

# Toledo Area Western Dance Leaders Association

## Minutes of May 18, 2014

The September 14, 2014 meeting of the Toledo Area Western Dance Leaders Association was called to order by President Dan Beck at 2:04 p.m. at Foxgate Farms Clubhouse, Bowling Green, Ohio. No Workshops were presented.

**Roll Call** was taken with the following members present: Beck, Brookes, Eckley, Jump, Kansorka, Navarre and Warner.

The **Minutes** of the May 18, 2014 meeting were read, and approved with typographical corrections.

**Correspondence:** We received a thank you from the East Toledo Senior Activities Center for a donation that was made to them.

The **Treasurer's report** was read and approved. Mary Kansorka explained that at the suggestion of the bank clerk, the CD was withdrawn and then reinvested at 1.24% for 38 months in order to take advantage of a bank promotion for a better rate.

There was no report from the **Executive Committee** and the **Insurance Committee** reported that there will not be an increase in the insurance rate per dancer for 2015. It was also noted that our October meeting will be our insurance roll-out.

### Club Representatives:

- Turkey Foot Trotters: Ginny Navarre noted that yard signs seem to do well in recruiting in towns, but so not seem to work as well in rural areas. She noted that Fountain City Squares has managed to recruit 4 people, but Turkey Foot Trotters has not had good results in recruiting.
- Norwalk F.A.D.S.: Dan Beck reported that a sign on Main Street in town has helped them with recruiting.
- Buckeye Squares: Bud Kryling is not coming out of retirement, but will do lessons for this club for one year. Tiffin T-Squares reports that Buckeye Squares stole Tiffin's banner on September 13.
- Bowling Green Circle 8's: Kurt reported that they have had calls related to the recruitment signs and have some new dancers signed up already. Monday, September 15, will be the first club dance of the new season and Tuesday, September 16, will be a free demo lesson. The free demo lesson has been advertised on local radio, so Kurt anticipates a decent turnout for the free dance. Still need to see how many actually sign up for lessons after that.
- Tiffin T-Squares: Cindy Brookes noted the club has 40 signs out and about in various communities and locations. They have a goal of 25 new dancers to start in hopes that they might graduate and retain half of them. They note that they now have an issue with members that seem to be "missing-in action" and are trying to sort out how to retain these members. They have also started a Facebook page to connect their dancers and keep everyone informed. This comment started a brief discussion on Facebook pages and social media usage. It also prompted a discussion on whether TAWDLA minutes, or at least a "public" version of them, would be appropriate to be included on our promenadetoledo.com website. It was agreed that as long as there are no issues presented that might need to be kept private due to concerns involving specific individuals, the minutes should be considered public knowledge and published.
- Diamond Cutters: Cindy Warner noted that Diamond Cutters in conjunction with anyone who can help and with Bowling Green Circle 8's will be doing a demo dance at Waterville's Roche de Boeuf Festival. This will be at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, September 27. It will be in front of the Historical Society building on River Road in Waterville, Ohio and flyers will be placed in local clubs.

### **State Corp:**

- Cindy Warner reported that our visitor cancelled due to illness. Steve Stoehr was to visit us to discuss the plans for the National Square Dance Convention in 2017. He also wants to discuss with us the possibility of doing the 2017 State Convention in Toledo. It is possible that this may come up on agenda again in November.
- The Final Report from the 2014 State Convention was presented.
- Cindy noted that one item discussed at the State Corp meeting relating to the 2017 State Convention is that this event need not be as big of an event due to the National also being in Ohio that year. It was noted that it could be changed to a different or smaller format, a single day event, and that TAWDLA could “borrow” people from other areas to make it work.
- Since Mary Cousino is no longer part of State Corp, she is also no longer their “sunshine” chair. It was noted that Sheri Hayden will be doing the “sunshine” by sending card to those she is notified are ill and need a contact.
- Cindy noted that the former treasurer, Bob Calkins, has passed away. Cindy was elected as Treasurer of State Corp.
- There will not be anymore “Showcase of Ideas” tables at State Conventions.
- An idea is floating and needs to be made known to dancers as a way of letting dancers that are squaring up know that a person that has joined a square can dance either part. This is a hand/arm signal – open frame with both hands up – meaning that the dancer in the square is looking for a partner and can dance either part.

### **Old Business:**

- State Convention Basket was prepared and delivered to the Basket committee at the convention. Cindy is working on preparing the receipts to be turned in for reimbursement.

### **New business:**

- Frolics this year were starting to be addressed. Cindy Brookes noted that if we are to hold any in Tiffin this year, we need to schedule as soon as possible. Discussion was held to consider dropping this to two dances – eliminating the January and February dances due to weather concerns. There was a consensus to only hold dances in March and April, and to attempt to schedule the March dance in Tiffin and the April dance in either Bowling Green or Toledo. We will dance from 2 – 4 p.m. and hold our meeting after the dance.

### **Pre-closing comments:**

Dan Beck noted that he will be starting lessons in the next 2 weeks at all his clubs..

**Adjournment:** Gene Eckley moved and Mary Kansorka seconded a motion for adjournment at 3:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Anita Eckley,  
Recording Secretary

**NEXT MEETING:** OCTOBER 12, 2014 at the **Foxgate Farms Clubhouse**, 14 Foxgate Circle West, Bowling Green, OH 43402 at **2 p.m.**