



Tualatin Valley Council (TVC) 2026-04-27

Meeting was held via Zoom

The meeting started about 7:05 and adjourned about 8:20

<http://www.tualatinvalleycouncil.org>

Attendees:

Delegates:

Columbia River Dancers: Dale Smith, Nick Johnson (both absent)
Eager Beavers: Tom Sminia
Hayshakers: Kathy Liebowitz
Hoedowners: Mike Duyck (absent), Carolene Siebert
Mix'n'Mingle: Rick and Robin Faltersack (both absent)
Oak Hills Squares Terri Browning (absent)
R Square D: Chris Poole
Sunset Promenaders: Janet Cason
Tri Squares: Charles McAuley (absent), Barbara Huie
Valley Squares: Pete Cooper (absent), Laura Irvan
Wave Steppers: Max and Lynda Sherman (both absent)

Officers, Elected & Appointed:

President: Sally Duyck
Assistant to the President: Donna Swanson
Vice-President: Judy Schnase (absent)
Treasurer: Bonni Lesser Secretary: Andis Garuts
State Delegate: Laura Irvan
Past-President of the TVC: Dale Brabham PAC Representative: Erin Kalmbach
Oregon Federation Youth Advisor: Kathy Roberts (absent)
Caller Advisor: Darrell Kalmbach (absent)
Cuer Advisor: Randy Lewis (absent) and Tami Helms
TVC Webmaster: Tim Roberts (absent) OFN Area Editor: Ferrous Steinka (absent)

Visitors Attending:

Marie Clem (Oak Hills Squares)
Carolene Siebert (Valley Squares)
Janice Sminia (Sunset Promenaders)

TVC Officer Reports:

Previous Council meeting minutes approved as written

President's report: (Sally Duyck) Ronnie and Joann are supporting the recording equipment for Zoom.

Vice President's report: (Judy Schnase)

The dances are all set for 2026, there are only 2 left.

August 29, 2026: Picnic and dance in the park. Bring a dish to share. Picnic will be from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Dance will be 4:30 pm till 7:00 p.m. \$8.00 donation. We hope this could become an annual thing to take the place of the Barn Dance and some of the other outdoor dances that we no longer have. Caller: George Hermann and cuer: Julie Stiers.

December 31, 2026: New Years Dance 6:30 dinner, 7:00 to 7:15 pre-rounds, 7:15 to 7:30 p.m. Plus, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. mainstream. \$8.00 donation. New location this year; it will be held at the Aloha Grange with the Hoedowners as the host.

Don't forget to go to the Tri-Council Dance on May 30. It will be at the Washington Grange #82 in Vancouver, WA. Scott Zinser calling and Susan Healea cueing. 7:00 to 9:30 p.m.

Now on to next year. There are five 5th Sat. dances: Jan. 30, May 29, July 31, Oct. 30 and Dec. 31 which is actually a Friday. I would like you to think about if you want all the dances before I get callers and cuers. July might be a good time for the outdoor dance. I will be out of town for the next meeting.

Treasurer's report: (Bonni Lesser)

<u>Tualatin Valley Council</u>		
Treasurer's Report as of 3/31/26		
Ending Balance 2/28/26	Checking account balance:	6,530.91
	Savings account balance:	5.00
	Total in Bank Accounts	\$ 6,535.91
March Activity:		
State Directory Fees <u>Recvd</u>		
	Total Revenue	-
	Total Expenses	-
	Net Profit	\$ -
Other <u>TVC</u> Expenses		
<u>TVC</u> Money Market Checking Interest		19.14
Ending Balance 3/31/26	Checking account balance:	6,550.05
	Savings account balance:	5.00
	Total in Bank Accounts	\$ 6,555.05
The only banking activity in March was interest earned.		
In April we invoiced 10 clubs for <u>TVC</u> dues and State dues.		
As of 4/23/26 we have received \$360 from 9 clubs.		
Submitted by <u>Bonni</u> Lesser, Treasurer		

Secretary report: (Andis Garuts) No report.

State Delegates report: (Laura Irvan)

Resources -

Facebook: Square Dance Revival

Federation help -

A general message from the state is that they are there to provide help. If you need help making flyers, running a festival, or getting training to do something, please reach out for help. Training on how to do the administration of a square dance club will be happening in the future.

Reminder that there is free advertising on the Oregon Federation of Square and Round Dance Clubs. Please let your club members know that this resource exists to find dances to attend.

Hotel policies for Midwinter -

Please relay the following to the dancers at your clubs.

