



## Tualatin Valley Council (TVC) Council Meeting Minutes for 10-28-2013

Called to order at 7:00 at the Pizza Caboose

<http://www.tualatinvalleycouncil.org>

### **Attendees:**

### **Delegates:**

Eager Beavers: Nan Overall, Dick Pesek  
Hayshakers: Sylvia Davis, Kathy Worthington  
Hoedowners: Bev Aldrich  
R Square D: Lonnie & Linda Sycks  
Sunset Promenaders: Pete Schettek, & Lalani Radford  
Toe Draggers: Kathy Roberts  
Tri Squares: Frank Collett, Dale Brabham  
Valley Squares: absent  
Wave Steppers: Bob Allen, & Carolyn Hindman

### **Officers, Elected & Appointed:**

President: Kay Rogers	Vice-President: Gary Clark
Treasurer: Lane Clem	Secretary: Tom Sminia
State Delegate: Kathy Roberts	Sunshine: Dorothy Sullivan
Caller Advisor: KC Curtis	Alt. PAC Del. To TVC: Linda Curtis

### **Visitors:**

Janice Sminia, Sharon Schettek, Ray Sullivan, Joyce Clark (Sunset Promenaders); Naomi Coorengel, Jim Rogers (Eager Beavers); Dale Worthington (Hayshakers).

## **Officer Reports:**

### **President's report:** (Kay Rogers)

Kay brings a thank you from the State Federation for putting on a very good State Meeting at the Kinton Grange on September 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>.

During the installation meeting in September our new State Federation of Square Dancers, President Dave Cooper revealed his plan for 2014. His goal is to have each club add five new members and for no club to fold. He was unhappy that two clubs folded last year without ever contacting the federation for help.

His program is called "Rapid Response" and his team consists of Marilyn Schmit, Dale Worthington, David Stutzman, Doug Hartzel and the membership chairman, Coleeta Quigley and himself. Anyone can come to them with an idea of how we can help their club not fold or get better. It does not have to be with money. We could just drive over and help with lessons, something like that. We need a fund so we can help people who need money to pay their caller, pay insurance fees, whatever they might need. We will get together via email within a week.

There are no written guidelines at this time because we don't know what we will encounter.

A question was asked about getting a DVD copy of the promotional recording that was made for Square Dancers to use in promoting square dancing and encourage people to take lessons and Kay said she would get a copy for our council to use. DVD can be used on TV or used at events such as fairs to generate interest in square dancing.

**Ambassador Badges:** If there is any dancers that need to get another signature on their Ambassador's Badge we are allowing a couple more months to do that this year.

**Vice Presidents report:** (Gary Clark)

Take a look at these TVC meeting minutes and note all of the upcoming dances and events that are scheduled for the TVC. You as delegates are to pass on this information to your clubs, along with the flyers in your folder. Keep up the good work. Thanks for your help in giving me suggestions for these dances. If you have any questions about helping TVC or what you need to report to your clubs let me know

- **November 30<sup>th</sup>** there will be a TVC Round Dance Party. Ken Pratt will be the MC, with cuers from the floor, Phase II through IV dances will be cued. It will be at the Aloha Grange at 185<sup>th</sup> and TV Highway, and the dance will start at 7:00.
- **December 31<sup>st</sup>** (Tuesday) New Year's Eve Dinner & Dance with the dinner starting at 7:30, and pre-rounds at 8:00.
- **January 27<sup>th</sup>** (fourth Monday) President's dinner meeting at Hillsboro Odd Fellows Hall. Potluck dinner starting at 6:30 and short business meeting including presentation of the TVC Recognition Award to the most involved and dedicated member of a TVC club in the past year. This will be the Monday after the Mid-Winter Festival.
- **March 29<sup>th</sup>** (fifth Saturday) Tri-council Dance at the Clark County Square Dance Center, Washington hosted by the Tualatin Valley Council. We will need a lot of help on this dance, and we need a lot of food. We usually have 200-250 dancers at this dance and it is a hall that can handle a lot more.
- **May 31<sup>st</sup>** (fifth Saturday) there is nothing scheduled for this event yet, so help me plan this dance and choose the caller and cuer.
- **August 30<sup>th</sup>** (fifth Saturday) TVC Picnic and Barn Dance at the Hahn Farm. Who would you like for the caller and cuer?
- **November 29<sup>th</sup>** (fifth Saturday) nothing scheduled for this date yet, so you can help me get the caller and cuer...
- **December 31<sup>st</sup>** (Wednesday) New Year's Eve Dinner and Dance.
- **2016 Summer Festival** (Commented on by Kay Rogers): The 2016 Summer Festival is going to be hosted by the TVC on the fifth weekend of July 29<sup>th</sup> -31<sup>st</sup> in Seaside. So we will not have a regular TVC dance that weekend. What do you think of "Oregon Summer Festival; Sweet Sixteen" as a theme? Agreed.

