



Tualatin Valley Council (TVC) 2015-02-23

Meeting held at the Papa's Pizza, 15700 NW Blueridge Drive, Beaverton

Meeting to start at 7:00.

<http://www.tualatinvalleycouncil.org>

Attendees:

Delegates: Attendees:

- Eager Beavers: Naomi Coorengel.
- Hayshakers: Traveling
- Hoedowners: Bev Aldrich, Debra Welch
- Mix N Mingles: Patty Bonney
- R Square D: absent
- Sunset Promenaders: Lalani Radford, Donna Evers
- Toe Draggers: Jim & Pat Olson
- Tri Squares: Dale Brabham, Adolf Eppich
- Valley Squares: Andis Garuts, Bill Calder
- Wave Steppers: Bob Allen.

Officers, Elected & Appointed:

- President: (in Montana) Vice-President: Dale Brabham
- Treasurer: Lane Clem Secretary: Tom Sminia
- State Delegate: (in Texas) Sunshine Chair: Dorothy Sullivan
- Past-President, Insurance Chair, Chairman of 2016 Summer Festival: Kay Rogers
- Caller Advisor: Daryl Clendenin Cuer Advisor: Yvonne Clendenin
- PAC Delegate, and Oregon Federation Youth Advisor: Kathy Roberts
- OFN Area Editor: Ferrous Steinka

Visitors:

- Janice Sminia, Ray Sullivan (Sunset Promenaders); Jim Rogers (Eager Beavers); President Bob Allen (Wave Steppers), Marie Clem (Hoedowners); Carolene Siebert (Valley Squares)

Officer Reports:

January 01-26-2015 meeting's minutes were approved.

President's report: (Gary Clark in Montana) (VP Dale Brabham conducting the meeting)

No report from the President this meeting.

Vice President's report: (Dale Brabham)

Below is a table of the TVC Dances through 2015:

Day:	DATE:	TIME:	THEME:	VENUE:	CALLER:	CUER:
Saturday	5/30/2015	7:30 - 10:30	Spring Fling	Hillsboro Odd F.	Jim Hattrick	Tami Helms
Saturday	8/29/2015	6:30 - 10:00	Picnic & Barn Dance	Hahn Farm	Daryl Clendenin	Yvonne Clendenin
Saturday PAC Hosting Dance	10/31/2015	?	Tri-Council Dance (PAC, Evergreen, TVC)	Cedarville Lodge, 181 st & Powell Blvd. in Gresham	?	Molly Combs
Saturday	12/31/2015	7:30 - 12:15	New Year's Eve Dinner & Dance	Hillsboro Odd Fellows Hall	Doug Davis	Randy Lewis

The TVC has a problem within the Spring Fling dance because of Jim Hattrick's health problem he will probably not be able to be the caller for the dance. Dale has discussed this with Daryl Clendenin

our Caller Advisor and maybe we can get a group of cuers and callers to volunteer to do the dance then use the income as a donation to the Hattrick's including Judy who also has a health problem. So the TVC has a job of putting together an agreement or contract to cover this situation and it should be within March so we can advertise the dance for what it will be. There was some discussion about what to call the dance and this can be worked out in the planning process.

Treasurer report: (Lane Clem)

An outstanding item on the balance sheet is the inventory for the 2016 Summer Festival fabric for making our outfit to promote the Festival which amounts to \$487.82. \$750.00 suspense item is going to be there for a while as that is our deposit for the venue for the 2016 Festival. Also on the income report \$497.00 income total, and \$201.00 expenses at our 5th Saturday Dance.

As Club members you may want to remind the club that 1099-MISC forms need to be written and given to your callers and cuers by now; IRS due date was by January 31st.

The Mid-Winter Rebound Dance financial report will require an update and will be sent out soon.

Secretary report: (Tom Sminia)

The TVC received a nice "Thank you note" from Paul and Dotti Swenson thanking the council for nominating them for the Square Dance Randall Award which they were awarded at the Mid-Winter Festival this year. They also want to thank you for the flowers they received, too.

We received a newsletter from the Oregon Food Bank basically asking for donations both food and/or money.

If you have some dancers in your club that would like to be notified that the Oregon Federated website has a new edition of the OFN just email me their name and email address and I will add them to the notification list. There is no cost to the OFN, you just log on and there it is which you can print out if your wish, either part of or all of the OFN. All of it is a lot of pages, probably 30 to 40 pages but you can just print what you want or read it on the website, and it is free.

State Delegates report: (Kathy Worthington is in Texas) There was no State meeting and no report.

