



Tualatin Valley Council (TVC) Council Meeting Minutes for 02-25-2013

Called to order at 7:00

<http://www.tualatinvalleycouncil.org>

Attendees:

Delegates:

Eager Beavers: Dick Pesek, & Jim Rogers
Hoedowners: Marion Kehoe & Debbie Olson
Mix N Mingles: Patty Bonnie
R Square D: Lonnie & Linda Sycks
Sunset Promenaders: Pete Schettek, & Ray Sullivan
Toe Dragers: Peggy Lance & Natalie Schumacher
Tri Squares: Vida Eppich
Valley Squares: Rhoda Reinking
Wave Steppers: Bob Allen & Carolyn Hindman

Officers, Elected & Appointed:

President: Kay Rogers	Vice President: Judy Schnase,
Treasurer: Lalani Radford	Secretary: Tom Sminia
State Delegate: Jim Rogers	Past-President: Debra Welch
Caller Advisor: KC Curtis	Cuer Advisor: Ken Pratt
PAC Representative: Verna France	Alt. PAC Representative: Linda Curtis
Sunshine Chairman: Dorothy Sullivan	

Visitors:

Janice Sminia, Dianne Pratt, & Sharon Schettek (Sunset Promenaders); Pat Pesek (Eager Beavers); Andis Garuts (Valley Squares); and Dan Danielson (Evergreen Council), Kathy Roberts (Toe Dragers)

Last Meeting Minutes: 2013-01-28 Meeting minutes accepted without changes.

Officer Reports:

President's report

(Kay Rogers was late to the meeting and Judy Schnase, V. P. started the meeting. Kay took over as soon as she got there.)

Judy asked for nominations for the TVC elected officers positions. Kathy Roberts of the Toe Dragers has offered to run for the TVC Delegate to the State Federation. Carolene Gicchio said she would run for any office but she is not always in the state as they go to Texas for the winter. Kay Rogers has volunteered to be an officer, and Tom Sminia also will take an office. Lalani may or may not stay on as Treasurer for the next year. The six officers that are elected each year include the President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasury, TVC Delegate to the Oregon Federation of Square Dancers, Alternate TVC Delegate to the State Federation. The nominations will close prior to the vote during the March TVC meeting, March 25th; 2013. The officers take office at the

May meeting each year, except for the TVC Delegates to the State which start at the State meeting in September. **Please ask the people in your clubs that are leaders if they would help us keep the TVC a strong and positive group for square dancing in this area of the state.** These jobs are not a lot of time compared to club jobs in that we only have four or five events per year plus the meetings. These TVC meetings help the State know what the clubs are doing the Clubs to know what the state and other Clubs are doing. The TVC also helps the clubs with money to help promote lessons and other assistance at times. The main people of the TVC are the delegates and the officers are only there to facilitate the meetings and distribute the information to all the parties involved. Judy Schnase mentioned that one idea for the elected officers would be to have two people do the job rather than just one, and maybe have older members mentoring newer ones, etc. Another idea is to use email more to cut down on the need to have a monthly meeting and maybe go back to every other month or even less using email in between meetings.

Clubs reported out the number of youth in their clubs: The Hoedowns reported they have six youth but none of them are dancing right now. Sunset Promenaders mentioned they have six youths and they do dance occasionally, most are less than teen age kids; also they have another eight that are taking lessons. The main reason for not dancing more is the kids need to get to bed earlier than if they go to the dance. The Valley Squares reported two youths. By the way, the Eager Beavers were considered senior dance club because they danced at a senior center (55+) but now they dance at the Sunset Presbyterian Church and therefore they do not have a minimum age limit anymore; so they are welcoming all to come to their dances and join. **Youth Dance** with a club and or State hosting a dance? Any club interested in hosting a youth dance? The State will help. They want to have it on the MAX line such as at the Hillsboro Odd Fellows Hall. Probably on a Sunday, maybe 2-5 PM, open to any dancers but themed to the youth style of dancing, etc. State will advertise, etc. Any club interested in helping or hosting please contact Kathy Roberts. Judy (Sunset Promenaders) will bring it up at Sunset Promenaders March 5th club meeting.

Paul & Dottie Swenson wrote the TVC a thank you letter for nominating them for the Randle Award. They really appreciated us for nominating them even thou they did not win the award. (Maybe next year we can nominate them again.)

Vice Presidents report:

Tri Council Dance is on March 30 and is hosted by the Evergreen Council. The Crew will call and Jim Hattrick will cue. The door donation will be \$7.00 per person.

The Hahn Picnic & Barn Dance will be June 29th with KC Curtis calling, Ken Pratt cueing.

The TVC is hosting the State Meeting this September 21st and 22nd. Chuck Garner and Mike Stout are calling, Lonnie Sycks is cueing. The Kinton Grange will be the location, and dry RV parking will be available.

TVC will have a round Dance Party on November 30th with Ken Pratt coordinating the cuers from the floor; the dances will be phase II through IV.

