

Miscellaneous Reports

Historian, Insurance, License Coordinator, Prairie Squares & Directors

General Meeting April 30, 2016

Historian's Report

No report available but Tammie Hughes would like to continue being the Historian.

Insurance Coordinator Report

The Insurance Report was given by Judi Bakken. Two of the clubs participate in the Insurance Program in North Dakota. The premium for the 2016 year is \$4.75 per member. The minimum fee per club is \$45.00. The returned forms and monies have been sent to the National Insurance Coordinator, Pat Inglis.

License Coordinator Report

The report was given by Gary Chepulis.

BMI: Convention attendee rate is \$0.07 per convention. Minimum fee is \$150.00 and due in January. 2015 Credit balance was used toward 2016 fee.

ASCAP: Convention minimum fee is \$123.00 for period of 4-1-2016 to 3-31-17. Paid on 3-30-2016.

USDA: Annual dues of \$100.00 are due in July. 2015-2016 dues paid 7-8-2015.

ND Sec of State: Annual nonprofit corporation dues of \$10.00. Report filed and dues paid 12-28-2015

IRS: Annual filing as nonprofit registered on 10-21-2015.

Previous 12 month payout of \$260.00.

Prairie Squares Report

Ray Hall reported that when we started the Prairie Squares website we were able to use a free domain and web space. The yearly cost now for the Prairie Squares website is \$105.00 and \$15.00 for the domain for a total of \$120.00 per year. Ray is still not getting the schedules as soon as they are done. So, if you don't see your schedule on the website send it to him and he will post it. We have extra web space so if you have something concerning square dancing that

you would like published send it to Prairie Squares, Ray & Rose Hall, 614 North 12th Street, Bismarck, ND 58501. Phone number (701) 426-4446, ray@squaredancenorthdakota.org

President Laning asked for a motion to accept the Insurance, License and Prairie Squares reports. Norene Braaten made a motion to accept the License, Insurance, License and Prairie Squares reports and Wanda Huhtala 2nd. Motion carried.

Directors Reports

President Laning asked the Northeast area to appoint a Director as soon as possible.

NW District: Wayne & Dorothy Lamon Minot Magic Squares

During the year of August 2015 to the present the Minot Magic Squares had 31 paid members. Spring 2015 our club caller, Doc Brooks, retired, so on August 31, 2015 the club resumed dancing with a record dance. We had three dances this last year where we danced to records and MP3 music. Thank you to our out of town callers who filled the gap and helped immensely. They included Roger McNeil, Royce Nelson, Larry Pfennig, Charlie Huhtala and Jim Lizakowski. Also, Doc Brooks graciously accepted to call our Christmas dance and two other scheduled record dances. In January 2016 we hosted a "Blast" lesson weekend (Friday night and Saturday until 2:00) covering over half of the mainstream moves. This was attended by six couples and two singles. One week later, Larry Pfennig called a "Blast" dance which kept the new people dancing. Then the next week Roger McNeil returned and did another "Blast" weekend reviewing and completing the mainstream moves. We graduated 10 new people who also joined our club.

SW District: Vern & Rose Laning Belles N' Beaux

The Belles N' Beaux Square Dance Club in Bismarck is the only active club in the Southwest District and continues to hold dances on the first and third Saturdays of the month at the Bismarck Senior Center. Plus dances are held on the second and fourth Mondays of each month at the Bismarck Eagles Club with our dedicated caller, Larry Pfennig. Another change we implemented into our regular mainstream dances on Saturdays was to start our evening at 7 pm with 1/2 hour of round dancing if possible followed by the regular square dance.

Our club continues to thank Larry for his dedicated service as our primary caller/cuer and instructor. Additionally, we were able to use the services of Roger and Bernadette McNeil, Jim Lizakowski, and Dick Reuter during our dance year.

During the dance year we held several theme "fun nights" where the usual dance attire was replaced by clothing related to Veterans Day, Christmas, Valentine's Day, Sadie Hawkins Day and April Fool's Day. We also intend to have a May Day fun badge night at our May 7, 2016

dance. Two pot luck dinner nights were held during our Christmas and Annual Meeting Dances.

At our 2016 annual meeting it was voted to combine the vice president and secretary positions into one for the following dance year.

During the annual meeting the following new officers were elected:

President: Tim and Doretta Borneman
Vice President/Secretary: Gary and Diane Chepulis
Treasurer: Greg and Mary Ann Morford

Since most of the North Dakota dance clubs desired to have a break from hosting the state convention in 2016, the ND Callers and Cuers Association stepped up to actually host the dance for the convention. However, since our Constitution is somewhat restrictive regarding officers in the ND dance clubs Inc., the previous Bismarck officers with the exception of the president extended their office terms to cover the 2015-2016 dance year. Fortunately, the Fargo dance association has volunteered to host the 2017 convention. Some proposed constitution and bylaw changes will be voted on in 2016 which may help ease the requirements on the host club in the future.

SE District: Donna Alby L & M Squares

L&M Squares meets the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month at the Cash Wise Community Room (14013 3rd St. S) in Fargo, ND. Currently, there are 40 members in the organization. The 2015 board of directors consist of Harvey Hegvik, President; Ken and Luwayne Barnes, Vice Presidents; Donna Alby, Secretary/Treasurer; Roger and Bernadette McNeil & Jim and Rita Lizakowski, advisors. An average of 26 dancers participated in the Tuesday evening dances. The group participated in the Square Dance for the Heart Event in Waubun, MN. in April 2015. The Northwest Region hosts the dance and the member clubs provide refreshments and prizes for the silent auction. Participants danced to callers from around the region and state. Over \$2000 was raised in this event. Five new dancers attended lessons in the fall and have now joined the club. We hope they will continue to enjoy square dancing. On October 13, 2015, the organization sponsored a fund raising event for the Breast Friends, a group dedicated to bring awareness about breast cancer and to raise funds for research. Forty one dancers attended the event. L&M Squares raised \$1027 for the Breast Friends. Charley Huhtala continues to call some

of the tips at the regular Tuesday dances. He is honing his skills under the direction of veteran caller Roger McNeil. Charley has started calling dances on his own. Two guest callers were invited to the club and the members enjoyed dancing to Tom Manning on June 23, 2015 and to Tom Allen on September 8, 2015.

Saturday Fun Nite: Corene Geffre Thirteen dances were held in the past year. We had a variety of callers and sustained an average of two squares. We supported other clubs and the national convention, as well as the state conventions. We always support the Waubun, MN Heart Dance fundraiser held in April. We are still dancing at St. Anthony's of Padua church and have found it to be a very suitable site. We had no club fund raisers, but sponsored a New Year's Dance for the area dancers.