PAC Delegate report: (Kathy Roberts did not attend the PAC meeting so we don't have a report).

Kathy asked Linda, the PAC secretary, if there was anything at the meeting to pass on to the TVC and Linda said no.

State Youth Activities Report: (Kathy Roberts)

Our youth program for the Mid-Winter Festival has been very successful. In just 2 years, we have doubled the number of youth attending Midwinter and bringing their families. A request to increase the Youth budget to cover the costs of this program has been made so that the program can be continued. The kids were wonderful; I told all of them that I would take them anywhere, anytime; and that they fantastic.

Past President Report, Chairman for the TVC 2016 Summer Festival, and State Federation

Insurance Representative: (Kay Rogers)

As past president I have no report.

But I do want to discuss 2016 Summer Festival. I have a check from our first vendor.

Also, the people who ordered need to get the outfit fabric purchased, because we will need the outfits in July for this year's Festival.

We also need to plan to go to Klamath Falls for a kick off, in other words we need to go to the 2015 Summer Festival to promote the 2016 Summer Festival. The TVC can at any time now request a \$3,000.00 loan from the Federation to help finance the Festival if needed. It is a long way to go but

we need go to Klamath Falls. We need to go to the Summer Festival, wear our outfits, basically advertise our festival, hand out registration forms, and maybe do an after party there with a dance and/or skit.

Another part of this is we need volunteers to handle registration, arrange an after party in Klamath Falls, get ribbons made, setup for the festival, tearing down after the festival, working with the convention center personnel, making, handing out, and sending out flyers, etc.

Kay is working on the registration form now, and will put together a list of the jobs needing to be done for the festival; this list will help find volunteers to fill those jobs.

TVC needs to do an after party at Mid-Winter this coming January to advertise our festival, Kay also pointed out that "membership information" that in the past we received a paperwork package from the State is now going to be done online using the "club information form" and that this is to be kept up to date all year long also. The due date on this is still to be done the same time as in the past, but you don't have to make four copies, etc.; just fill out the form on the internet and that is it.

In other words Kay is saying we have work to do starting right now, mostly planning now but we need volunteers to do all of this to do a successful Summer Festival.

Kay also mentioned that if you are not using the free OFN for your flyers, articles, dance themes, photos, etc.; you are missing out on this method of promoting your club to the world. There is a lot you can do with this.

Sunshine Chair Report: (Dorothy Sullivan)

- George Clark the Caller for the Eager Beavers fainted while he was calling, went to the hospital; is home now but is having further tests.
- (Daryl said) He talked to George Clark and he is going to the doctor today to get a heart monitor to see if they can find out if he still has a problem or not. He had fainted at a dance a while back.
- Janelle Janicke had successful foot surgery and is recovering.
- Kathy Degman fractured her pelvis but is recovering without surgery.
- Gary Clark's uncle passed and Gary is in Montana to attend the funeral.
- Tom Roberts (R Square D) had kidney stones removed
- (Daryl said) He talked to Jim Hattrick at the hospital Saturday morning and they are still working at getting his body functions under control and he will probably not be going home until the levels are where they want them. This situation is over two months now and not under control yet. Jim is wishing he could get out of the hospital and back calling our dances and he still has a positive outlook. Keep praying for him and support him in any way you can.

Also, Judy Hattrick has breast cancer and she is going in for treatment soon and will be on radiation also.

OFN Area Editor Report: (Ferrous Steinka) Report via email.

We have a new club reporter to welcome to our OFN family. Pat Olson has taken over the duties as reporter for the Toe Draggers, replacing Peggy Hults. I wish to thank Peggy for her many years of reporting. Pat has already submitted her first report appearing in the March OFN, a job well done. I still do not have a reporter for the TriSquares, the last report received in late November.

Since the OFN has gone to an online publication there have been many questions regarding the submission of items to the OFN. Tim Roberts has created a document detailing how it is done. It can

be found as a link to a pdf file in the front section of the online OFN. Basically, the following is covered:

1. Club Reports are sent to the TVC OFN Editor
2. Club Flyers are submitted via the "Club Info" area of the Federation Website
3. Dance info is to be submitted via the "Club Info" area of the Federation Website
4. Photographs are submitted directly to Tim Roberts: timr@probo.com
5. Articles are to be submitted directly to Tim Roberts: timr@probo.com
6. Letters are to be submitted directly to Tim Roberts: timr@probo.com
7. Remembrances are to be submitted directly to Tim Roberts: timr@probo.com

It is important that each club have someone who is committed to the job of keeping their information up to date. This needs to be done every month. Helpful links:

1. OFSRDC – <http://www.squaredance.gen.or.us/>
2. OFN - <http://www.squaredance.gen.or.us/ofn/index.php>

Respectively submitted,

Ferrous Steinka, OFN Area Editor for the TVC

Caller & Cuer Advisors report: (Daryl & Yvonne Clendenin)

(Daryl) There are new dancers starting to come to regular dances after finishing classes and this is a critical time for these new dancers. This is the time when we lose so many dancers, we need to keep the people we have worked with up to graduation but we need to have a workshop to help the new dancers to become comfortable and if I can get a group of a couple of squares together on Wednesdays I will work with them as long as we can get enough to pay the rent. This will be from 7:00 to 9:00 at the Aloha Grange.

