

Tualatin Valley Council (TVC)

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COUNCIL MEETING

November 28, 2011

Theme: Insurance Coverage
Called to order at: 7:00PM

Attendees: Officers:

Debra Welch (Pres.); Ron Dobias (V. Pres.); Lalani Radford (Treas.); Mary T. Withers (Sec.); Jim Rogers (State Delegate); Dorothy Sullivan (Sunshine Chairman); Gary Clark (Finance Chair); Verna France (PAC Delegate to TVC);

Delegates:

Carolyn Hindman (Coast Swingers); Naomi Coorengel (Eager Beavers); Jim Rogers (Eager Beavers); Marian Kehoe (Hoedowners); Debbie Olson (Hoedowners); Patty Bonney (Mix 'N Mingle); Linda Sycks (R Square D); Lonnie Sycks (R Square D); Joyce Clark (Sunset Promenaders); Ray Sullivan (Sunset Promenaders); Peggy Lance (Toe Draggers); Vida Eppich (Co-D for Tri Squares); Karen Martiny (Valley Squares); Dorothy Reed (Valley Squares)

Visitors: Bob Allen (Coast Swingers President); Kay Rogers (OR State Insurance Chair); John Withers (Hoedowners)

| Who Is Responsible? | Announcemer | nts, Decisions, Motions, or Needed Action | Date |
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| All | Minutes Corrections and New Reports. Send corrections of the minutes and your new meeting report for the January meeting to Mary T. Withers john.mary.withers@gmail.com | | Before 1/23/1 |
| Delegates Club Presidents Club Past Pres. Club Members | January TVC President's Meeting and 2011 Recognition Award Announcement. Delegates are to invite their club members and past and current presidents to the Jan 23th TVC President's Potluck and Meeting held at Hillsboro's Odd Fellows hall. The potluck begins at 6:30 PM and the meeting follows directly after. Debra Welch (TVC President) will be announcing the 2011 TVC Recognition Award recipient. The list of past recipients are listed in the current TVC Directory. Extra parking (after work hours) is located kitty corner and across the street from the IOOF Hall at the Columbia Community Bank (314 East Main Street, Hillsboro). | | |
| Delegates | Etiquette Issues in Modern Times. Many of us could easily produce a list of common sense etiquette reminders that are important considerations when dancing (Join the nearest square, Introduce yourself, Thank others at the end of the tip, Be friendly, Bathe, Do not drink alcoholic beverages or eat garlic, No hat when dancing). We probably received an etiquette list when we were learning to be "new dancers" and I suspect the reminders are as applicable today as when we took lessons. However, there are a variety of etiquette issues that have arisen because of new social norms, and the line is sometimes unclear about what is considered acceptable and respectful behavior. Delegates, please list etiquette issues that your club wonders how to handle and TVC will be happy to discuss them. We will make a list of these issues at the February meeting. Examples might include: Questions: How do people fee about: | | 2/27/1 |
| | Single People | 1a. Women asking men to dance? 1b. Women dancing the men's role? 1c. Singles joining a square before they have a partner? | |
| | 2. Dress Code | 2a. Men being required to wear long sleeve shirts? 2b. Square Dance clothes vs Clean Clothes? | |
| | Caller/Cuer Admission Fees | 3a. Allowing visiting callers and cuers to be admitted into a dance for free? Their spouses? | |
| | Excessive Noise By Non- Dancers During Rounds | 4a. Reminding non-dancers to be quiet during rounds? | |

| Action Item | S | |
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| Mark Bendickson | Coast Swingers Re-Instated on TVC Website. Please replace the Coast Swinger's logo onto the website, as they voted to reinstate their club. | |
| Mark Bendickson | Dance Insurance Blurb and Brochure (Summary of Coverage) Placed On TVC Website. The United Square Dancers of America (USDA) Insurance Program entitles your square dance club and its members to liability and accident medical insurance protection while participating in scheduled and sponsored dancing activities. The Liability Insurance protects your club and its members from financial loss due to unforeseen incidents (bodily injury and property damage) that may develop into litigation up to \$1,000,000. The Accident Medical insurance covers individuals up to the amount of \$10,000. The Accident Medical insurance only applies after a member's primary medical insurance has been used. The USDA Dancers Insurance Program requires all members to be insured and is due at the end of October every year. Please read the brochure for details and/or go to the Oregon Federation website for enrollment information and forms http://www.squaredance.gen.or.us/ . | |
| Delegates Club Presidents | Dance Insurance. Clubs should go to Oregon Fed. Website (http://www.squaredance.gen.or.us/) and make sure that: 1. A "Report Accident/Injury" form is at your club's dance venue. 2. Fill out "Submit Class List" form to enroll your students so that they receive free insurance coverage. 3. Fill out "Notification of An Event" form when you plan on having a dance at a location different than your club. | |
| Club Presidents | IRS 990-N Forms. Be sure to file your 990-N form with IRS within 4 1/2 months from the end of your club's fiscal year. | |
| Delegates Ron Dobias | New Year's Eve Dance. Please ask your club members if they would be willing to sign up for job duty at the New Year's Eve dinner and dance. Have them Email Ron Dobias, if they can help dobie2877@yahoo.com. All help is appreciated. | |
| Debra Welch | Suggested Agenda Items for January Meeting. Host a State Meeting in 2013; Suggested Agenda Items for February Meeting. Dance etiquette. Suggested Agenda Item for March Meeting. Hearing Enhancement Equipment (Lonnie Syckes) | |