2013-2014TVC New Year's Eve Dance caller contract after discussion and a motion, was reworded and voted on and passed to increase the caller and cuer rates for the night from \$200 for the caller and \$100 for the cuer to \$250 for the caller and \$125 for the cuer; this is good for this year only. The caller will be Richard Lane.

Treasurer report: Lalani distributed a financial report covering the time of 01-28-2013 through 02-25-2013, showing expenses of \$261.74, and a balance of \$12,851.07 including cash, checking, and savings for the TVC.

Secretary report: Nothing to report.

State Delegates report: State Delegate report was the clubs should receive ballots soon from the State Federation to vote for next year's officers for the Federation. You can look in the March OFN to see the people running for the various offices. If you have any questions feel free to ask Kay Rogers (503-396-5537)

Past-President report: No report.

Caller Advisor report: KC Curtis said they raised \$4,000 for the Sandy Storm Relief. Also the callers are working together to coordinate their new dancer dances to.

Sunshine Chairman report: Dorothy Sullivan sent a card to Vivian Fairburn (Oregon Federation President and OFN Editor) who had pacemaker surgery on Friday and is doing well. Pat Faires was sent a get well card (R Square D), and a thinking of you to Jackie Eberly, recovering from automobile accident (Sunset Promenaders)

PAC Representative Report: Verna France reported the PAC is working on this year's Summer Festival and a 5th Friday dance.

New Business:

Some of the Club Anniversary dances are wrong on the website or OFN. Please check to make sure your club's information is up to date. You need to let Mark Bendickson our webmaster any changes in your club so he can change the website.

Club Delegate Reports:

Eager Beavers: *(Dick Pesek and Jim Rogers, 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 Hattrick is the Caller/Cuer every third Monday. Dance starts with 15 minutes of easy pre-rounds.
<http://www.eagerbeavers.info>

The Eager Beaver are now no longer a senior club so we invite anyone to come dance with us and join if you wish.

At our last dance we crowned a king and queen, Ferrous Steinka was king and Barb Kleve was the queen. We had a lot of our members on a cruise the last dance. We had

an excellent dance today with Daryl and Yvonne Clendenin, Norm Yoder called one for us, and last week we had Elvis (Mark Wheeler), and Jim Hattrick calling.

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 4th Friday and Saturday in October. <http://www.hayshakers.org>

We continue with our once a month dance plus our Plus class & dance twice a month. We are fortunate enough to have R Square D and Garibaldi help us out when they can so we can continue dancing. We really appreciate it. (Sylvia Davis)

Hoedowners: (Marian Kehoe and Debbie Olson, 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 8-10. Our format is informal and friendly. <http://www.hoedowners.info>

Hoedowners celebrated their **63rd Anniversary** last Saturday. Daryl, Richard Lane, Les Seeley, and several other callers called.

March 9 – Under the Big Top – The Circus is in Town!

March 23 – Rock and Roll Dance – Remember the 50's and 60's?

April 13 – Denim Dance – Oooh! We get to wear our jeans!

April 27 – Wild Wild West – Whoopee ti yi yo, git along little dogies

Dance lessons have concluded for the year. Join us at our upcoming dances and meet a great group of new dancers.

Mix N Mingle: (Patty Bonney, Delegate)

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

R Square D: *We dance 2nd Friday and the 4th Saturday at the Kelso Senior Center (106 NW 8th Ave, Kelso, WA). Pre plus starts at 7:30 PM with mainstream from 8:00 to 10:00 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 Call 360-431-7553 or 360-636-3358 for more information.*

In February a few of our members traveled to Hayshakers where Craig was calling and cueing. We also attended Ruff & Ruffles 60 Anniversary and had a great time dancing to old and new tunes; both squares and rounds. Did you know “The Party’s Over” came

out in 1956? Our last dance found Happy Hoppers, Buzzin Bees, Sunset Promenaders, Cougar Squares and Ruff & Ruffles dancing with us. What a fun, energetic, great dance. March 8 is our St. Patrick's Day Dance. Then on March 23 we will have a Teddy Bear Dance with the bears being donated to our police department for children. On March 30 we will travel to Prairie Steppers Chicken Dance and there wonderful chicken dinner. April 12 is our **60th Anniversary**. Hope you will join us! We have a new set of lessons starting Wednesday February 27 and hopefully there will be a good turnout. We had six plus squares in our small little hall and we had so much fun at our last dance. It is not too early to start thinking about Oktoberfest which is the first Friday and Saturday in October; the 4th and 5th. You wouldn't want to miss our delicious German Dinner. Come join us!

Sunset Promenaders: (Ray Sullivan, and Pete Schettek, Delegates)

Dance 1st & 3rd 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 3rd & Main Streets above LaHaies and Of Earth and Air shops. www.sunsetpromenaders.com

We have started our second set of square dance lessons this year and we are having a real good turnout of students with singles, couples, and families with kids. We will be having our Irish Fling dance on March 16th and our Dan Preedy Dance on May 4th. Tickets are on sale for eight dollars per person for the Dan Preedy Dance.

