

INDIANA DANCERS ASSOCIATION, INC.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND MEMBERSHIP MEETING
MCL CAFETERIA INDIANAPOLIS SOUTHSIDE
APRIL 9, 2017

The quarterly meeting of the Board of Directors and membership of the Indiana Dancer's Association, Inc. (IDA), a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Indiana was held on April 9, 2017 at the MCL Cafeteria, Indianapolis Southside.

CALL TO ORDER – John & Carolyn Cook

John Cook asked everyone to stand and recite the Lords' Prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

PROOF OF DUE NOTICE – Dave & Nina Upton

Nina Upton sent the minutes to the dancers she had emails for and asked if anyone did not receive the minutes to let her know. The meeting was listed on the website.

ROLL CALL – Dave & Nina Upton

Roll call was taken by Secretary Nina Upton with 27 Officers and Directors in attendance. The total attendance for the meeting was 34.

WELCOMING REMARKS – John & Carolyn Cook

John Cook reported that Doris Swain had been in the hospital and recently returned home. Charlotte Yencer was improving and had a mishap and fell and broke the bones in her left ankle and has had surgery. John also stated he is glad to see everyone at the meeting today.

READING OF MINUTES – Dave & Nina Upton

The minutes were emailed to the officers, directors and IDA members Nina Upton had email addresses for. There were no additions or corrections to the minutes and a motion was made by Don Taylor and second by Todd Kirkpatrick to accept the minutes as emailed. Motion carried.

TREASURERS REPORT – Danny & Julia Branham

Julia Branham reported the membership dues and the NDRU being reported in the last couple of months showing a profit of \$732.59 from the NDRU. The amount of the expenses for the NDRU does not match the itemized NDRU report as the ribbons were listed on the report in January. A motion was made by Charlie Johnson and second by Carol Derbin to accept the treasurers' report. Motion carried.

AREA REPORTS

NORTHEAST AREA – John Cook

John Cook reported a very brief meeting was held at the NDRU on April 2 and all the officers and directors will remain the same as 2016. Charlotte Yencer is improving and has every intention of remaining as Chairman for the Northeast Area.

SOUTHEAST/SOUTHWEST AREA – Ernie & Barbara Stone

Barbara Stone reported the meeting was held April 6 at the Seymour Country Club. There were several dancers from three clubs and other dancers not belonging to a club. The treasurers' report was given and accepted. Caller Director, Marvin Rumph, stated Stone City Squares of Bedford graduated six and Star Promenaders of Seymour graduated 11 from square dance lessons. Cuer Director, Ives Pruett, stated there are four people interested in round dance lessons. Ernie Stone, 2016 Indiana State Convention Registration Chairman, reported they need more registrations for this year's Indiana Square Dance Convention at French Lick in November. National Executive Committee member, Ernie Stone, stated the National Square Dance Convention to be held in June 2017 has only 2500 registered and sure could use more registrations. The 2017 President's Ball was held January 29, 2017 at Lights Dance Barn with 70 dancers signing the attendance sheet; with 48 dancers being from the Rebel Area. There were several dancers from Kentucky in attendance. The NDRU was at the Hancock County Fair Grounds which was a good dance. It was mentioned the calls were too fast for the new dancers and there was a call that confused the new dancers. There were two Split the Pot; \$138.00 and \$76.00. Julia Branham installed the new officers for 2017. Chairman – Ernie & Barbara Stone, Vice President – Don & Sally Taylor, Secretary – Pauline Hoover, Treasurer- Malcomb & Cathy Branham. Area Directors: Marvin & Linda Rumph, Ives & Carol Pruett, Don & Ruth Gauck, Don & Sally Taylor, Ernie & Barbara Stone, Malcomb & Cathy Branham, and Pauline Hoover. The Rebel Area needs three more directors, which will be appointed soon. The Fall Kickoff Dance will be hosted by the Star Promenaders. The next Rebel Area meeting will be September 7, 2017 at 7:00 pm, location to be announced.

CENTRAL AREA – Lois Daugherty

Lois Daugherty reported five clubs were represented by seven area dances at the Central Area meeting on April 6 at the Southside MCL in Indianapolis. Following a discussion regarding the Central Area Club of the Month program, it was decided that because of decreased participation at dances and lack of interest in scheduling COM dances for 2018, the program will be suspended after the 2017 schedule. If more clubs show an interest in continuing, we will consider beginning again. Central Area has been asked to participate at the WTHR Health and Fitness Expo on April 22. Gary Hutton and Doug Cline have agreed to be there and we are looking for other dancers. Free tickets are available online for participants. The performance is billed as a JOIN-IN. We are hoping to attract new dancers and there was some discussion about how to keep them interested until lessons start. We will be dancing at the State Fair on Sunday, August 13 from 1:30-3:30 and tickets will be available for that date sometime in July. All dancers are welcome. There is a second date, August 20 from 3-4 for what we are calling "Let's Try Square Dancing". This will be more audience participation and, with any luck, new dancers may be recruited. Central Area also plans to have information about square dancing and contacts for those inquiring about lessons available in the area at the State Fair, the Health and Fitness Expo, and also at the State Museum Dance.

