

Minutes of HSRDC 3rd Quarterly Meeting 2009

Hosted by Frontier Squares

Clear Lake Intermediate School

August 1, 2009

The meeting was called to order by HSRDC President Bob Wilson 4:30 PM.

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 2nd Quarterly Meeting are approved with the addition of Martha's attachment. 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: The treasurers report was provided by Bob Wilson since Pierre French and Bonnie Markland were unable to attend. Bob reported that the Council's cashflow as of the date of the meeting was a negative \$4000 for year-to-date but not all receipts and deposits were included. Joanne reported that we have received reimbursement from the State for the tri-fold fliers.

TSFSRD Meeting in Lubbock: Joanne Wilson.

Carolyn and Preston Smith were elected Presidents of TSFSRD for year 7-1-09 to 6-30-10. New to the Texas Teen Scholarship fund is a new way to contribute and this is to sign over life insurance policies. It is called The Texas Teen Scholarship Endowment Fund and there is a flyer being handed out here at the council meeting and will be out at the benefit dance for the Teen Scholarship Fund. Joanne reported that Houston came in second on Go for the Gold and received \$500. Nivia Wilson was announced as the recipient of the 2009 Leroy Award.

Old business

Rules Of Order Update. Jim Lambert presented the proposed update to the Rules of Order, which had had been posted on the web site. Jim summarized the proposed update. MSP to approve the proposed updates to the Rules of Order.

Nominating Committee Report. Jim Stephens gave the report of the Nominating Committee. The following dancers were nominated for the Executive Board for the year 2010: Jim and Dee Stephens, President; Charles and Twyla Woody, 1st Vice President; Jim Lambert & Mary Rich, 2nd Vice President;

Dave & Vicky Wills, Treasurer; and Louis & Sara Perkins, Secretary. Additional nominations were solicited from the floor, and no additional nominations were offered.

New business

Election of Officers: The nominated officers were individually introduced. A motion was made and seconded to elect the slate as nominated by acclamation. The motion passed.

Insurance Rosters: Joanne reminded everyone that up-to-date insurance rosters are due soon. Questions should be directed to Charles & Twyla Woody, our TSFSRD Membership Coordinators. Clubs are to send in \$5 per dancer unless a dancer has declared another club as their home club. This year, the Council is not paying the State fee or insurance premium for anyone. The deadline for all fees to be received by the Council Treasurer is August 15.

Caller/Cuer of the Year Award: Bob Wilson advised everyone that nominations for Dancer and Caller/Cuer of the Year are due soon. The awards will be presented at the Hoedown.

Council Sponsored Dances:

Singles Sponsored Dance: Since the February Singles Dance was such a big success, the attendees requested another dance later this year. Therefore, another singles dance is scheduled for August 5th with callers Bob Baier and Pat Barbour with rounds by Georgann. The dance will be held at Garden Oaks Baptist Church.

Hoe Down: Joanne Wilson reported the committees are working hard to get ready for the Hoe Down. Registrations are coming in and the deadline for preregistration is October 1st. There are still rooms at both hotels.

2010 State Festival: Roxie Walker and Mary Lou Kaiser reported on arrangements for the 2010 State Festival which will be held at the Galveston Convention Center. Planning and registrations are well under way. Early reservations at the host hotel are encouraged since we expect a large turnout. Advance registrations, as of August 1st, are a whopping 150. Houston is taking a lead in providing much of the volunteer labor, so cheerfully volunteer before you are volunteered (an old Army expression!)

Houston Callers Association Proposals. Wade Driver, President of the Houston Callers Association introduced three proposals to the Council and asked for the Council's endorsement. There was lots of general discussion prior to the vote. Full text of the three HCA proposals and the Callerlab teaching list were distributed in the handouts.

Proposal #1: HSRDC endorses HCA's proposal: Effective August 2009, the Callerlab teaching list and its sequential order of teaching is adopted as the list used by all callers/teachers involved in teaching beginner lessons in the HSRDC area. MSP.

Proposal #2: HSRDC endorses the reworded HCA proposal: All clubs will make a best effort to schedule one set of beginner classes that begin in either January or September in order to have interaction between classes in the area. MSP.

Proposal #3: HSRDC endorses the reworded HCA proposal: Adoption of the “hand at the waist” guideline in ocean waves to be used in square dancing throughout our area. The description of “hands at the waist” would be with the arms parallel to the ground and the hands about waist level in a relaxed manner but not pointed at the ground. All experienced dancers should continue to dance with the hand position that is most comfortable for them. Bob Wilson indicated that this proposal would only be adopted if the vote were unanimous to avoid forcing any club to change. Moved and seconded, but the vote was not unanimous and therefore failed.

2016 National Convention. Carolyn and Preston Smith presented the arrangements that are being made for Houston to host the 2016 National Square Dance Convention. The committee is considering the Galveston Convention Center, George R. Brown Convention Center, or Reliant Park. The site decision will be made within the next few days. The TSFSRD is receiving bids from Houston and other Texas cities and will then make a decision on which location to propose to the national organization. The Council approved a motion to submit a bid for the 2016 National Square Dance convention to the Texas State Federation.

Frontier Squares Luau: All Council members were invited to remain for the Frontier Squares Luau Dinner & Dance.

Future Council Meetings: 4th Quarterly Meeting will be held Sunday, October 25, 2009, in conjunction with the Hoe-Down. The meeting will be at the Moody Gardens Hotel Garden Terrace Room; District Directors at 9:45 AM (which is immediately following the Devotional) and Council meeting at 10:00 AM.

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