CORRECTION/ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

The October 24, 2011 minutes were approved.

OFFICER REPORTS

President's Report: Debra Welch

Computers now and in the future will only make our lives easier. This year one of the ways TVC is doing this is by making information more readily available on the website. We've added information regarding banner etiquette and now we are working on adding info regarding insurance. I hope you are all keeping your eye on the website's changes and encouraging all your members to do the same. If you have any comments or suggestions we would love to have you share them.

Dale Worthington from Hayshakers is running for the State office of 2nd VP. Thank you Dale, we appreciate your willingness to serve and wish you the best.

Don't forget we have no December meeting; our next meeting will be January 23 for TVC's annual *President's Potluck and Meeting*. The dinner will start at 6:30 and the meeting will begin directly after.

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Treasurer's Report: Lalani Radford

TVC Account Balances as of 10/25/11 thru 11/28/11

| BEGINNING BALANCE | | 1677.17 |
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| INCOME | | 58.57 |
| EXPENSES | | |
| | Host Fees | |
| | NYE Tickets, Flyers | 59.40 |
| | Tri Squares - Lesson | 15.94 |
| | Reimbursement | 101.74 |
| TOTAL EXPENSES | | 177.08 |
| ENDING BALANCE | | 1,558.66 |
| Summary | | |
| Cash Box | | 30.00 |
| Checking | | 1558.66 |
| Savings | | 9,556.17 |
| Total | | 11,144.83 |

Vice-President Report: Ron Dobias

Please sign up for job duty at TVC's New Year's Eve dinner and dance. Email Ron Dobias, if you can help dobie2877@yahoo.com. All help is appreciated.

TVC State Delegate: Jim Rogers

Report to TVC from State Meeting held November 13, 2012:

Everyone turned in their insurance packets, so everyone will get their certificates at the January meeting.

Mid-Winter has presented each council with two ribbons admission to mid-winter. These are to be given to two separate class members, preferably students from different classes also.

Bill Rooper advised clubs to be sure to file their 990-N form with IRS. You have 4 1/2 months from your fiscal year end to do so.

Zola Jones reminded the Fireballs that she would like to have their history information for the Federation Historian.

148 dancers attended Genevieve's 100th birthday party. She was thrilled.

Kathy Roberts told us there are scholarships available for youth dancers who need help with mid winter admission. There are also Scholarships available for college. Submit your requests and questions to Kathy.

We have Mid Winter ribbons with us tonight. You can get in for a lower price if you purchase your tickets before January 15th, at which time we have to turn in our unsold ribbons.

The Federation has cancelled it's November 2012 meeting to see if we can get insurance done on time without it. They would also like to see TVC sign up to host a state meeting soon in 2013.

There are no bidders for summer festival 2012, but Tony Haskins has put in intent to bid for Troutdale again. Is TVC interested?

OFN Area Editor: Ferrous Steinka

Greetings to all from Maui! It is sunny, 75 to 85, with a gentle tropical breeze. About half the club reports have been submitted. Reasonable considering the Thanksgiving week and the personal travelling going on. The deadline of December 1st is fast approaching. A final reminder to the club reporters will be sent Tuesday.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Sunshine Chair: Dorothy Sullivan

The following person received a Get Well Card:

• Vic Roberts because he fell off a ladder and had a nasty elbow brake (R Square D).

The following person received a Sympathy Card:

Family of Rita Hermens, who passed away (Eager Beavers).