NORTHWEST AREA – Orville VanDame

Orville VanDame reported the meeting was held April 6 with 15 dancers representing four clubs. The minutes were read and with some changes; Don Simpson spelling incorrect and add Ed Cseck of Tippecanoe Twirlers to the mailing list. The treasurers' report was read and approved. The registrations for the National Square Dance Convention cannot be cancelled for a full refund after April 30 and rooms are still available. Tony Batta reported a form was submitted by the Lafayette Fun Squares for the Lafayette Day of Dance on February 26, 2017 thru the Area Outreach Program. Larry Hakes reminded the clubs that when they graduate their students and join the clubs; their names need to be added to

the insurance. The NDRU was a good dance, but not as well attended, the area may be small for a larger group and it could be cleaner. Callers need to keep with mainstream calls for new dancers. Northwest Area would like to ask the IDLA to make their meeting minutes available to keep a club informed in the absence of a club caller. Lafayette Fun Squares and Sugar Creek Squares will have a Plus Blast with Darrin Henry to be held in Crawfordsville on May 20. The next NW IDA meeting will be September 7, 2017 at 7:00 pm at the West Lafayette MCL. John Cook stated he will talk to Dave Mouton, President of IDLA, to see what can be done about getting IDLA minutes available to the clubs.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

NDRU – John & Carolyn Cook

John Cook reported the dance was great. There were three complaints; the sound was too loud; the calling was too fast; and there were too many new dancers in some squares. John wants to thank everyone who helped make the dance special for the new dancers and all dancers. John stated the vendor did well. Nina Upton stated the Rebel Area sold ribbons at the door and had the dancers sign in as they came thru the door and the new dancers received a star on their ribbon or badge to help identify the new dancers. Nina also stated that a caller came up to her and asked if IDA had a license for this dance, that not all the callers had a caller license. John Cook stated that IDA **DOES NOT** have a license for this dance. When the callers check in for the function in the future, the check-in person needs to make sure the callers have current license. John Cook stated that when clubs send out contracts to callers it should be stated on the contract the caller could be asked to show his current license. If your club is not “incorporated” BMI/ASCAP can come after the members.

STATE CONVENTION – Nadine Henry

No report. The next meeting will be April 24 at 6:00 pm at Castleton MCL.

IDEAS – Nadine Henry

No report.

IDA FUNDRAISER – Dave & Patti Woods

Patti Wood reported the track has given us the same three (3) gift shops for the past two years. Not all the shops will be open the six days in May. Several workers are still needed for various days and they need to contact Dave and Patti Woods. Training will be April 22 at 9:00 am at the track and only three (3) people have signed up to attend.

FOLK DANCE – Charlie & Ruth Johnson

No report.

SCHOLARSHIP – Charlie & Ruth Johnson

No report. There is one scholarship pending for a cuer.

INSURANCE – Larry & Rose Hakes

John Cook read the report from Larry Hakes. Seventeen clubs have submitted their 2017 insurance requests with club rosters plus some late additions totaling 525 members. All submitted insurance requests have been processed and Certificates of Insurance issued back to the requester. In addition to the 17 club certificates, USDA Insurance has issued one (1) IDA regional dance certificate and three (3) IDA state sponsored dance certificates for the 2017 season at no charge. Seven clubs have submitted their club sponsored class listing totaling 63 potentially new dancers. Once your club sponsored class is completed and the new dancers become club members, your club must submit an additional enrollment form along with the associated \$4.75 enrollment fee per new member. John Cook stated that in the past it cost State IDA about \$3,000.00 a year before signing up with the USDA Insurance, now it costs \$100.00 per year.

BY-LAWS – Don & Sally Taylor

Don Taylor stated that back in November 2016 the By-Laws were presented to the membership and they were to be voted on in January 2017, but a quorum was not present. The changes should read in **ARTICLE VIII** (Special Meetings) Section 5. "IDA members voting by skype must notify the State Secretary five (5) days prior to the special meeting." A discussion was held and the membership thought it would be a good idea for the State Secretary to have a copy of the complete membership listing. Charlie Johnson made the remark where it does not state that members must attend a meeting first before they can vote on skype. John Cook stated that being able to vote via skype, it is a way to try and get more people involved as to what is going on and one couple that does skype lives about four (4) hours away. A comment was made if **ARTICLE VIII** should have a section on quorum and Ernie Stone noticed in **ARTICLE III** Section 6 it states "A majority of the whole Board of Directors shall be necessary to constitute a quorum for the transaction of any business, except the filling of vacancies, and the act of the majority of the Directors present shall be the act of a greater number is required by the laws of the State of Indiana." It was noted that **ARTICLE VII** Section 6 on quorum is not needed but it will stay in the By-Laws. A motion was made by Charlie Johnson and second by Gene Swain to accept the by-law changes as amended. Motion carried. Ernie Stone made a motion and second by Charlie Johnson to suspend the 10 days requirement to publish the changes so they can be voted on at the April 9, 2017 meeting. Motion carried. Marvin Rumph asked to have the date of April 9, 2017 printed on the last page of the By-Laws, and it will be done.