(Yvonne) The round of the month is "Buicks to the Moon" written by Pat Hintz and it is on the Federation website now.

Old Business:

Dale brought up the issue of the fabric the TVC has in inventory for the Summer Festival. We need for the people to step up and purchase the fabric that we have gone out and purchased at a 40% discount and people said they wanted the fabric. The price is \$10.00 per yard and Kathy Roberts has the material and has cut it up in sizes for skirts and shirts ready for us to take home. Please step up and purchase this item so we can get it off the TVC books, and pay back the TVC for buying it. This material is for the TVC outfits to use for promoting the 2016 Summer Festival.

New Business:

There was a question about if we have any of our private information such as phone numbers, address and email on the internet. In my search to see what is out there I found that the TVC Directory has the addresses, email addresses, and phone numbers for the TVC elected and appointed officers, each TVC's club officers, TVC delegates, callers and cuers. Another area of addresses, etc. is on the Club Information Form which requires a password but that is pretty easy to come by. If this is a concern the TVC needs to decide on a policy about what we do in the future. A new directory will be put together probably in May of this year. Please send Tom your comments on this subject and the officers will look at this, present a proposal to the TVC delegates and we will address this in the April TVC meeting.

Dale presented Bob Allen a TVC Ambassador Badge awarded for attending at least one dance at all the TVC clubs within one year, Bob has several of these badges now; that is a big commitment to do this. Good job Bob.

Dale handed the microphone over to Carolene Seibert to talk about the advertising we have done this year. There was an ad put in the Oregonian in December which did not do much and cost \$300 total, we had one call and he injured his hip so he did not come to class. We also did a Friday morning at 5:00 am KATU broadcast and we had two squares of dancers. I thought this might be a good time for people getting ready for work and those would be good group for new square dancers. Anyway KATU said that they will do this again say in August before lessons start, if we call them again say in June. Carolene feels we need to get the younger people in our clubs to dance for this and be interviewed, this attempt had interviewed people that were probably too old to attract younger students. Tom asked if we could pre-record at an actual dance so we could pick the dancers for the recording thereby getting the ages we wanted. Carolene said that this particular situation they only do live TV so that would not be possible. We have to control what we do better than what we have been doing to achieve the results we need to get to the right people out there.

Carolene found an article in the Oregonian about advertising using Instagram and it stated that this media has a much younger group of people, so if you want to advertise do it on Facebook.

Another item she mentioned was a new logo that ARTS is distributing to be used by square dance clubs. Her suggestion is to do some T-shirts with the logo on it and other items on them to promote square dancing. She had a sample to see what she is talking about. The ARTS logo distributed information is available and if you wish to know more about it send Tom an email and he will send you this article. This article also includes some marketing information and suggestions that are good to read and understand.

Kay R. mentioned if you want to sell some items like coffee cups, shirts, caps, etc. let her know and she has contacts that will make samples, etc.; this could be a good time to do this at our summer festival in 2016.

Carolene summarized her talk saying that we need to do something or we will just fade away.

Club Delegate Reports:

Eager Beavers: *(Naomi Coorengel & Nan Overall Delegates)*

Club dances easy plus every Monday afternoon, 1:15 to 3:15 PM, at the Sunset Presbyterian Church (14986 NW Cornell Rd., Portland, OR), which features an air conditioner and excellent wood floor. On holidays we dance at the Aloha Grange (the corner of 185th and TV Hwy). George Clark is the Caller/Cuer; Jim Hatrick is the Caller/Cuer every third Monday. Dance starts with 15 minutes of easy pre-rounds. <http://www.eagerbeavers.info>

Eager Beavers will make a visitation to the Hoedowners.

The Eager Beavers will celebrate dancing in green on our dance the 16th of March.

