



Tualatin Valley Council (TVC) 2026-09-28

Meeting was held at the Aloha Grange

The meeting started about 7:00 and adjourned about 8:15

<http://www.tualatinvalleycouncil.org>

Attendees:

Delegates:

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

Officers, Elected & Appointed:

President: Sally Duyck	
Assistant to the President: Donna Swanson (absent)	
Vice-President: Judy Schnase	
Treasurer: Bonni Lesser	Secretary: Andis Garuts
State Delegate: Marie Clem	
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

Visitors Attending:

Lane Clem (Oak Hills Squares)

TVC Officer Reports:

Previous Council meeting minutes approved as written

President's report: (Sally Duyck) Welcome.

Vice President's report: (Judy Schnase)

2026/2027 TVC Dance Schedule

October 31, 2026 - Fall Dance (No Dance)

December 31, 2026 - New Year's Eve Dance

No dance January 2027 due to Mid-Winter

May 29, 2027 - Tri Council Dance, Kinton Grange – Roger Putzler, Randy Lewis

July 2027 - No dance due to Summer Festival

September 11, 2027 - State Meeting & Dance at Pacific Grange. Discussion on possible changes of the location and date. Maybe on September 18. No decision made. Craig Abercrombie, caller and cuer. Short discussion on whether to have a separate caller and cuer at this event. We may have a separate caller and cuer.

Oct 30, 2027 - Fall Dance – Terry Halley, Sandra Pinion. Winona Grange.

Treasurer's report: (Bonni Lesser)

Tualatin Valley Council			
Financial Report as of 8/31/26			
Ending Balance 7/31/26	Checking account balance:	6,472.92	
	Savings account balance:	5.00	
	Total in Bank Accounts	\$ 6,477.92	
August Activity:			
TVC Dance 8/29/26	46 Attendees		
	36 Paid Dancers		
	Door Revenue	288.00	
	Split the Pot	55.00	
	Total Revenue	343.00	
	Total Expenses	225.00	
	Net Profit	\$ 118.00	
Other TVC Expenses	TVC Domain Name	48.38	
TVC Money Market Interest		19.00	
Ending Balance 8/31/25	Checking account balance:	6,561.54	
	Savings account balance:	5.00	
	Total in Bank Accounts	\$ 6,566.54	
Submitted by Bonni Lesser	TVC Treasurer		

Secretary report: (Andis Garuts) No report.

State Delegates report: (Marie Clem)

The OR Federation Meeting and installation of new officers was held last weekend at the Abernethy Grange in Oregon City. The new OR State Directories were distributed to State Delegates. I am delivering them to the clubs with a bill showing the amount to be paid to the TVC Treasurer, Bonni. I have also let Bonni know how much to expect each club to reimburse the TVC, and how much the TVC should send to the OFSRDC.

Training for the new state Officers and Delegates took place during the Saturday afternoon meeting. 24 attended the training, which included how to use Facebook and other social media to promote square dances and lessons. A thumb drive with the information was given to each delegate as well. I would be glad to share files by email with anyone interested. Kathy Roberts, the state Training Officer, did a very thorough job, as usual. She is asking for clubs to have their appropriate officer(s) attend the training session at Mid-Winter that will educate folks about procedures needed to have a "healthy club." This will include what information to file with the government, and when and how to do it.

The new State Officers took over during the meeting. Robert Swee, from Red Rocks in Redmond, is our new Federation President. Most other officers remained the same. The dance Saturday night at the Grange was great, with two callers and two cuers, and ten squares in attendance. PAC set a high standard for TVC to achieve when we host the September dance next year.

Delegates were encouraged to seek people who would be willing to be nominated for a state officer position, and to prod councils to try to find candidates. Nomination forms were distributed. Given to TVC President Sally.

Ballots for the Randall Award were given out for state delegates to use to vote for one of the four choices for this year. Bios on nominees were given to TVC President Sally. Ballots are due to Joyce Welton by November 1st.

Insurance Chair, Vicki Pounds, has just sent clubs and councils information and forms to fill out to register for next year's federation insurance. All completed forms and checks are due to her by November 15th.