NATIONAL CONVENTION – Ernie & Barbara Stone

Ernie Stone reported the National Convention will be in Cincinnati, Ohio this year and they are needing more dancers. The committee has worked very hard the past four (4) years and they will be putting on a great convention. The only bid that has been submitted for the year of 2021 is Jackson, MS. John Cook mentioned he has submitted a letter of support from State IDA along with several clubs as well as KSDA submitting a letter of support.

MEMBERSHIP – Charlotte Yencer

No report. Julia Branham stated she has received the deposits from Charlotte for membership.

IDA NEW GOVERNING BOARD – Lois Daugherty

No report.

IDA NEWS EDITOR & WEBMASTER – Gary Hutton

No report.

PROMOTIONS – John & Carolyn Cook

John Cook stated earlier in the meeting the State Museum dance has been cancelled that was scheduled for September 9 because the museum will no longer sponsor the dance. We can still hold it but IDA will have to pay the callers and the cuer plus the dancers will have to pay their parking. It was mentioned for John to contact the museum and see if the date is still available and the callers and cuer is still available. The cost would be \$225.00 for two (2) callers and one (1) cuer plus the cost of the ice and the drinks. John will be checking on the price of the parking for the event.

The mini marathon will be May 6 in the vicinity of 16th and Georgetown Road. The dancers need to be at the location before 6:30 am before they start closing the streets. The callers will be Doug Cline, Keith Dishman, and Charlie Johnson. The last walkers will be passing by our location about 10.

The Indiana State Convention will be November 3-5 at French Lick again this year. The “featured callers” will be Wes Dyer and Mark Patterson. The theme this year is “Gone Country”.

OLD BUSINESS

John Cook reported that on March 25 a special meeting was held with Larry and Paula Cole, Dave and Judy Mouton, Ernie and Barbara Stone, and John and Carolyn Cook to discuss the separation of IDA and IDLA at the State Convention. IDLA put forth a proposal that the Convention Board return their initial investment of \$2500.00 to IDLA and the profits from the 2016 convention be split 50/50 and for 2017 be split 30 IDLA/70 IDA since IDLA still has members on the Board. Any succeeding conventions IDLA would be given a percentage of the profits based on the number of members they have on the Board. John mentioned we would like for IDLA to furnish at least two (2) couples for the Board; sound and programming. Ernie Stone stated after looking thru some paper work it was noted the initial investment was \$2000.00. John thought that proposal was very fair. A motion was made by Ernie Stone at the IDA meeting APRIL 9, 2017 and seconded by Donald Gauck. “Mr. President, I would like to make the following motion: We accept the most gracious recommendation of IDLA to disband the current construction of the Indiana Square and Round Dance Convention committee. Acceptance of this motion in no way means we do not want and need IDLA members to be involved in convention operations”. Ernest E. Stone, member of the first organizing committee and first General Chairman of the convention. Some discussion was held and questions were asked about IDLA receiving the percentage of profits in the future. John stated he was the one that proposed the part of the succeeding conventions for their couples on the Board doing sound and programming. Ernie Stone mentioned that the Convention Board should be the ones to decide how much IDLA will be getting from the profits after 2017 and John Cook thought it would be a good idea. The final numbers for 2016 has not been finalized and then 2016 can be complete. A question was asked if IDLA was to fold would they give their funds to IDA? This situation is up to IDLA of what they do with their money. Ernie Stone stated the proposal by IDLA was a very gracious proposal since they could have asked for 50% of the balance in the State Convention bank account. The motion made by Ernie Stone and second by Don Gauck was voted on and accepted. John asked Ernie if he would bring up at the next Convention Board meeting to write a check to IDLA for \$2000.00, and he will.

NEW BUSINESS

A suggestion was made before this meeting to have a one hour “informational meeting” at the State Convention before it begins to let the dancers know what IDA is and who the Area Chairmen and State Officers are so they can ask questions about the function of IDA. Carolyn Cook will bring this idea to the Convention Board when they meet on April 24.

Nina Upton asked when the NDRU is scheduled for 2018. It will be March 25 at Greenfield.

Don Taylor mentioned he has the old By-Laws and asked if anyone would like to have them. Charlie Johnson volunteered to take them.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Annual Derby City Festival will be May 18, 19, and 20. Sally Taylor has ribbons for sale.

State Convention Board meeting April 24 at 6:00 pm at Castleton MCL, everyone is welcome.

Stone City Squares at Bedford on May 6 with Spring Swing and callers Tom Davis and Travis Cook.

Marvin Rumph mentioned he heard square dancing mentioned two (2) times last week on Jeopardy.

John and Carolyn Cook will be in San Antonio in August and will be dancing with the San Antonio square dance association on live TV.

The next meeting will be September 10, 2017 and the meeting adjourned at 3:50 pm.

Dave and Nina Upton

State Secretary

John and Carolyn Cook

State President