Brooke Davison wrote a letter to the square dancing community asking them to please be polite to the hotel staff. More than one person berated staff regarding their check-in policies. In prior years people were allowed to check in early and when this was not allowed in the current year people were rude. One hotel was considering removing the square dance block of rooms. There will be three hotels providing special square dance rates next year and all three will be charging an early check in fee. One hotel charges a \$25 early check in the fee, the other two charge a \$75 early check in fee.

Randall award -

The deadline for the Randall award is July 15th, 2026. Please consider nominating people that are hard working, and often not noticed as they are doing all their work behind the scenes.

Dues -

Club dues are due July 1st. Officially, Susan would like you to send the dues to Susan Harrel, the membership chairman. She will then forward them to Lane Clem.

State books -

Please decide how many state books are desired by June 7th. Two years ago we asked for 65. Last year we asked for 45 but people had mentioned we probably should have kept it at 65. Please let your state delegate know before the June meeting. Although I would normally be the state delegate until September, Marie will become your state delegate for the June meeting.

Updating flyers versus updating officer information -

Kathy Roberts provided training on how to update the flyers and the officer information. If you are only updating your flyers, you do not have to go through the officer updating process. One person has reported that it took them four times to get their officer updates to be accepted. Everything appeared to have worked correctly but when she checked the information on the web, it had not been updated.

Round dance weekend -

August 21st - 22nd, 2026. \$25 per person sponsored by ORTA at the Emerald Square Dance Center.

Summer Festivals -

There will not be a 2026 Summer Festival. For 2027 the Interstate Highlander Council has put forward a proposal to hold the festival at the Blanchet Catholic School July 30- August 1st, 2027. The theme is "Music is Medicine" featuring David and Dawn Mee.

For summer of 2028, Lori McIntosh is proposing a Federation sponsored festival where the Federation will coordinate but each of the councils will take on a responsibility. Normally the lead council and the federation split the net profit 50/50. In the case where the Federation is taking the lead and the councils are helping, the Federation will still take their half and then the participating councils will then split the other half. Currently there are 10 councils so the net profit would be 5% for each council. Please note that no individual council would end up going into debt, the federation would pick up the debt if the dance had a net loss. The tentative dates will be July 14-July 16.

Mid Winter Festival -

Mid Winter 2027 will be January 29, 30 and 31, 2027, the theme is "Diamond CIR-Q-L8 and Roll to Mid Winter in 2027". Ted Lizotte is the Featured Caller, Pamela and Jeff Johnson are the featured Cuers and Trevor DeWitt is the featured Clogging Cuer.

Insurance -

Next year's insurance will all be handled online and through email.

State Fair - Marilyn (Ron) Schmit

The tentative dates are September 1, 3, and 5, 2026. Tuesday for Mainstream, Thursday for rounds, and Saturday for youth. More info to come in the spring or summer. Marilyn will again be asking for afternoon performance times.

National Square Dance - Official voters needed for Oregon

If you are attending the Waco National Square Dance convention in June, Marilyn is short of people to vote for Oregon. Please contact Marilyn if you are available.

TVC sponsorship of 2027 September Federation meeting -

Hayshakers will be hosting the 2027 September Federation meeting. The State Delegate traditionally is the owner of this meeting. Kathy Roberts is happy to help support TVC organize this event and will send us a previous flyer to see the agenda. All decisions are up to the state delegate/TVC regarding the meal. TVC had communicated that Judy could coordinate the meeting. Marie is happy to tag team anything that is needed. They do need a list of restaurants and hotels (approximately 20 rooms worth.)

PAC report: (Erin Kalmbach)

PAC did not meet in April. In March we made the decision to meet 4 times a year. Jan., March, June, and Sept. The board will meet as needed on their own.

January: Review and sign hall rental contracts for PAC dances

February: Finalize candidates for officer positions

March: File form 990-N, elect officers, mandatory annual meeting to plan year

May: Notify clubs of July 1 deadline for Council and federal dues. Clubs must update information for directory.

June: new officers installed, clubs place directory orders, update bank signers

August: renew corporate reg with OR Secretary of State

September: Set and finalize Council dances, collect club payment for directories

November: President appoints nominating committee

Ongoing: web page update, bottle drop checks, monthly calendar of club dances

OFSRDC Publicity and Education Report: (Kathy Roberts) (absent) No report.

OFSRDC Youth Report: (Kathy Roberts) (absent) No report.