The Hot August Rounds round dance weekend in Springfield was held in place of the Summer Festival this year, hosted by ORDTA. It was deemed a success, with 44 dancers, and a net profit, so may be repeated next year.

There were 25 square dancers at the state fair on Sept 1st, 16 on Sept 3rd in the rain, and 49 youth dancers on Sept 5th. All dancers are given free entrance to the fair. The dates for 2027 are Aug 31st, Sept 2nd, and Sept 4th, sometime in the early afternoon again.

If you missed the chance to dance at the fair, you have another chance to dance at a state function. Anyone interested in dancing in the Salem state capitol rotunda on October 3rd from 11:30 to 12:15 should contact Marilyn Schmidt at froggydancer@live.com.

Flyers for the 2027 Summer Festival were distributed. July 30 to August 1 at the Blanchet Catholic School in Salem. David and Dawn Mee from Anaheim CA calling and cueing.

PAC report: (Erin Kalmbach)

State meeting/dance was successful. There were 80 people at the dance. Everyone seemed to have a good time and the B&B's did a great job hosting.

Next PAC dance is on Oct. 30 at the Oak Grove Community Center. Mike Kious calling and Tami Helms cueing. Pumpkins Galore is the theme and you are encouraged to bring a CARVED pumpkin to be judged. Prizes will be given out. 7:00 pre-wounds, 7:15 plus, Mainstream 7:30-9:30. Next meeting is on Jan. 18, 2027.

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

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

Past TVC President/Nominating Chair report: (Dale Brabham)

Nominations need to be submitted by November 1 to allow time to engrave plaque and get bars for this award. Also, we would like nominations for officers.

Cuer Advisor Report: (Randy Lewis) (absent)

Tualatin Valley Council has chosen October 2026 OROM

Dance: "Together Hand In Hand"

Artist: Ross Mitchell His Band and Singers

Music: Together Hand In Hand

Album: 25 Top Waltzes, Track 17 Time: 2:20

Rhythm: Waltz

phase: 2 + 1

Choreo: Yamashita, Shigeyuki & Miwae

You Tube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GYn1Uo1pJn8>

Cue Sheet

<https://danceroundoutyourlife.com/CueSheets/2026-3/Together%20Hand%20In%20Hand.pdf>

Download Casa Musica

<https://casa-musica.com/en/single-tracks/24778-together-hand-in-hand-slow-waltz-30.html>

Randy Lewis

OFN Area Editor Report: (Ferrous Steinka)

Once again, the TVC achieved 100% club reporting thanks to your TVC club reporters. I should note that my (your) club reporters are Nick Johnson (Columbia River Dancers), Alice Hendricks (Eager Beavers), Kathy Liebowitz (Hayshakers), Sarah Richmond (Hoedowners), Lindie Noonan (Mix'n'Mingle), Lynne Fonner (Oak Hills Squares), Chris Poole (R Square D), Tom Sminia (Sunset Promenaders), Renee Ramig (Tri-Squares), Lynda Sherman (Wavesteppers). Many thanks to those individuals who faithfully keep all the rest of us informed about their club activities.

Tim Roberts, OFN Editor, is always looking for pictures to publish in the OFN. Send him your high resolution photos and/or a story about your club gathering, beach trip, picnic, mystery trip, etc. Send your contributions to OFN Editor, Tim Roberts, timr@4roberts.us.

Any club member may submit an article to the OFN. Usually these are of general interest and have something to do with dancing. An article may include pictures but does not have to. A completed article may be sent to Tim, given to their club reporter, or sent to me via email. We will make sure that it gets to the OFN Editor. If you need assistance writing or editing your story I am always available to help. This can generate interest in your club and possibly result in a few more visitors.

Respectfully submitted

Ferrous Steinka

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

Old Business:

Changing the Date and/or Time of the TVC Meetings (to another day of the week instead of Mondays): Some further discussion. Ferrous Steinka motioned for the TVC to keep our Meetings on Monday nights for now; Bonni Lesser seconded. Motion passed.

Quarterly or monthly Meetings: No decision made.

In Person or Zoom Meetings: No decision made.