**Treasurer report:** (Lane Clem) Report was distributed. Interesting note, the bank balance this year is within one dollar of the balance a year ago. This report included the State Federation Meeting dance and meeting expenses. Overall we made a little money on the State Meeting, good job by the people doing the work on this.

**Secretary report:** (Tom Sminia) Thank you delegates and officers that sent in reports to me. Would you please use Arial font and the font size of 12 in writing your reports, this would help me in copying the report to the TVC meeting minutes. I do have more TVC Directories if you need them. Thanks.

**State Delegates report:** (Kathy Roberts)

Delegates, thank you if you have already given me your insurance forms. If you have not, please send them to me **ASAP**. I need to complete the TVC's portion of the form and turn everything in by Wednesday. Please remember to include your checks payable to the OFSRDC, the payment per person is \$4.45 for 2014. All members on your roster have to pay; students do not pay until they graduate, if a dancer has more than one club only one club pays.

(Insurance comments by Kay Rogers, OFSRD Insurance Chairman: Our insurance is liability insurance, and our policy runs from January 1<sup>st</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup>. All of our dancers that are on the roster has to be paid for, if not you are putting the whole state dancers in jeopardy because our policy can be cancelled. On students the club needs to send in a form with the names of the students and they are insured free until they graduate. This insurance is a "secondary insurance" meaning your insurance pays first and then the insurance pays what is left. If you have any questions call me or email me.)

Delegates, when you are making your reports, please remember to include the actions your clubs are taking to retain or build your clubs by attracting new dancers so that I can include the information in our report to the state.

**State Youth Activities Report: (Kathy Roberts)**

- It's time for your graduating seniors and college freshmen to start applying for their college scholarships. Oregon's \$500 scholarship application form has been updated. Completed applications are due by May 1, 2014.  
<http://www.squaredance.gen.or.us/ScholarshipApp.php>
- The USDA \$1000 scholarship application form is due by February 1, 2014. Their scholarship will be awarded to 1 high school senior who is a member of a club/federation that is associated with USDA (United Square Dance Association).  
<http://www.usda.org/youth.htm>
- If you have any youth in your federated clubs who would like to attend any state sponsored activities and cannot afford the fees or ribbons, please contact me. We have scholarships available. We have already given 4 scholarships to Midwinter this year.

**Midwinter Youth Report: (Kathy Roberts)**

The Midwinter Youth committee has been hard at play trying to find new and fun

adventures for the youth during 2014 Midwinter. Our theme this year is the **Mid-Winter**

**Youth Adventure!** Following are some highlights:

- Youth Adventure table in the Mainstream Hall –
  - The first 25 families to check in will receive a string backpack courtesy of the Albany Visitors Association.
  - All youth will receive a Goodie Bag from the committee
  - Gathering spot for the youth
  
- Friday evening - 8:00 pm
  - Starts at Pizza King with Ruby's fine Italian pizza, karaoke and a mainstream tip.
  - Albany Regional Museum scavenger hunt and other fun events.
    - Dancing with Leonard Snodgrass
  - Prizes!!
- Saturday
  - Badge scavenger hunt -- stop by the table for your passport to adventure
  
  - NEW!! Square Dance Styling Clinic –
    - Introduction to dancing with flair, learn some basic styles to increase your dancing fun
  - After Party!!
    - Dancing with KC Curtis – Jonny Roberts – Bev Flint
    - Styling Practice
    - Dancing
    - Games
    - Food
    - PRIZES!!
    - And most importantly – FUN!!!!
  
- Sunday 12:00-1:00 pm the youth are invited to select an outfit from the Used

Clothing area. Youth are age 19 and under.

On behalf of the Mid-Winter Youth Committee, I would like to request a donation from the TVC in the amount of \$100 to help pay for some of our new activities. We are designing a brand new program. Mid-Winter has currently budgeted only \$200 for all of our expenses. We are asking the TVC, PAC, Mid-Willamette, Emerald Empire, and the state to donate \$100 each towards the new Mid-Winter Youth Program. We will keep an itemized list of our youth expenses. After Mid-Winter, if we have funds left, we will return the unused portion to the councils who have donated. Thank you for your consideration. (This was voted on and approved)

**OFN Editor Report:** (Ferrous Steinka) No report.

**Caller Advisor report:** (KC Curtis) Please dancers go to the new dancer jamborees and welcome the new dancers; make them feel welcome and comfortable to our activity.