Past TVC President report: (Dale Brabham)

Installation of 2026/2027 TVC Board:

President: Sally Duyck

Vice President: Judy Schnase

Secretary: Andis Garuts

Treasurer: Bonni Lesser

State Delegate: Marie Clem (starting in September)

Alternate State Delegate: Dale Brabham (starting in September)

Appointed Officers:

PAC Representative: Erin Kalmbach

Cuer Advisor: Tami Helms

All of our TVC Club Delegates

OFN Area Editor Report: (Ferrous Steinka) (absent) No report.

Webmaster report: (Tim Roberts) (absent) No report.

Old Business:

Installation of 2026/2027 TVC Board: (Dale Brabham) See Past President's Report.

Discussion of TVC Supporting State Meeting at Hayshakers in Sept. 2027: The TVC will support the State Meeting at Hayshakers in September of 2027.

Reminder: Valley Squares 77th Anniversary and & Last Dance will be Friday, May 1 at the Aloha Grange. The Dance will be from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Caller is Mark Wheeler & Cuer is Connie Clark. Also, a discussion on whether the TVC should donate up to \$300.00 to the VS to help the Club financially get through the Anniv. Dance and last lessons. Marie Clem motioned for the TVC to donate up to \$300.00 to the VS to help the Club to financially get through the Anniv. Dance and lessons; Tom Sminia seconded. Motion passed.

New Business:

Discussion of changing TVC meetings from Monthly to Quarterly: Discussion. It was generally favored that the TVC hold the Meetings quarterly instead of monthly. No decision made.

Next TVC Meetings: No General Meeting in May. Next General Meeting will be on June 22, in person, at the Aloha Grange. Board Officers will meet on May 25, in person, at the Aloha Grange.

Club Delegate Reports:

Columbia River Dancers: *(Dale Smith and Nick Johnson, Delegates) (both absent)*
Club dances 1st and 3rd Fridays year round at the Manor Grange, 17901 NE 72nd Ave., Battle Ground, WA 98604. The times 7 to 8 Plus dance, 8-10 Mainstream dance with Daryl Clendenin as club caller and cuer. <http://www.ColumbiaRiverDancers.org>
No report.

Eager Beavers: *(Tom Sminia, Delegate)*
The Club dances every Monday afternoon from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. at the Aloha Grange, at 185th and TV Highway. Darrell Kalmbach is our caller and our cuers are Tami Helms on the 1st, 3rd & 5th, and Lane Clem - 2nd & 4th Mondays. Door donation is \$7.00. For additional information, call 503-645-2414 or visit our website at <https://eagerbeavers.info>

The Eager Beavers 51st Anniversary was celebrated on the 20th of April with six squares of dancers, a few more, and a big spread of refreshments were consumed after the dance was over. Thank you to all the visitors and members and their donations of food. This was a successful club event. Thank you to the caller Darrell Kalmbach, cuers Tami Helms, and Lane Clem, excellent job and in a noisy hall too. It was great to see the hall full of dancers.

The club Plus lessons are in process, almost complete and the students are dancing with the club. Darrell Kalmbach is instructing and is using the new Plus List of moves; the new moves are to be effective in September. We have about ten students that have been coming regularly to the class.

Dr. Jim Shriakoff is the Eager Beavers Clubs newest member, and we expect with the graduation of the students we will have more new members. Jim is a retired doctor, but he is still taking on projects to use his education such as volunteering to do airplane pilots physical exams which is a requirement for them to be a commercial pilot. Jim's addition to the roster puts the total number of members at 45 and rising.

Eager Beavers dance every Monday, 1:00 TO 3:00 P.M. at the Aloha Grange. If you dance Plus level and are available on Mondays between 1:00 and 3:00 please consider coming and dancing with Eager Beavers at Aloha Grange, TV Highway and 185th Avenue, we have fun dancing, enjoying, and appreciating guests.

Tom Sminia, TVC Delegates from Eager Beavers.

Hayshakers: (Kathy Liebowitz, Delegate)

Hayshakers are now dancing on Sundays at 5:00 p.m. Potluck on the 4th Sundays. Mark Wheeler caller & cuer. Dance is at the Pacific Grange, 90475 Hwy 101, Cullaby Lake, at 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 dance every Sunday from 5:00-7:00 p.m. in the Pacific Grange on Hwy 101, halfway between Seaside and Astoria with Mark Wheeler calling.

In April we completed our Mainstream lessons and welcomed new Hayshakers Ruth Johnson, Linda Anderson, Bob Clay and Susan Marmaduke.