REPORTS FROM COURTESY POSITIONS

PAC Delegate to the TVC: Verna France

The Tri-Council Dance will be Sept 29, 2012 at the Clark County Square Dance Center. Dan Preedy will be the featured caller. The next 5th Friday Dance will be on March 30, 2012 at the Oak Grove Community Center.

NEW BUSINESS

Insurance Coverage (Debra Welch)

In an effort for TVC clubs to understand what our dance insurance covers, the following blurb, with an accompanying brochure (Summary of Coverage), will be put on the TVC website.

The United Square Dancers of America (USDA) Insurance Program entitles your square dance club and its members to liability and accident medical insurance protection while participating in scheduled and sponsored dancing activities. The Liability Insurance protects your club and its members from financial loss due to unforeseen incidents (bodily injury and property damage) that may develop into litigation up to \$1,000,000. The **Accident** Medical insurance covers individuals up to the amount of \$10,000. The Accident Medical insurance only applies after a member's primary medical insurance has been used. The USDA Dancers Insurance Program requires all members to be insured and is due at the end of October every year. Please read the brochure for details and/or go to the Oregon Federation website for enrollment information and forms http://www.squaredance.gen.or.us/.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Seaside Sashay (Sylvia Davis). Thank you everyone who attended the Seaside Sashay as you helped make the event very successful.

Sunset Promenaders (Joyce Clark). Our search continues for that special person to become part of our square dance family as the Sunset Promenader Caller, but we are pleased to announce that we have hired someone special for our May 5th dance. That's right, Cinco de Mayo will be extra special at the Promenaders with Dan Preedy calling and Ken Pratt cueing. We are selling ribbons for this special dance \$15 per couple or \$8 for one. Ribbon sales are limited, so get yours soon. They'll make a great Christmas gift and are easy to wrap, just slip the ribbons in a Christmas card.

Rose Town Ramblers (Michael McMullen). Just wanted to share with you this opportunity to dance to one of the best callers in the world, Anne Uebelacker, here in Portland on Dec. 3 at the Milwaukie Grange, 22nd and Blue Bird off River Road. The evening dance will be alternating MS and Plus tips, no rounds. Anne has been calling for 30 years and is a favorite caller around the world. She regularly travels to Europe and Japan to call festivals and lives in our backyard, Burnaby, BC, Canada. There will probably be an Advance dance in the afternoon from 4:30-6:00 at the same location, contact Rick Hawes, rickh@agora.rdrop.com, or Scott Philips, scottp@aracnet.com, for confirmation on the Advance dance.

Square dance attire very optional for either dance. If you plan to attend the potluck dinner, please let George know, george.chow@comcast.net. More dance information at: www.rosetownramblers.com. The Ramblers are a PAC club.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting Adjourned: 7:53 PM Respectfully submitted, Mary T. Withers

Next Meeting: There will be no December meeting. The January meeting will be held on January 23, 2012 at Hillsboro's IOOF Hall. The potluck begins at 6:30 PM and the meeting follows. The February meeting will be held again at the Pizza Caboose. The February meeting will begin at 7:00.

CLUB DELEGATE REPORTS

Coast Swingers: (Carolyn Hindman and Michael McMullen, Delegates)

Dance the 2nd and 4th Saturday in Garibaldi. Pre rounds at 7:00 pm; Mainstream 7:30-9:30. Dress is "Coast Casual". Feel free to come in your travel clothes (coast casual). Our Club Caller is Michael McMullen, our associate caller is Janet Shannon, and our club cuer is Connie Clark. We also dance to guest callers and guest cuers. <u>www.coastswingers.com</u>

On Sunday 11/13 the Coast Swingers held a membership meeting during which they rescinded their vote of Sept. 10 to dissolve the club. The original vote to dissolve was 9 to 4, the vote to rescind the vote to dissolve was 9 to 4. As part of the record of yesterday's meeting they may be reorganizing the club, part of the re-organization may be a new name. They are still uncertain as to the nature of the reorganized club, i.e. traveling, summer only, etc.

Eager Beavers: (Naomi Coorengel and Jim Rogers, Delegates)

Dance 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 prerounds. http://www.eagerbeavers.info

On Dec. 5th and 12th, George Clark will be calling and cueing from one fifteen to three fifteen in the afternoon. On the 19th Jim Hatrick will be calling and cueing with a x'mas theme. Square Dancers come and dance off your calories on the 26th. Don't worry we will be dining out after the dance so you won't have to worry about too many calories lost. Many Eager Beavers will be dancing at the Hillsboro IOOF for New Years Eve. Dancers need to remember to bring a dessert. Yum Yum!