**Cuer Advisor report:** (Ken Pratt) absent.

**Sunshine Person report:** (Dorothy Sullivan)

Sympathy card sent to Jack Peterson because his wife Jeanne past away.

Get well card to Beverly Flint of the Toe Draggers as she had lung surgery.

**Webmaster report:** (Mark Bendickson) absent.

**PAC delegate to the TVC report:** (Linda Curtis)

Linda reported that at the PAC meeting they talked a lot about helping support clubs such as during lessons, and some discussion about PAC having lessons for PAC clubs to help smaller clubs and also going to all the new dancers' jamborees to show support to the new dancers. It was decided to support and concentrate on all the jamborees this year. November 29<sup>th</sup> will be a Fifth Friday PAC dance at the Oak Grove Community

Club Hall with the Wild Cards calling (Terry Halley, Mike Halley, and KC Curtis) with Helen Halley cueing.

## **Old Business:**

**Summer Festival in 2016 will be hosted by the TVC** and a theme was suggested of "Sweet Sixteen"; any other ideas? Date will be July 29<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup> of 2016.

Kay presented Naomi Coorengel and Nan Overall with much earned Ambassador Badges. Congratulations. Also, Nan got best costume (Clown) at the Eager Beaver Halloween Dance.

## **Club Delegate Reports:**

### **Eager Beavers:** *(Dick Pesek and 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 185<sup>th</sup> and TV Hwy). George Clark is the Caller/Cuer; Jim Hattrick is the Caller/Cuer every third Monday. Dance starts with 15 minutes of easy pre-rounds.*

<http://www.eagerbeavers.info>

Eager Beavers went on their Beach Trip staying at the Silver Sands in Rockaway and danced at St. Mary by the Sea.

We had a visitation to the Sunset Promenaders Anniversary Dance, and it was good. They had their Harvest Dance and meal with 40-members and 17-visitors attending. Callers included George Clark, Harold Kleve, Chuck Garner, Norm Yoder, KC Curtis (aka Sonny boy), and Julie Stiers cueing.

### **Hayshakers:** *(Sylvia Davis and Kathy Worthington, Delegates)*

*Location is at Astoria Senior Center (1111 Exchange St., Astoria, OR 97103). Start 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Dress in whatever you are comfortable. Caller and Cuer is Harvey Hunsucker. Hayshakers also put on the annual Seaside Sashay, a 2-day Mainstream dance on the 4<sup>th</sup> Friday and Saturday in October. <http://www.hayshakers.org>*

Hayshakers' had their annual Seaside Sashay and had 180 dancers attend, and thanks to those that helped out with us. We have 23-people that have signed up for next year.

### **Hoedowners:** *(Bev Aldrich and Debbie Olson, Delegates)*

*Dance the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturdays at the Aloha Grange on the corner of 185<sup>th</sup> 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 8-10. Our format is informal and friendly. <http://www.hoedowners.info>*

Upcoming dances are the Hoedowners 6th Annual Turkey Toss on Nov. 9th, Civil War Dance (Ducks and Beavers) Nov. 23rd, and a New Dancer Jamboree on Sunday, Dec. 8th, 1:00 - 3:00 pm at Aloha Grange. Submitted by Bev Aldrich, and email from Debbie from Hawaii

Hoedowners are midway through Session A of our New Dancers class, with an average of 20 new dancers. Angels average about the same number. Session B begins on December 4th, with the new dancers moving up to Mainstream and another group of brand new dancers joining the B-51 class. We're having a spaghetti dinner before the November 20th class to celebrate the new dancers' progress. Wednesday evenings are an exciting time, we are fortunate to have Daryl Clendenin as our caller, and Gretchen Sabo is doing a fine job coordinating the classes.

Upcoming dances are November 9th our annual Turkey Toss, and November 23rd the Civil War dance. Our New Dancer Jamboree is Sunday, December 8th, 1:00-3:00 p.m. at the Aloha Grange.

