the Friday afternoon hospitality room, Friday night dance, Friday after party, meeting rooms for the State Officers and officers-elect, meeting room for the Saturday morning State business meeting and election meeting, Saturday night dance, and Sunday morning devotional. Katy Crosspoint Community Church is the dance location and La Quinta Inn on the Katy Freeway is the host hotel. HCA will provide cuers/callers Friday night. Mark Prow will be the cuer and Wade Driver will be the caller for Saturday night. Fliers advertising the event must be approved by TSFSRD. Help will be needed from every dancer. A handout was distributed with a list of committees and their duties. (see Attachment E) Anyone who cannot perform their assigned duties needs to contact Carolyn by November 1st. We can expect around 300 dancers on Friday and 400 - 500 dancers on Saturday. Roxie also mentioned that a special (dutch treat) dinner was being planned by Clydette Osteen for Saturday, March 1st.

Roxie Walker provided a rundown for Hoedown. Open registration begins Friday, November 8th at 2:00 pm with a "Beat the Rush" dance from 3:00 – 4:30 pm. Friday evening HCA will call. Pat Barbour will be the Master of Ceremonies and Dr. Alvin Richard will sing the National Anthem on both Friday and Saturday nights. A Color Guard with Veterans from our square dancing clubs will present the colors. There will be dancing throughout the day on Saturday, November 9th. The Preskitts will be the cuers and Hunter Keller will be the caller Saturday evening. "A Tribute to God and Country" is the theme for the After Party on Stage with singing by Hunter, Alvin, Pat and Joy Kotal, K.O. Jeanes, Stu Ringer, Jennie Howard, and Jay Flowers. The Salty, Savory, and Sweet After Party will be held at the Fairfield Inn and Suites Marriott on Friday.

A 15 minute recess was taken at 3:45

New Business:

Linda Edwards stated that ads are still needed for the Hoedown Program Book. A letter was sent to each club president with the advertisement guidelines. (see Attachment F)

Roxie Walker spoke about Dance Houston, which will occur on Sunday, October 6th from 1:00 – 4:00 pm at Discovery Green. There is expected to be between 3000 – 4000 people attending this event which will have extensive advertising. This would a good way to promote square dancing. HSRDC could participate with a Fun Night experience. There is a \$50 fee to participate. Carolyn Smith moved that HDRDC pay the \$50 fee to participate in the Dance Houston at Discovery Green on October 6th. Twyla Woody seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Roxie also spoke about the opportunity to participate in the Galveston County Winter Fest and Rodeo on Saturday, December 7th from 1:00 – 3:00 pm. There is no entry fee before 4:00 pm. All dancers are invited. Clogging along with square and round dancing will be showcased. Roxie asked that Lake Jackson Promenaders, Alvin Country Squares, Frontier Squares, Hangar Squares, and Strawberry Squares each send a square to participate.

Roxie spoke about updating the HSRDC tri-fold (it can be found on the HSRDC website). It will cost approximately \$167 to have 500 brochures printed. Much discussion followed. Charles Woody moved that the Executive Board be given the authority to spend the HSRDC budgeted funds for advertising and promotional material. Mary Alice Watson seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Bob Watson moved that HSRDC spend up to \$500 for tri-folds. Jerry Tucker seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Jeff Dixon moved that the HSDRD Secretary send a letter to the state officers asking for clarification in writing of how the state publicity funds are reimbursed. Jim Stephens seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. It was suggested to relocate the website tri-fold to a more prominent location on the HSRDC website.

Linda Edwards spoke about the Where n' When. She reported that HSRDC is losing money with the printed edition. She handed out two proposals on what HSRDC could do to disperse information to the members without funding being a problem. (see Attachment G) Much discussion followed. The proposals will be published in the October, November, and December Where n' When. The proposals will be voted on at the December 8th Council Meeting.

Roxie Walker presented the following candidates for the 2014 District Directors:

- District #1: Bill and Beverly Bellomy
- District #2: Troy and Bridgett Brown
- District #3: Mike and Audrey Barnes
- District #4: Jim and Dee Stephens
- District #5: Jamie Crocker
- District #6: Cindy Markos
- District #7: Vince and Diane Lima

Jeff Dixon moved that these candidates be accepted as the 2014 HSRDC District Directors. Rick Shawback seconded the motion. Motion approved by unanimous vote.

Jim Stephens, co-chairman of the Nominating Committee, presented the following slate of candidates for the HSRDC 2014 Executive Officers:

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| President: | Linda and Jerry Edwards |
| First Vice-President: | Jerry Tucker |
| Second Vice-President: | Nick Seelhammer |
| Treasurer: | David and Carol Laufenberg |
| Secretary: | Liz Scott |

No nominations were received from the floor. Twyla moved that these candidates be accepted as the 2014 HSRDC Executive Officers. Mary Alice Watson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Announcements:

Carolyn Smith invited everyone to the Camping Squares 2nd Annual Harvest Festival on November 2nd. She also reminded everyone of the TSFSRD President's Meeting in Mineola on October 10th and 11th honoring all district presidents. An invitation was also extended to attend the TSFSRD Nominating Meeting in Waco on Jan 10th and 11th next year.

Bill Bellomy extended an invitation for everyone to attend the Tomball Promenader's Anniversary Dinner/Dance on September 14th at 6pm. Mark Prow will be the cuer and The Texas Po-Boys will be the callers.

Strawberry Squares will have their Anniversary Dance will be October 14th. Mark Prow will be the cuer and Paul Cote will be the caller.

Fairbees will be honoring James Martin and his 56 years of calling on September 12th. There will be an international potluck prior to the dance.

Brazos Bottom Belles & Beaus will have their Anniversary Dance on November 12th. The Prows will be cuing and Jon Jones will be the caller.

HSRDC's Fourth Quarterly Meeting will be held on Sunday, December 8th at 4:00 pm with the District Directors meeting at 3:30 pm. It will be hosted by the Sunday Stylers at the Knights of Columbus Hall on East Whitney Street.

Adjournment:

Nick Seelhammer moved that the meeting be adjourned. Rick Shawback seconded the motion. Meeting was adjourned at 5:07 by unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,
Bill and Beverly Bellomy
2013 HSRDC Secretaries