Hayshakers: (Sylvia Davis and Kathy Worthington, Delegates)

Until January 2012, dance Plus on the 2nd Friday of each month. In 2012, dance Plus on the 2nd and 4th Friday. 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. www.hayshakers.org

The Seaside Sashay was very successful, in part because of the TVC members. Thank you. There were 81 people from the TVC. The weather was perfect on Saturday so we could dance at the Turnaround on Saturday morning which makes it so much fun. In fact, the entire day was wonderful. Thanks again.

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

The Hoedowners and their New Dancer Class enjoyed a traditional Spaghetti Dinner together on November 16. Our *New Dancer Jamboree* is Sunday, December 4, 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Upcoming Special Dances: December 10, *It's a Wonderful Life*, and an opportunity to donate a toy and make a wonderful holiday for a child. Join the Hoedowners in 2012 on January 14th for the *Sparkle Black and White Ball*. We have canceled our dance on December 24th (Christmas Eve) and on January 28th as we will see you at the Oregon Mid-Winter Festival.

Mix 'N Mingle: (Patty Bonney, Delegate)

Dance 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. \$4 per person at the dance for members, \$5 for non-members. http://www.mixandminglesquares.org

If the weather conditions are poor and you are wondering if we will be dance, check our website. We will post any decisions as soon as they are made. December 17th is our Canned Food Dance. The gathered food will assist the people of Washington County.

R Square D: (Linda Sycks and Lonnie Sycks, Delegates)

Dance 2nd Friday and the 4th Saturday at the Kelso Senior Center (106 NW 8th Ave, Kelso, WA). Pre rounds start 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. Call 360-431-7553 or 360-636-3358 for more information. www.r-square-d.info

Lessons are going good and this set will finish on December 14. The next set will start on Wednesday, January 4, 2012. Wow, where did the year go!? November 12 we visited Ruff & Ruffles for the first dance at their new venue. Nice hall! The Sunset Promenaders paid us a visit at our last dance with 14 members and took home a traveling banner. What a great dance!! Thanks Sunset Promenaders!! December 3 we plan to visit Happy Hoppers for their Christmas & Toy Dance. December 9 is our Christmas & Toy Dance, but we will be dark on Saturday December 24, 2012. Vic Roberts was helping put up wiring in our new hall when he and the ladder he was standing on came tumbling to the floor. He broke the point of his elbow and is out of commission for a few weeks now. Hope you heal fast, Vic! We wish all of you a very Merry Christmas and a safe and Happy New Year!

Sunset Promenaders: (Joyce Clark and Ray Sullivan, Delegates)

Dance 1st & 3rd Saturdays. First Saturday every month at 7:30 until 8:00 is a Square Dance Workshop. The 3rd Saturday every month is Pre-rounds from 7:30 until 8:00. Mainstream continues from 8:00 – 10:00 with a break at the end. Our Cuer is Ken Pratt; we are currently interviewing for a Caller. 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

December continues with us collecting food for the local chapter of the Oregon Food Bank. Ken and Dianne are back with us and will keep us dancing with Phase III Waltz and Cha Cha from 7:00 to 7:30 with Pre-Rounds from 7:30 to 8:00 pm on our dance nights. Joining Ken on stage will be David Trout at our dance on December 3rd. December 17th is our Christmas dance with special door prizes and Mark Wheeler calling to some familiar holiday songs.

January we will welcome Mike Stout back to call our dance on January 7th. He is a great new caller with

a velvet voice you have to hear to believe. Love how KC Curtis sings? We do, so it will be a real treat on January 21st with him serenading us as he keeps us dancing to all singing calls.

Round dance classes are going well with a large group of Phase II Two Step students and Phase III Cha Cha is wrapping up soon with Rumba coming next. Ken and Dianne Pratt are pushing us to excel and we welcome anyone who wants to improve their skills at these levels. The classes are on Sundays beginning at 5:30 pm at our IOOF dance location on Main Street in Hillsboro.

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

Regarding one of the issues from last meeting, (winning the banner), the Toe Draggers decided that they thought it would be best if each club would individually decide on the "numbers" that would best represent their own club's ability to participate in winning the banner. Since each club is so unique in how they "run the numbers", it would be very difficult to standardize how to come to an agreement on how to establish the perfect "number" for all clubs. So every club decides for themselves and puts the information on their website.