**Mix N Mingle:** *(Patty Bonney, & Janelle Janicke Delegates)*

*Club dances Plus at the Winona Grange (8340 Seneca Street, Tualatin, OR) on 1st and 3rd Saturdays. Pre-Rounds begin at 7:30 PM (Levels 4 & 5), 8:00 PM (Levels 2 & 3) and Plus from 8:30 - 11:00 PM. 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](http://www.mixandminglesquares.org)*

No report

**R Square D:** *(Lonnie & Linda Sycks, Delegates)*

*We dance 2nd Wednesday and the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday in the summer (June, July, and August) at the Kelso Senior Center (106 NW 8<sup>th</sup> Ave, Kelso, WA). We dance mainstream from 7:00 to 9:00 PM and refreshments after the dance. Craig Abercrombie is the caller and Lonnie Sycks is our cuer. Our website is [www.r-square-d.info](http://www.r-square-d.info) Call 360-431-7553 or 360-636-3358 for more information.*

Lessons this year have started out much better than in years past. We have 11-new and 9-returning students. Now all we need is more R Square D members to help fill the squares. Oktoberfest was held at the Rose Valley Elementary School this year and, even though it seemed like a lot more work, lots of dancers, including the caller, said it was the best and most fun in a quite a few years. A reporter from The Daily News was there Friday evening and on the following Sunday there was a very good article with several pictures and if you look real close you can see Gary & Renee Ruud in a square in the back. Next year Oktoberfest will be held in the Grange building next door to the school. Our next visitation will be November 9, to Bonnie Lads and Lassies because, caller, Steve Haslett is retiring the end of the year. In December you will find us at Cougar Squares Christmas Dinner and Dance on the first Saturday. R Square D wishes all dancers a safe and wonderful Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Submitted by Lonnie & Linda Sycks

**Sunset Promenaders:** *(Lalani Radford and Pete Schettek, Delegates)*

*Dance 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays. Our dance evening is scheduled to start at 7:30 with phase III round dances. Starting at 8:00 until 10:00 is our Mainstream dance with a potluck break afterwards. 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 3<sup>rd</sup> & Main Streets above LaHaies and Of Earth and Air shops. [www.sunsetpromenaders.com](http://www.sunsetpromenaders.com)*

Our October 5th Anniversary dance was great. We had a lot of dancers on the floor. We want to thank all of you who joined us.

The movie of Our Hawaiian Dance I promised you last month is now on the Gallery page of our web site. It is fun to watch.

Our first dance in November is a Food Drive Dance where we ask attendants to donate canned food that we will give to a local charity food bank. The second November dance is our Giving Thanks Dance and also a food donation dance. Your attending will meet your Thanksgiving Day moral requirement.

The Seaside Sashay (who came up with that name?) last weekend was a fun event.

Those of you that were there may have noticed that several Sunset Promenaders were helping out. They were there to learn the ropes, as we will be co-hosting the event next year. It's never too early to start marketing an event like this, but I promise to only bring it up once a month for the next year. Purchasing your ribbons will not be required until next July.

Ken Pratt's Sunday Round Dance workshop sessions are going well. He has added a beginning two step lesson from 6 to 7 pm with the Intermediate workshop from 7 to 8:30.

Also, there is a date mistake in the OFN, our first November dance is November 2<sup>nd</sup>, not the 7<sup>th</sup>; sorry for the mistake.

Did I tell you that after exercising I eat a large piece of Cherry Pie every day, well just kidding, I don't exercise? Submitted by Pete Schettek

**Toe Draggers:** *(Kathy Roberts & Janelle Janicke Delegates)*

*Dance at the Kinton Grange on the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Fridays. Their Caller is K.C. Curtis; Cuer is Bev Flint. First Friday dances will have pre-rounds at 7:30. Third Friday dances start at 7:30 with a Plus learning experience. Last Tip Plus. [www.toedraggers.org](http://www.toedraggers.org)*

The Toe Draggers will be collecting non-perishable foods during both of their November dances. On November 15th, the Toe Draggers will be holding another one of their popular; Name that Tune token dance with no-money-just-tokens auction will be November 15, 2013. Attend the dance, guess the song and win tokens to be used during the auction.

The Toes will be collecting toys for financially challenged area kids both dances in December. Additional information can be found at [www.toedraggers.org/](http://www.toedraggers.org/)



The Toe Draggers are willing to help with the 2016 Summer Festival. Once we have a list of areas that help is needed, we will sign up.

Please mark your calendar: The Toe Draggers' new dancer jamboree will be March 2, 2014.

Thank you to the square dancers who attended the Kinton Grange's Turkey Dinner yesterday. The preliminary figures look like they sold close to 1,000 dinners! The Toe Draggers manned the food to-go area and the dinner ticket sales.

In response to Dave's request to know what we are doing to attract new dancers and retain current dancers:

**New Dancers:** During the turkey dinner, we had business cards that we could hand out to people interested in lessons with our contact information. The front lists our club information while the back lists all of our special dances. (Kathy passed out some cards to people that were interested) We also posted pictures of our activities on our display for people to see how much fun we have as square dancers.

