

**INDIANA DANCERS ASSOCIATION, INC.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND MEMBERSHIP MEETING
MCL CAFETERIA INDIANAPOLIS SOUTHSIDE
NOVEMBER 12, 2017**

The annual meeting of the Board of Directors and membership of the Indiana Dancers' Association, Inc. (IDA), a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Indiana was held on November 12, 2017 at the MCL Cafeteria, Indianapolis Southside.

CALL TO ORDER – John & Carolyn Cook

John Cook asked that the cell phones be turned off or put on vibrate. John asked everyone to stand and recite the Lords' Prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

PROOF OF DUE NOTICE – Dave & Nina Upton

Nina Upton emailed the minutes to the Board members, Area Chairmen, Directors and everyone else that she had an email address for those that has attended in the past. Nina stated she received an email or oral notification from some dancers to skype in on the meeting. Nina did ask who is responsible to let the webmaster know about the notification of the State IDA meetings on the website. John Cook stated he will let the webmaster know in the future.

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 32. There was enough for a quorum.

WELCOMING REMARKS – John & Carolyn Cook

John Cook asked if anyone was present for the first time and we had one new guest. Ruth Olson was present from Greenwood Merry Mixers. John thanked everyone for attending today.

READING OF MINUTES – Dave & Nina Upton

Nina Upton emailed the September minutes to the Officers, Directors and IDA members she had an email address for. There were no additions or corrections to the minutes and a motion was made by Lois Daugherty and second by Bart Smith to accept the minutes as written. Motion carried.

TREASURERS REPORT – Danny & Julia Branham

Julia Branham reported all the balances have been updated as of November 11, 2017 except the convention money and it will be reported later after all the expenses have been paid for the convention. The fiscal year 2017; the IDA assets increased by \$1605.54. The fund-raiser contributed \$1091.86 and the New Dancer Round-up contributed \$732.59. A motion was made by Sally Taylor and second by Don Gauck to accept the Treasurers report as presented. Motion carried.

AREA REPORTS

CENTRAL AREA – Lois Daugherty

Lois Daugherty reported the Central Area November meeting scheduled for October 19 was cancelled because all business had been taken care of at the September meeting and the meeting date conflicted with lessons and travel for most of the officers and directors. The Offices and Directors for 2018 are:

Chairman – Lois Daugherty

Vice-Chairman – Bart Smith

Treasurer – Jim Clevenger

Secretary – Nina Upton

Directors – Lois Daugherty, Bart Smith, Karen Hampton, Todd Kirkpatrick, Nina Upton, Bob Klueg, Nancy Klueg, and Carol Derbin.

The Officers and Directors will be sworn in at the January meeting.

NORTHWEST AREA – Orville Van Dame

Orville Van Dame reported the Northwest Area November meeting was held November 9 with 11 members present and two on skype representing three clubs. The treasurer's report and minutes from the September meeting were presented and there were no changes and they were accepted as presented. The Indiana Square and Round Dance Convention was well attended with about 525 dancers registered. A discussion was held concerning the confusion over the changes in the room costs for 2018. Larry Hakes reported two clubs have submitted information for their new class members. Since there is no Caller Director for the Northwest Area, Larry Hakes and Dave McGaw have made plans to contact IDLA for information from their meetings to keep us informed of changes or events that affect our clubs. It was reported there are four clubs that are having lessons this year. The NW Area is responsible for set up and vendors at the NDRU March 25, 2018. The Officers and Directors for 2018 are as follows:

Chairman – Orville Van Dame

Vice-Chairman Larry & Rose Hakes

Secretary – Lowell & Becky Wilson

Treasurer Tony & Janine Batta

Directors – Orville Van Dame, Ron Bales, Carla Foxworthy, Janine Batta, Don Simpson, Dave McGaw, and Cheryl Hughes.

The State meeting will be November 12 in Indianapolis and the next area meeting will be January 11, 2018 in Lafayette.

NORTHEAST AREA – Charlotte Yencer (read by Gene Swain)

The Northeast Area meeting was called to order by Charlotte Yencer at the state convention with four clubs represented by eight dancers. A discussion was held for the New Dancer Round-up in March 2108 and we will be in charge of the Program Book and the kitchen and it was decided to keep the same menu. The same officers and directors will remain for 2018. A discussion was held about the square dance signs and it was noted the response was not very well so a decision was made to put a hold on the signs for now. The next area meeting will be held in Ft. Wayne on January 6.