Hayshakers: *(Kathy Worthington and Sylvia Davis) (Traveling)*

Hayshakers are now dancing the 1st & 3rd Friday's from 6 to 8. Harvey Hunsucker caller & cuer. Dance is at the Pacific Grange, 90475 Hwy 101, Cullaby Lake, Warrenton, OR. Be sure to call first to make sure we have enough people for a dance. 503.325.8109, 503.861.2726, 503.325.2100. <http://www.hayshakers.org>

The Hayshakers has no report at this time.

Submitted by: Kathy

Hoedowners: *(Bev Aldrich and Debra Welch, Delegates)*

Dance the 2nd and 4th Saturdays at the Aloha Grange on the corner of 185th and TV Hwy. Our Caller is Daryl Clendenin. The Cuer is Yvonne Clendenin. Pre-Plus and Intermediate Rounds will be called from 7:00-8:00 and Mainstream from 8:00-10:00. Our format is informal and friendly.
<http://www.hoedowners.info>

Our upcoming 65th Anniversary dance is Saturday February 28th, with a chicken dinner served beginning at 6:15 p.m. Donations are always appreciated. Dancing begins at 7:00. We love celebrating our anniversary dances, come and join us for a fun-filled evening.

Our new student dance lessons will be complete on Wednesday, February 25th. They've been a great class, and we're honoring them with a spaghetti dinner followed by a mini-lesson to recognize their dancing skills.

We have some other good times ahead:

- March 14th is our Rock 'n Roll Party. Dress and dance to the music of the 50's and 60's.
- March 28th is the Spring Fever dance.
- April 11th is Under the Big Top, also known as "The Best Show on Earth." You're invited to wear circus-themed costumes or your regular dancing attire.
- April 25th is our Denim Dance. Your chance to wear anything made of denim. We're serving a baked potato bar for refreshments.

Mix N Mingle: *(Patty Bonney and Janelle Janicke Delegate)*

Club dances Plus at the Winona Grange (8340 Seneca Street, Tualatin, OR) on 1st and 3rd Saturdays. Pre-Rounds begin at 7:00 PM (Levels 4 & 5), 7:30 PM (Levels 2 & 3) and Plus from 8:00 – 10:30 PM with level 2-4 Rounds. Randy Dibble is our club Caller and Jeanine Norden our club Cuer. Donation is \$4 per person at the dance for members, \$5 for non-members.

www.mixandminglesquares.org

No report this month.

Patty

R Square D: *(Tom Roberts, Delegate)*

Dance 2nd Friday and the 4th Saturday from September thru May; June thru August dance 2nd and 4th Wednesday at the Kelso Senior Center (106 NW 8th Ave, Kelso, WA). We dance 7:30 to 8:00 Plus and 8:00 to 10:00 Mainstream and refreshments after the dance. Craig Abercrombie is the caller and Lonnie Sycks is our Cuer. Our website is www.r-square-d.info Call 360-431-7553 or 360-636-3358 for more information.

Sunset Promenaders: *(Lalani Radford and Donna Evers, Delegates) Dance 1st & 3rd Saturdays.*

Dance starts at 7:30 with phase III round dances; then at 8:00 until 10:00 is our Mainstream dance with a plus tip at about 9:00, and a potluck break at 10:00. Our Caller is Mike (Julie) Stout and the Cuer is Ken (Dianne) Pratt. We dance in Hillsboro at the Odd Fellows Hall Upstairs on the corner of 3rd & Main Streets above LaHaies and Of Earth and Air shops. www.sunsetpromenaders.com

A few of our members went to the PAC 5th Friday Dance on Jan. 30 to help promote our west side dances. The dancers had a great time.

We will be visiting the Hoedowners Anniversary Dance on Feb. 28

Lessons are going great. We have 17 students at our lessons

See our flyers for upcoming dances.

Submitted by Lalani

Toe Draggers: *(Jim & Pat Olson, Delegates) Dance at the Kinton Grange on the 1st Friday 7:30-8:00 Pre-Rounds, 8:00 to 10:00 Mainstream and on the 3rd Friday 7:30-8:00 Plus, 8:00 to 10:00 Mainstream with the last tip Plus. Caller is K.C. Curtis; and Cuer is Bev Flint. Kinton Grange is at 19015 SW Scholls Ferry Rd., Beaverton, 97007*
www.toedraggers.org

February has been a busy month for us. We danced away the calories from our Italian Spaghetti Feed and chocolate desserts on the 20th. We also picked up a banner after visiting Valley Squares on the 7th.

We are dancing with Irish themes in March. Wear your green and come looking for your Pot of Gold, at the Kinton Grange. The 20th of March is our Irish Rubber Ducky Dance. I'm sure you'll see many fun antics from some of our club members. March 14th we are traveling to River City Dancers for a visitation. They are a lively and fun club.