Until new lessons begin again in September, our dances will incorporate ALL of the current Mainstream calls.

Elections were held and our new Board of Directors are: Kathy Liebowitz as President; Kathleen Teeple, Vice-President; Sandy Pope, Secretary; Cynthia Weber, Treasurer; Roberta Muehlberg and Randy Pope, Members At-Large.

On April 4 Fourteen Hayshakers drove to Nehalem to attend a Celebration of Life for Cornelius "Corny" O'Quinn.

Submitted by

Kathy Liebowitz

Hoedowners: (Mike Duyck (absent) and Carolene Siebert, Delegates)

Dance the 2nd and 4th Saturdays at the Aloha Grange on the corner of 185th and TV Hwy. Guest callers. The Cuer is Randy Lewis. Mainstream and maybe Plus from 7 to 9:30 p.m. Rounds vary.

<http://www.hoedowners.info>

Hoedowner's TVC report for April 27, 2026

May 9: "Honor Our Moms". The day before Mother's Day we ask you bring a picture of your mom if you would like to share. Michael Kious calling and Randy Lewis cueing.

May 25: "The Denim Dance". We all have those favorite jeans in our closet! Come strut you stuff to the music of Michel Kious and cueing by Randy Lewis.

Hoedowner Delegates,

Carolene Siebert & Mike Duyck

Mix N Mingle: (Rick and Robin Faltersack, Delegates) (both absent)

Club dances Plus at the Winona Grange (8340 Seneca Street, Tualatin, OR) on 1st and 3rd Saturdays. Pre-Rounds begin at 7:30 PM and Plus & Rounds from 8:00 – 10:30 PM. The door donation is \$6 for members and \$7 for non-members. Randy Dibble is our club Caller. Guest Cuers.
No report.

Oak Hills Squares: (Terri Browning, Delegate) (absent)

Oak Hills Squares meet on Monday evenings at the Oak Hills Recreation Center on 153rd and Oak Hills Drive (2400 NW 153rd Avenue, Beaverton). 6:30 to 7:30 Class (start dates - February)
7:30 to 8:30 Mainstream (6:30 to 8:30 when no classes running). 1st Monday of each month from 7:30 to 9 Mainstream Singing calls and Rounds. Mark Wheeler is our Caller. www.oakhillsquares.com

We just completed our mainstream dance classes and our level 2 Waltz classes. Thank you to Lane (and Marie) Clem for doing a great job teaching the Waltz and Mark for the mainstream lessons!

It's time for annual dues. Membership dues are \$15.00 per person and due in May.

May 1st OHS visitation -Valley Squares 77th Anniversary Dance and their last dance. 7-9 p.m. at the Aloha Grange

May 4th Cinco de Mayo 7-9pm -Square dancing with Mark Wheeler and Phase II Round dancing with Lane Clem -\$7 donation with Split the Pot, Prizes and Refreshments.

May 11th OHS Annual Meeting- 7-9pm Please Join our board; We are looking for a VP, TVC Delegate & OFN Reporter.

May 18th Mainstream Square Dance 7-9 p.m.

May 25th -Holiday No Dancing (Dark)

June 1st Summer Hours Begin- 6:30-8:30 p.m.

We dance every Monday thru the summer 6:30-8:30 .p.m and we will announce days we are not dancing (dark) due to holidays

June 15th Oak Hills Squares Anniversary Dance 6:30-9 p.m. -Mark Wheeler is calling and Lane Clem is cueing -\$7 donation with Split the Pot & Refreshments

This is my last TVC report . It has been fun to be the reporter for Oak Hills!

Respectfully submitted by Terri Browning,
TVC Delegate

R Square D: (Chris Poole, Delegate)

We dance the 2nd Friday and 4th Saturday from September through May and the 2nd and 4th Wednesday from June through August. Mainstream and rounds with Plus every 3rd tip from 7:00 to 9:30. The venue is Kelso Senior Center (106 NW 8th Ave, Kelso, WA) and Craig Abercrombie is our Caller. Visit our website at www.r-square-d.info for more information.

R Square D lessons will end on May 6 with six students who will graduate at the Mainstream level and one who is finishing Plus lessons.

Our 73rd Anniversary dance on April 10 was great fun and we had 87 dancers in attendance.

R Square D's next dance is on May 8 and it's the first time we are doing a Disney Dance! Craig Abercrombie is calling and cueing this dance. We will be dark on May 23 for Memorial Day weekend.