Dates to Remember for the Toes Draggers:

- Modern Square Dance Lessons: January 8th, 2012; 3:00PM to 4:30PM; K.C. Curtis, Caller
- Round Dance Lessons: 4:30PM to 6:00PM; Bev Flint, Cuer (two step and waltz)
- Location: Kinton Grange on 19015 SW Scholls Ferry Road, Beaverton
- Cost: \$5.00 for individual; Family of 3 or more, \$12.00; \$8.00 if taking both Round and Square dance; \$20.00 for family

Tri Squares: (Vida Eppich and Carol Roos, Co-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 on Friday and Doug Hatch on Saturday. 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 dance Plus from 7:30 to 8:00 and Mainstream from 8:00 to 10:00 p.m., with one Plus tip at 10:00. Refreshments are served at 10:00. www.trisquares.com

We will be returning the advertising lessons signs lent to us by the TVC, tonight. We thank the TVC for them. Since their number is diminishing, we would like to suggest that should replacements be made, some color be added to the new design to make them even more attractive.

Our Round Dance lessons are now concluded. Our unsold TVC New Year's Eve Dance tickets are being returned tonight. Our Christmas party will be held at Ernesto Italian Restaurant on December 10th at 5:00. Former members are also invited and a White Elephant exchange is planned.

We are offering a Spiral Ham as a special prize for the winner of *Spilt The Pot* at our Christmas Dance on December 16. Please come and take home the ham.

Our Banner policy statement has been written and will be found on our web site along with our visitation policy as stated:

Banner Policy: The maximum number of banners a club could ever collect at one dance is two banners. If a club brings one square and we have their banner, they get to retrieve it. If we do not have their banner they will get one of ours. If they have two squares and we

have their banner, they can both retrieve theirs and pick up ours. If they have two squares and we do not have one of their banners, they just get one of our banners; there is no bonus for having additional squares.

Visitation Policy: The Tri-Squares love visitors and want to insure you and your club have a good

time. If we receive your notification before the 1st of the month we will put your club info in our newsletter! We understand that it is difficult to know how many will show up but the sooner we hear from you the better we can prepare for your visit. So, please when you announce your visitation to your club members give us a buzz, and we'll put out the welcome mat.

Our December Board meeting has been canceled and our next meeting will be Monday, January 9, 7:00 at the Nilsen's.

- Saturday, December 3: Toy Dance, Terry Halley Caller, Doug Hatch Cuer, New toys will be collected for charity.
- Friday, December 16: Christmas dance Terry Halley calling and Jackie Gale Cuer, Spiral Hall will be given to split the pot winner.
- Saturday, January 7: New Year's Dance, Terry Halley caller and Doug Hatch cuer.
- Friday, January 20: Las Vegas theme for New Dancers Jamboree billed as ""New Dancer's Dance Party" and hopefully will help them get ready for Mid-Winter. It will be called at class level.

Valley Squares: (Karen Martiny and Dorothy Reed, Delegates) (effective January 7, 2012)

Dance 1st and 3rd Saturdays at the Aloha Grange on the corner of 185th and TV Hwy. Plus with Intermediate and Phase Two rounds from 7-8 p.m. Mainstream and Phase Two rounds from 8-10 p.m. with Plus tip following. Refreshments at 10 p.m. Chuck Garner caller, Connie Clark cuer. www.valleysguares.com.

November was a very active and somewhat unusual month for us. First we celebrated Chuck Garner's first anniversary as our club caller with our Soup Dance, a "chuck roast," and a cake! This drew quite a few guests for us and a number of Sunset Promenaders came to have soup and celebrate with us before returning to their own dance.

We also thought it would be a lot of fun to pay a surprise visit to Silver Stars since Chuck is their caller, also. So more than a square of us showed up at their dance on November 12. We were all very good at keeping mum, so Chuck was really surprised when he saw us all walk in with our club outfits. The Silver Stars were very gracious and welcoming and we all had fun with the scatter promenade.

Then on November 19 it was turkeys, turkeys! The costumes that Bill Calder made for himself and Julie made for Chuck were really amazing and creative. Pete Cooper had turkey masks and we also had a lighted, animated turkey, so there was lots of trottin' and struttin'!

Be sure to join us on December 3 for our Can-Can Dance. Please bring whatever cans or boxes of food you can spare to be donated to the Oregon Food Bank. In the midst of plenty for which we are grateful there are a lot of people who need a little help from us, so please give what you can. We will be celebrating Connie Clark's **25th anniversary** as our club cuer on December 17 so come have some fun with us!

Beginning with our first dance in January we are changing our format. We will have Plus with Intermediate and Phase Two rounds from 7-8 p.m. and Mainstream from 8-10 with a Plus tip at the end.