Nominations for State Officers: Please send in your nominations as soon as possible.

New Business:

TVC Recognition Award: Nominations need to be submitted by November 1 to allow time to engrave plaque and get badge bars for this award.

Signs that promote square dancing and lessons: A yard sign that promotes square dancing and lessons was found in the ladies room. Sarah Richmond would like for the TVC to make similar signs for the same purpose, but with updated information (TVC, Web site address, phone, location, etc.). Discussion.

TVC Meeting Minutes: (Ferrous Steinka) Suggestion: The “boilerplates” (the headings with club dance information (who, what, when, where, caller, cuer) before each club’s reports) need to be kept up to date. About a third of the information in these boilerplates is incorrect. Clubs, please send your updated dance information to Andis to be included in the boilerplates in the Minutes.

Next TVC Meeting: Monday, November 23, via Zoom. 7 p.m. No Meeting will be held in October.

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.
<http://www.ColumbiaRiverDancers.org>

Hi everyone,

We still have the warm, pleasant days, but the evenings are beginning to cool, the leaves are turning and the new season of dance and lessons have began.

There are so many opportunities to dance that I can’t include them all so keep your eyes open for announcements from other clubs and for sure look on Facebook. I’ll still do my best to at least include what’s happening locally.

Columbia River Dancers has had some changes happen. Our club caller, Daryl Clendenin has decided to retire. He’s still going to remain active in the square dance community, teaching new callers and even writing a few tunes here and there. We wish him all the best as he pursues this next chapter of life. Daryl you were a blessing in our time of need when Jim was ill and then his passing, stepping in and taking the reins.....thank you so much.

Stepping into the spot light, so to speak, will be Renee Ruud. She will be taking over our Sunday lessons, calling and cueing on the first Friday of each month and occasionally doing the dances for the entire month. Scott Zinser has graciously agreed to be our caller for most of the “third” Friday dances (with Renee’ cueing) for the 2026-2027 dance season. So come on out, support our club and have a great time dancing!

Since this email is going out on Sunday evening I want to “Thank” the 13 new dancers we had on the floor plus the original 10 from last week.....wow, we had 7 squares dancing tonight. Way to go 🙌 Also a big “thank you” to the angels that helped out and of course Renee’ for calling.....what a fun night! Can’t wait till next week.

See you on the dance floor,
Mary

LESSONS

****Mondays, Fairway Village at 12:30, Mainstream and rounds**

****Mondays, Happy Hoppers at Washington Grange, NEW LESSONS begin SEPTEMBER 14 & 21, starting at 6:30pm with Plus, followed by New Dancer/Mainstream at 7:30 p.m., Craig Abercrombie calling/instructing**

****Tuesdays, Susan Healea's Jive and Two Step Round dance class at Catlin Center, class begins Tuesday, OCTOBER 6**

****Wednesdays, R Square D lessons at Catlin Center, LESSONS starting at 6:30 p.m. with Plus, followed by New Dancer/Mainstream at 7:30 p.m., Craig Abercrombie calling/instructing**

****SUNDAYS, COLUMBIA RIVER DANCERS at Manor Grange, Introduction to Plus starting at 5:00 p.m. followed by New Dancer/Mainstream starting at 6:00 p.m. Caller/Instructor Renee Ruud**

DANCES

****R Square D Saturday, September 26**

****COLUMBIA RIVER DANCERS Friday, October 2nd and October 16**

**** Cougar Squares Saturday, October 3**

****Happy Hoppers Saturday, October 3 and 17**

****R Square D Friday October 9, "Dark on 24th for Seaside Sashay"**

****Seaside Sashay October 23 through 24**

****Stardust Dancers, 1st and 3rd Thursday every month**

Eager Beavers: (Tom Sminia and Susan Gillespie, Delegates) (Susan absent)

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>

Eager Beavers are enjoying dancing on Mondays from 1:00-3:00 p.m. at the Aloha Grange.

About 22 Eager Beavers enjoyed the yearly picnic at Noble Woods Park earlier this month on Sept 10. The weather cooperated and everyone enjoyed playing Board Baseball.

We are starting to plan our Black & White Dance for Jan. 2027.