**Dancer Retention:** We continue to have fun getting together besides our dances. In November we will be holding our annual Progressive Dinner where most of the club will caravan to 3 different houses for appetizers, main course, and dessert. We enjoy great food, visit, play games, and just have fun. Submitted by: Kathy Roberts

**Tri Squares:** *(Dale Brabham and Frank Collett, Delegates)*

*We dance on the first Saturday and third Friday of each month at the historic Tigard Grange in Tigard. Terry Halley is our club Caller with Jackie Gale Cueing. We dance year around, except when the temperature exceeds 90 degrees. We will dance July 6. Hearing enhancement devices are available. We round dance from 7:30 – 7:45, dance Plus from 7:45 to 8:00 and Mainstream from 8:00 to 10:00 p.m.; the 4th tip will be PLUS. Refreshments are served at 10:00. [www.trisquares.com](http://www.trisquares.com)*

The Tri Squares had a garage sale to raise fund for the club.

They have 12-people for B-51 square dance lessons and 11-people for round dance lessons this year.

They are generally working at revitalizing the club as it has been slipping in the past. We seem to be doing well because we are listening to our new members and working together to keep members, etc.

Included in this was a visitation to the Hoedowners with 14-members to get a banner back. Submitted by Dale Brabham.

**Valley Squares:** *(Andis Garuts, and Rhoda Reinking, Delegates)*

*Dance 1st and 3rd Saturdays at the Aloha Grange on the corner of 185th and TV Hwy. Caller calls dance at Plus level with Intermediate and Phase Two rounds from 7-8 p.m. with Mainstream and Phase Two rounds from 8-10 p.m. and refreshments at 10 p.m. with Chuck Garner Caller, Connie Clark Cuer. [www.valleysquares.com](http://www.valleysquares.com).*

Absent.

**Wave Steppers:** *(Carolyn Hindman, & Bob Allen Delegates)*

*We will not have a dance until April. We will dance Mainstream, with one PLUS tip, every second tip on every second Saturday of the month as our normal schedule at the Garibaldi City Hall (107 6th Street, Garibaldi, OR 97118) from 7:00 to 9:30 PM. We will have guest Callers.*

Wave Steppers are planning our lessons for 2014. We are looking into going through Tillamook Bay College for some of our classes in the spring. Square Dance classes would have to run on the same schedule as the College's regular classes. In January we hope to start some 8 week square dance classes. Bob Allen and Joe Wrabek (our caller in-training) are working on that.

Bob passed out a list of their dances for next year and we hope the people doing visitations will plan on coming to our dances.

Some of us went to the Seaside Sashay and it was great.

We also went to the R Square D Club in Kelso and enjoyed ourselves.

Since our Club is dark for the next few months we will continue to visit other TVC Clubs to dance. Also: IF ANYONE NEEDS TICKETS FOR THE TVC NEW YEARS DANCE ---WE HAVE 6 THAT WE REALLY NEED TO SELL! Call Bob Allen. 503-322-3819. Thanks. Submitted by: Carolyn Hindman

## **Good of the order:**

**Subject: Another Tax Law Change:** The IRS has enacted yet another rule change that affects all organizations that have an EIN (Employer ID Number). Each and every one of the clubs and councils in the Federation has an EIN, so this affects everyone.

The new requirement is that you must file a Form 8822-B if you have a change of location, change of mailing address, or change of "responsible party", within 60 days of making the change. The definition of responsible party is some person who has a level of control over the funds or assets of the organization. For most of us, that's going to mean a president or other officer.

So, especially if you are filing the Form 990-N every year, most clubs should start getting in the habit of sending in this form every year after their new president takes over. There is as of yet no penalty for failing to file the Form 8822-B, but if you fail to respond to correspondence because they have the wrong address, you're liable for penalties. There's no fee for filing the form. It is available online here:

<http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/f8822b.pdf>

Tim Roberts, [tjmr@probo.com](mailto:tjmr@probo.com)

**Used Clothing Sale at Mid-Winter Festival:** Jim & Kay Rogers are doing the used clothing sales this year for Mid-Winter Festival and it is setup ready to go so give us your clothes. Mid-Winter gets 30-percent of the sales. If you need help on this contact Jim & Kay who will be happy to help.

Boots in the Blue Mountains and USA West at Pendleton this year again so please support these and go.

**TVC Dinner & Dance New Year's Eve Tickets** Reminder to turn in your unsold tickets next meeting and the money you have collect. Thanks.

**Next TVC Meeting:**

**TVC's next meeting will be Monday, November 25th, 7:00 PM at the Pizza Caboose. We also have cancelled the December TVC meeting because of all the activities around Christmas, etc.**

Respectfully edited and submitted by Tom Sminia, TVC Secretary  
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