Toe Draggers: (Peggy Lance and Natalie Schumacher, Delegates)

Dance at the Kinton Grange on the 1st & 3rd 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

Save June 23rd for a Wedding Shower for our Natalie Schumacher Steven Goff at the Kinton Grange. A group of us Toes are going to Sisters in August for the Central Oregon Round-Up - August 9-10 with Trails End Dance on Thursday evening at Bronco Billy's. We are staying at the Sisters Garden RV Resort, a Good Sam Park. (Peggy)

New lessons are going well- 15-17 new dancers for both square and round
March 1st, Regular Dance. March 10, New Dancer Jamboree at Kinton Grange, 2:00PM

March 15, Lucky Jig Dance; dance theme, "Happy Feet". March 23, Mystery Trip

March 24 visiting Valley Squares New Dancer Jamboree at Aloha Grange

April 19-21, Spring Retreat to Lincoln City with the Oaky Doaks

May 4-Progressive Dinner

Tri Squares: (Vida Eppich 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 for the July 4th and Labor Day weekends or when the temperature exceeds 90 degrees. 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

Our new dancer Mainstream lessons this month have averaged 16 students and the Plus class has about 16 to 18 students. We are asking the plus student dancers to angel the Mainstream lessons or pay \$3 for the Plus lesson. **Our New Dancers' Jamboree is scheduled for Sunday April 7th**, at the Grange in Tigard; 2:30 to 5 PM. The theme will be "50's Hop". We expect to have an experienced clothing sale at the same time. Please bring your new dancers to our dance and come as well. We had three squares at our Feb. 2nd dance and 4 squares at our Feb. 15th "Valentines" dance. Thank you to our many guests. Our next dance on March 2 is themed "Cowboy Campfire", will feature a chili/soup potluck for members and guests at 6 PM. Our Friday, March 15th "Bit of the Irish Fling", should be a lot of fun. Please come. We will be having a March 23 mystery trip. No details are available, yet. It is a mystery. We have a nominating committee for arranging a new slate of officers. We have no children in our club, at this time. We have asked for volunteers for serve in officer capacity in the TVC. Any prospects will be forwarded. (Vida Eppich)

Valley Squares: (Karen Martiny 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. Mainstream and Phase Two rounds from 8-10 p.m. Refreshments offered at 10 p.m. Chuck Garner Caller, Connie Clark Cuer. www.valleysquares.com.

Our Valentine's Day Dance was a fun dance with eight squares of dancers, and we celebrated a person's 50th birthday. Last Friday 12 of us visited the Valley River Dancers in Newberg and Randy Dibble threw in a few calls that were new to us and it was fun. March 2nd will be our Spring Fever Dance, and March 16th will be our Wearing of the Green Dance. We are starting new lessons on March 5th at 7 PM for beginners and mainstream classes at 8:30. Open registration through March 19th. The 64th Anniversary Dance is coming up on April 6th, with an open break and dance until 10:30. Callers are going to be Randy Dibble and chuck Garner and Connie Clark cueing.

Wave Steppers: (formerly Coast Swingers): (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.

We are getting ready to start lessons with Jim Hattrick; doing one a month through October. Wave Steppers have no one interested in holding a TVC Office at this time primarily due to location. We have no youth in our Club but agree that it is very important to encourage and support the youth to Square Dance. We are looking forward to the return of our Snowbirds in March and we're still on target to start our square dance class the 4th Wednesday in March at the Tillamook Elks Club.
(Carolyn Hindman)

Good of the Order: Kay and Jim Rogers drove over to Pendleton this weekend; beautiful drive down the Gorge, and in April it probably will not be snowing and for sure it will not be 110 degrees either. We are having the Blue Mountain Festival and if you do not plan on going, which you could still go if you want, we are having a clothing swap meet there. So if you want to send some clothes with somebody attach an envelope on them with your name and how much you want for it. Anything that is left over will be donated to some charity. We will be having a pajama dance on Saturday morning, Debra Carol Jones and John Jones calling for the weekend, and Susan Healy cueing, with some plus tips worked in, and some higher level rounds too. Jim Hattrick will be there too, so there is going to be a lot of fun. River City Riders will be there for your enjoyment. Come on over; you will like it.

Another good of the Order subject Judy mentioned that Charlotte Powell is getting rid of a **lot of dance clothes**. The dresses are about size 8 or 10 and her shoes are size 6 narrow. She is pretty short but the clothes are great if you or someone you know can fit them; let us know (Janice Sminia 503-848-3841); she is giving them away.

Next TVC Meeting:

The next meeting will be 7:00 PM 03-25-2013 at Pizza Caboose, 3276 NW 185th, Portland, OR 97229.

Respectfully submitted by Tom Sminia, TVC Secretary