Tom Sminia and Susan Gillispie, TVC Delegates for the Eager Beavers Club

Hayshakers: (Kathy Liebowitz, Delegate) (absent)

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>

September has been an exciting month for the Hayshakers! Our new square dance lessons kicked off on September 13, and we couldn't have asked for a more fun start.

We were thrilled to welcome 22 new dancers to our first two free classes! It was especially exciting to see such a great group of young people join us—enough to fill a square and then some!

The dance floor was full of smiles, laughter, and plenty of new faces learning their lefts, rights, do-si-dos and probably wondering what they had gotten themselves into!

It's wonderful to see some new energy and enthusiasm joining the Hayshakers. We're looking forward to watching everyone learn, laugh, and become confident square dancers as the lessons continue!

The Hayshakers are definitely stepping into fall with a whole lot of new feet on the dance floor!

Submitted by,
Kathy Liebowitz

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

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>

Saturday, October 10 "October Monster Dance". Come celebrate the fall season in your favorite "Monster" outfit to Mike Kious calling and Randy Lewis cueing. Fright night is early for these two for this Saturday's dance.

Saturday, October 24: Dark. We are dark for the Seaside Sashay. Hope to see you in Seaside! Aloha Grange is air conditioned for warm evenings.

Hoedowners Mainstream classes have started. We have seven to nine students. Mike Kious is our instructor. Students and angels are welcome to participate on Tuesday nights at the Aloha Grange from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Hoedowner Delegates,
Carolene Siebert and 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: *(Marie Clem, Acting Delegate)*

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 8:30. Mark Wheeler calling mainstream, Lane Clem cuer 2 times a month. www.oakhillsquares.com

Oak Hills started mainstream lessons last Monday with seven new or returning students, with three more to start attending next week. Mark Wheeler taught about 13 moves and everyone enjoyed the dancing. We expect lessons to continue during the 6:30 to 7:30 hour until graduation on December 14. Our regular dance will be during the following hour, 7:30 to 8:30 weekly.

We will have a Ghostly Pumpkin themed dance on October 26, 6:30 to 8:30 to celebrate the spooky season. There will be no lesson that evening. Mark will be calling. Costumes are encouraged.

R Square D: *(Chris Poole, Delegate) (both absent)*

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.

No report.

Sunset Promenaders: *(Janet Cason, Delegate) (absent)*

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 41st Anniversary Dance will be held on Saturday, October 3. Ham dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. Dancing at 7 with rounds. Mainstream with rounds from 7:30 until 9:30 p.m. Darrell Kalmbach, Tami Helms. Hillsboro IOOF Hall.

Tri Squares: (Charles McAuley 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

On August 23 the club had its annual picnic at Snyder Park. Twenty-nine members and former members attended the annual picnic. We shared a potluck dinner, followed by discussion about recruiting new members and the upcoming lesson program.

On September 11 we had our first dance after the summer break. Terry Halley called while Sandra Pinion cued. We had 3 squares of mainstream and 2 squares of plus. The theme was “Aloha! Welcome”.

Our 28th Anniversary dance was on September 25. Terry Halley was the caller and Sandra Pinion was the cuer. We had 4 squares of mainstream and 2 squares of plus. The theme was “Celebrate Good Times”.

The club had a visitation at the Chaps and Petticoats on September 18.

Lessons started on September 13. Sandra Pinion is teaching the Two Step dance from 2 pm to 3:15 pm. Mainstream lessons start at 3:30 pm to 5:30 p.m. We have 8 students each for the Two Step and Mainstream lessons.

We are dark on October 9 due to the Bazaar at the Kinton Grange.

On October 23 we will have our “Come As You Aren’t” themed dance.

Respectfully Submitted,

Barbara Huie

Charles McAuley

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:

Erin Kalmbach: It would be helpful if the TVC made a list of all of the Anniversary Dances of TVC clubs. The lists can be made up to a year from the time the lists are created.

Next TVC Meeting:

Monday, November 23 at 7 p.m. via Zoom. The Meeting ID and Passcode will be sent with the Agenda.

Respectfully edited and published by Andis Garuts, TVC Secretary