April we'll be experiencing what it's like to live in the Scandinavian Countries. Remember our 2nd dance will be held at the Odd Fellows Hall in Hillsboro.

Respectively submitted, Jim and Pat Olson

Tri Squares: *(Dale Brabham and Adolf Eppich, Delegates)*

We dance on the first Saturday and third Friday of each month in the Tigard Grange at 13770SW Pacific Hwy in Tigard. Terry Halley is our club Caller with guest Cueing. We dance year around, except when the temperature exceeds 90 degrees. We Pre-Round dance from 7:30 – 7:45, dance Plus from 7:45 to 8:00 and Mainstream with Round Dances from 8:00 to 10:00 p.m. There is a Plus Dance tip around 9:15. Refreshments are served at 10:00. www.trisquares.com

We are continuing our second level of Mainstream lessons on Sundays from 3:30 - 5:30 PM. 19-students are participating with graduation set for March 15. Terry Halley is our instructor.

We have been using substitute Cuers for our regular dances on the first Saturday and first Friday of each month.

This past Friday, Feb. 20th was our Mardi Gras Masquerade Ball. It was highly successful with 5-squares on the floor. We could have used a few more participants from our TVC clubs but as a whole a great time was had by all those who came; lots of neat costumes and masks. Ken Pratt was our guest Cuer with Terry Halley providing the Square Dance calls.

We are in the midst of putting together a new slate of officers for the upcoming year and will update the list as it becomes available.

Respectfully submitted, Adolf Eppich

Valley Squares: *(Andis Garuts, and Bill Calder, Delegates)*

Dance 1st and 3rd Saturdays at the Aloha Grange on the corner of 185th and TV Hwy. Plus level with Intermediate and Phase Two rounds from 7-8 p.m. with Mainstream and Phase 2 Rounds from 8-10 p.m. and refreshments at 10 p.m. with Chuck Garner Caller, Connie Clark Cuer.
www.valleysquares.com.

We had huge crowds for our Feb. 7 and Feb. 21 dances. Our Soup-Er Bowl Dance on Feb. 7 had enough people for 7 squares. We had a dinner of soup, salad and breads before the dance. We had visitations from the Hoedowners, Eager Beavers and Toe Draggers. There were many guest callers and cuers, each doing a tip or a round.

On our Feb. 21 Mardi Gras dance had enough people for 8 squares. This is twice the number that we had been getting at our dances. We had several groups visiting from the Buzzin Bees and Silver City Squares. We also had several new dancers from the Hoedowners and Tri Squares classes. We extended this dance with Hot Hash until 10:20 p.m. This dance was a huge hit with the crowd.

On Fri., Feb. 20 we did demonstration dances on KATU for their morning news show that morning. Hopefully this will get our viewers to come to future lessons and try out square dancing.

Lessons for new dancers are continuing through May.

Upcoming dances: We will be having dances on Mar. 7 and Mar. 21. Our March 21 dance will be our annual Wearing of the Green Dance. Plus with Ph. II and Intermediate Rounds at 7 p.m., MS with Rounds at 8 until 10 p.m. Open break at 8 until 9:30; announcements at 9 p.m. Caller: Chuck Garner. Cuer: Connie Clark.

On Sunday, March 15, we will be holding a New Dancers Jamboree, from 1:30 until 3:30 p.m. It will be at B-51. Caller: Chuck. Cuer: Connie. I expect to see other callers and cuers from the floor. All new dancers please join us.

Wave Steppers: (Carolyn Hindman, and Bob Allen Delegates)

Dance 2nd Saturday April thru October. The dance is Mainstream, with one PLUS tip, every second tip at the Garibaldi City Hall (107 6th Street, Garibaldi, OR 97118) from 7:00 to 9:30 PM with guest Callers.

Good of the Order:

<http://www.squaredance.gen.or.us> is the Federation website and also is where you will find the OFN on the home page upper left hand corner, just click on it and it is free!

Next TVC Meeting:

There will be no March TVC meeting, the next meeting will be Monday April 27th.

Respectfully edited by Tom Sminia, TVC Secretary

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Please email me any errors or corrections you notice in the minutes.

Also, please email me any suggestions as to a place to have the TVC meetings within next two weeks.

- Criteria should include ease of finding restaurant location including public transportation.
- Good access location relative to people coming from the coast, Kelso, Sherwood, Banks.
- Various foods at competitive prices.
- Separate room for the meeting.
- Ordering from counter rather than a waiter.
- Electrical power for the PA system.
- Good parking lot.