Our summer schedule will start in June and our dances will be the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays in June, July, and August.

Chris Poole

Sunset Promenaders: (Janet Cason, Delegate)

Mainstream Dances 1st & 3rd Saturdays. Dance starts at 7:00 with mixed level Rounds, and then 7:30-9:30 Mainstream dance with mixed level Round dances, and a Plus tip at the end. Darrell Kalmbach calling and Tami Helms cueing. The Club also has Plus dances on the 1st, 3rd, and 5th Thursdays. These dances start at 7:00 with Intermediate Rounds, and then the Plus dance from 7:30-9:30 with

mixed level Round dances. Darrell and Tami also call and cue the Plus dances. The Club dances at the Hillsboro Odd Fellows Hall at 267 E. Main St. More information call (503) 640-3383 or visit www.sunsetpromenaders.com

Our Mainstream Square Dance Lessons were completed last night! We had a celebration with pizza & salad. The graduates have been invited to our dances to continue to gain experience & have fun.

Our club mainstream dances are 1st & 3rd Saturdays with Pre-Rounds at 7 p.m. & the dance at 7:30-9:30 with refreshments following.

Our Promenaders Plus dances are on the 1st, 3rd & 5th Thursdays at 7:00-7:30 p.m. with Intermediate Rounds, 7:30-9:30 Plus Dance with refreshments following.

Our next **Promenaders Plus dance is this Thursday, April 30**. Darrell is calling and Tami is cueing. Intermediate pre-rounds 7 – 7:30 pm, plus with mixed-level rounds 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. Join us for refreshments after the dance.

This Saturday, May 2, our mainstream dance is Cinco de Mayo with Darrell calling and our guest cuer is Lane Clem. We will have Latino food at the break.

Our May 16 mainstream dance Darrell Kalmbach is calling & our guest cuer is Randy Lewis. All Club 's door donations are \$7 per person.

For current information, please see our website: <https://sunsetpromenaders.com/>.

Janet Cason

Tri Squares: *(Charles McAuley (absent) and Barbara Huie, Delegates)*

We dance on the second and fourth Friday of each month at the Kinton Grange, 19015 SW Scholls Ferry Road, Beaverton, 97007. Terry Halley is our club Caller with Sandra Pinion Cueing. We dance from September to June. We are dark in July and August. 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

The club had a visitation to the Country Cut Ups on April 4th.

On April 10 the club had a Gospel Notes themed dance. Terry Halley was the caller with Sandra Pinion cueing. We had three squares of mainstream and two squares of plus.

On April 19 we had an all club meeting at Murray Hill Tap House. Topics included the state of the club, changes coming up in the square dance world, and the election of officers.

On April 24 we had our “Rock the Night Away” themed dance featuring music from The Beatles and the Beach Boys. The dance was called by Terry Hailey and cued by Sandra Pinion.

We had three squares of mainstream and two squares of plus.

A Mystery trip is planned for June 13.

Valley Squares: *(Peter Cooper (absent) and Laura Irvan, Delegates)*

Dance 1st Fridays and 3rd Saturdays at the Aloha Grange on the corner of 185th and TV Hwy, year-round. Mainstream with every third tip Plus, with rounds from 7 to 9:30 p.m. Open break with refreshments. Callers are Scott Zinser and Mark Wheeler, Connie Clark Cuer. www.valleysquares.com

Our 77th Anniversary Dance will be on Friday, May 1. At the Aloha Grange. Caller: Mark Wheeler, cuer: Connie Clark. Break will be at 9 p.m. downstairs. This will be our Farewell dance; after this event, the VS will fold. Thank you to everyone for supporting the VS and attending our events over the past 77 years; it has been a great run for the club.

Wave Steppers: *(Max and Lynda Sherman, Delegates) (both absent)*

Wavesteppers dance every Tuesday afternoon, 4 to 6 p.m., at the Tillamook Senior Center, 316 Stillwell Avenue, Tillamook OR. We dance mainstream to Anthony Egan. The club is dark December and January. It is good idea to call to make sure we have a square. Website: www.wavesteppers.org/
No report.

Good of the Order:

No items for Good of the Order.

Next TVC Meeting:

Monday, June 22 at 7 p.m. in person at the Aloha Grange. This will be our next all-TVC Meeting; the next Meeting will be Executive Board-only, on May 25, in person, at the Aloha Grange.

Respectfully edited and published by Andis Garuts, TVC Secretary