

Topeka Area Presidents council (TAPS)

Meeting Thursday November 1, 2007

7:00 p.m. at Bartlett & West, 1207 SW Executive Drive

Attendance:

TAPS — Diane Dukat

Kuntry Kuzzins — Donna Schirmer

Shawnee Swingers — Henry Staub & Dorothy Booher

Strato Jets — Not Represented

Swinging Squares — Neal & Jean Harp~r

Top-Kan Twirlers — Not Represented

Wheatheart Squares — Ralph Vickers

Old Business: NEW YEAR'S EVE DANCE

Any questions or concerns?

Any suggestions?

Announce the dance when attending local dances

- Paper supplies — Clubs that belong to TAPS will donate paper plates, napkins, dinner ware, cups, coffee, sugar and creamer.
- Kitchen help, clean up help and decorating would be done by all clubs sponsoring the dance.
- NO DISH WASHING is to take place this night. Take your dishes home dirty.
- Would like to have POT OF GOLD and split being 50/50 with proceeds going to TAPS for promoting the Square Dance activity around the Topeka area.
- New Year's Eve dance donation at door would be set at \$ 10.00 per couple, \$ 5.00 per single. Youth price was not set.
- Flyers were distributed with one minor change of the word cost to donation.
- Callers for the dance will be Dana Schirmer, Berryton, Kansas and Lynn Nelson, Kansas City, Kansas. Cuers Wally Kelly, Topeka, Kansas and Lalla Steenbock, Topeka, Kansas.
- Decorations have been ordered and are with Diane Dukat and Donna Schirmer.
- Donna Schirmer will check with Croco Hall about getting in on Sunday December 30, 2007.

Sunday December 30, 2007 at 2:00 p.m. decorate Croco Hall for New Year's Eve Dance. We have been given the okay by Diane Schultz.

New Business:

TAPS goals for 2008

Discussion about ideas of what TAPS need to be doing to promote the Square Dance Activity.

Diane Dukat correspondence that she received by email. Suggesting that we start a website for clubs belonging to TAPS. Henry Staub told us about the Shawnee Swingers website he set up through Microsoft Office Live and suggest something along these lines.

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Discussion about setting up bank account, or saving account with 2 people having access.

Discussion about clubs notifying Presidents when they plan to Travel. Sometimes clubs do not have enough food for all that travel and need to notify membership. Please notify Presidents the Monday before you travel so clubs can be prepared.

Contact Capital Journal to help promote Square Dancing with New Year's Eve Dance. Dorothy Booher thought we might have more luck with a free lance writer. Julie K Buzbee (email ibuzbee59@yahoo.com) is a free lance writer that wrote the article for the newspaper about St. Peter and Paul's fundraiser. I understand she likes to do articles about community interests.

Continue to work with Topeka clubs to support one another along with Callers and Cuers. If dancers did not attend club dances no matter who the Caller or Cuer is they are hurting the clubs.

With the proceeds from the New Year's Eve dance get professional looking flyers, cards and hand outs with contact information for all clubs and lessons in TAPS organization

Promote our Square Dancing activity at outdoor festivals and events. Get more exposure for activity also help promote 57th National Square Dance Convention ®

Promote our Square Dance activity at concert events that come to town. Maybe make arrangements with organizer to have a group Entertain crowd while waiting. Weather this be at the Casino or the Expocentre.

Organize a demo group of younger dancers that show well and will attract people to our activity.

Contribute and support other programs associated with Square Dancing. Example would be the ARTS (Alliance of Rounds, Traditional & Square Dancing).

Schedule more fund raisers to Promote Square Dancing.

Wheatheart Squares thanked all those who supported the Octoberfest with their attendance.

SPECIAL NOTE - Need to decorate Croco hail for Christmas on Sunday Nov. 25, 2007. Need 2 couples of volunteers from each club meet at 2:00 p.m.

Next meeting to be Monday January 14. 2008
at Bartlett & West, 1207 SW Executive Drive at 7:00 p.m.

Discussion of Mission Statement for TAPS.

Starting a demo group.

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Upcoming dances and events to promote:

Saturday December 1. 2007

Swinging Squares — Soup & Chili Dinner serve at 6:00 p.m. - Croco Hall with .Jay Krebs & Wally Kelly

Sunday December 30. 2007

Decorate Croco Hall for New Years Eve dance at 2:00 p.m.

Monday December 31. 2007

New Year's Eve Celebration — Topeka Area Presidents Council - 9:00 p.m. Dance - Croco Hall, with Dana Schirmer, Lynn Nelson, Wally Kelly & Lalla Steenbock

Friday January 11. 2008

Strato .Jets — Cerebal Palsy Benefit with Larry Stock and Wally Kelly, 7:30 p.m. Croco Hall

Sunday January 13. 2007

Kuntry Kuzzins — Clubs 40th Anniversary Dance, 2:00 p.m. Croco Hall with Dana Schirmer & Guest

Saturday January 26. 2008

Swinging Squares — Spaghetti Amore, Meal at 6:00 p.m., with Vic Perry and Wally Kelly, Dance 7:30 p.m. Croco Hall

Sunday January 27. 2008

KSDA membership meeting & dance with Dana Schirmer and Pam & Tom Young
4-H Building, Kenwood Park, Salina, Kansas
Meeting 1:00 p.m., Dance 3:30 until 6:00 p.m.

Saturday February 2. 2008

NEKSDCA Caller Festival — Croco Hall — See Schedule on flyer or in Travel On

Friday February 26. 2008

Shawnee Swingers — Bake Sale with Jim Hayes, Brownsville, Texas and Lalla Steenbock, Dance 7: 30 p.m. until 10:00 p.m., Velma Paris (Shawnee South) Community Center, 6715 SW Westview Road, Topeka, Kansas

Sunday March 9. 2008

NEKSDA — Tenderfoot dance - Croco Hall, check travel on or flyer for schedule

Saturday March 15. 2008

Top-Kan Twirlers, Potato Dance (Club Fund Raiser) — Meal at 6:30 p.m. - Croco Hall
With Larry Crady & Wally Kelly

Friday April 4. 2008

Strato Jets — Luau (Club Fund Raiser)
-Croco Hall