

Topeka Area Square Dance Council (TASDC)
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Meeting Tuesday August 6, 2008
7:00 p.m. at Diane Dukat house

Attendance :

TASDC – Diane Dukat
Kuntry Kuzzins – Donna Schirmer
Shawnee Swingers – Henry Staub & Dorothy Booher
Strato Jets – Leland & Carol Kimball
Swinging Squares – Ken & Margaret Boughton
Top-Kan Twirlers – Tom & Linda Grindol
Wheatheart Squares – Ralph & Deb Vickers

Treasurer Report

Bank Account has been opened at Super Chief Credit Union
Diane Dukat is only name on account to date. Donna Schirmer will be added
when Diane and Donna can schedule a time to go to credit union and make
these arrangements.

Balance is \$ 171.50

Old Business :

- GUIDELINES FOR CLUB REPRESENTATIVES
 1. One (1) vote per club.
 2. Representative would be appointed by the President of each club. Have positive attitude. Be willing to help promote the activity.
 3. Council would meet quarterly. In the months of February, May, August & November
 4. Schedule would remain flexible to those sitting on council so as to get the best attendance and that every club would be represented. Date, location and time would be decided by council present at current meeting trying to accommodate all members.
 5. Representative would be expected to attend all meetings if possible.

Kuntry Kuzzins – representative to be determined
Shawnee Swingers - representative would be Dorothy Booher
Strato Jets - representative would be Rowena Horr
Swinging Squares – representative to be determined
Top-Kan Twirlers – representative to be determined
Wheatheart Squares - representative would be Don & Punky Hildebrand

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New Business :

- Suggested we contact local school district and ask them to list square dance clubs on school websites. Clubs may need to support school district activities as a booster club member.
- Sunday September 7, 2008, 57th NSDC celebration dance at Century II Exhibition hall at 2:00 p.m. with Tony Oxendine and Pam Young. Bus will leave South Wal-Mart on 37th Street near gas pumps parking lot at 11:00 a.m. Cost for bus trip is \$ 10 per person. Bus will stop for dinner on the way home. Deadline for signing up for trip is August 29, 2008.
- Discussion of cleaning Croco Hall. Schedule is going well other then messes made by other party rentals and janitor not cleaning up. Council thinks that maybe Croco Hall needs a Special Event coordinator for outside groups (non square dancers) that book dances. This person(s) should be available to be at hall when being used by outside groups.
- Reminder to new president of council mission statement is "To Promote the Square Dance activity in and around the Topeka area".
- Some discussion of CALLERLAB presentation at the 57th NSDC by Mike Hogan for a national marketing search of a catching square dance icon.
- Some discussion of coordinating colors and outfits when doing a demonstration or entertainment to outside groups.
- Discussion of [www.topekasquares](http://www.topekasquares.com) website and how information gets submitted to Henry Staub. Henry would like more pictures of dances to post to club web pages and history about your club. Discussion about groups on website that do not belong to council. Should we charge a fee to these clubs and callers for advertisement on website. Group felt that we should not charge these groups but invite them to join the council.
- Discussion about how to advertise our activity. Suggested by Dorothy Booher to use the Kansas Visitor Center to display flyers and maybe take an advertisement in yearly book handed out to visitors that travel through the area.
- Discussion about creating a form letter about our organization explaining our council it function and our mission statement. We would be able to send this to other organizations and might be able to get our foot in the door to expose more people to our activity. No one step forward to help with letter.
- Discussion about maybe advertising in the Topeka Metro news paper.
- Discussion about exposure at the Farmer's market for our activity. Farmer's market is held every Saturday at SW 10th Street & Topeka Blvd.

Next meeting to be Monday November 3, 2008
Meeting at 7:00 p.m., Croco Hall kitchen area

Minutes submitted by Donna Schirmer – Kuntry Kuzzins President

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Up coming dances and events to promote :

Exchange of new dance cards for 2008 – 2009 Dance season.

Saturday August 9, 2008, Entertainment at New Hope United Methodist Church, 2915 SE 8th Street, Country Fair Bible School at 11:00 a.m. Kick off with barbeque & Street Fair, Diana Wagner Caller.

Saturday August 30, 2008, for Entertainment at the Topeka Railroad Days Festival. At the Great Overland Station, 701 N Kansas Ave. Please sign up need to have name on list for free admittance to event. Dance at 5:00 p.m. at main event stage. Dana Schirmer Caller.

Saturday September 20, 2008, for Entertainment at the Cider Days Festivals. Kansas Expocentre, SW 17th Street & Topeka Blvd. We will dance outside on concrete pavement at 11:00 a.m. Dana Schirmer Caller.

Saturday October 11, 2008, for Entertainment at Garfield Fall Festival, Garfield Community Center, North Topeka. Diana Wagner Caller. Contact Strato Jets for time and location.

IMPORTANT DATES for next dance season

Wednesday September 16, 2009, Kuntry Kuzzins Western FUN Night Hoedown

Saturday September 26, 2009, Happy Times Squares, Boots & Bows Barbeque

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