SOUTHEAST/SOUTHWEST AREA – Ernie & Barbara Stone

The Southeast/Southwest Area meeting was held November 9 with 17 members in attendance. The minutes and treasurers reports were presented and approved. Cathy Branham reported the afghan raffle generated \$231.00 and the pie auction \$251.00. The monies received from the track for the Rebel Area totaled \$225.56. Funds donated to Charlotte Yencer totaled \$1,000.00. Marvin Rumph reported Star Promenaders and Stone City Squares are having square dance lessons. Ives Pruett reported round dance lessons given by Bonnie Lawrence in Martinsville. Ernie Stone reported the attendance at the State Convention was a little over 500 dancers. It was reported there was some confusion with the timing of the Chairman's Award. Ernie Stone reported there were representatives from Kansas City, Missouri promoting the 2018 National Square Dance Convention along with some from the 2020 Nationals. The 2017 Fall Kick Off Dance was hosted by the Star Promenaders on September 24 in Seymour. The caller was Wes Dyer and the cuer was Deborah Burden. The 2017 Club of the Month awards will be presented at the Presidents Ball January 28, 2018. Sally Taylor reported the callers for the Presidents Ball January 28, 2018 will be Tony Kincade and Wes Dyer and it will be held at Lights Dance Barn. Barbara Stone reported the duties for the Rebel Area at the NDRU in March will be at door ribbon sales and split-the-pot. The slate of officers and directors were presented by Ives & Carol Pruett and they all have agreed to stay on in their positions for 2018. The directors will be Ernie & Barbara Stone, Don & Sally Taylor, Pauline Hoover, Malcomb & Cathy Branham, Marvin & Linda Rumph, Ives & Carol Pruitt, Don & Ruth Gauck, Danny & Julia Branham, and Betty Richards. Ives Pruitt installed the 2018 officers and directors because of not knowing what the weather will like on January 4. Barbara Stone will check into getting some bars engraved for the Rebel Area for their displaying at the National Conventions in the Showcase of Ideas IDA table. Announcements for the State IDA meeting on November 12; Rebel Area meeting January 4; Rebel Area Presidents Ball January 28.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

IDEAS – Nadine Henry

No report. John Cook stated while they were In Texas this summer they visited a club near Austin and were given a card so when you come back to their dance an officer can sign it and the sixth dance is free.

FUNDRAISER – Dave & Patti Woods

No report. Nothing has been received from the track.

FOLK DANCE – Charlie & Ruth Johnson

Charlie Johnson will be working with a new Senator and the old Senator. Maybe it can be passed in the future.

SCHOLARSHIP – Charlie & Ruth Johnson

Charlie Johnson reported one scholarship has been received from Janet Lewis from Seymour and she was awarded the scholarship and will be paid \$200.00. Janet has attended two calling schools.

STATE CONVENTION – Gene Swain

Gene Swain reported 525 dancers were registered and six vendors were in attendance. There was a “Singles Meet & Greet” Friday evening from 5 to 6. The Presidents Ball was Friday evening and the Club Presidents were recognized and given certificates. Wes Dyer and Mark Patterson were the guest callers Friday evening from 8-11. A photo booth was available for the weekend and several dancers got their pictures taken. Some skits were performed Friday evening after the dancing. There were several Education programs for callers, dancers, sewing clinics, and emergency readiness, information on things to see and do in the area. The sewing room was open all day on Saturday. The competition dancing was held Saturday afternoon. The Chairman’s Award was awarded to Gary & Deb Hutton on Saturday evening. The Church service was held Sunday morning with several dancers in attendance. A large number of dancers attended the Sunday morning dancing with most of the callers calling the last tip. The featured caller of 2018 will be Tom Miller. The 1st 150 rooms at the hotel will be \$139.00 and the next 50 will be \$179.00. The Comfort Inn will have 50 rooms at \$105.00. The rooms for 2019 and 2020 at the hotel will be \$149.00. This is the last year the convention will be co-chaired by IDLA & IDA; as IDLA isn’t able to furnish enough leaders to fulfill the original guidelines established in 1989. Flyers for 2019 are available for dancers to take back to their clubs. Patti Woods brought new shirts and bags for anyone to purchase and they are \$16.95 each or 2/\$32.00. Carmel corn is available if anyone would like to purchase any. Ernie Stone stated he is holding the books open to receive all the bills for the 2017 convention. IDLA will be receiving 30% after all the bills are paid. The bill for the hotel was \$3500 and it needs to be paid along with some other bills. The club contact names need to be received so the checks can be mailed to the clubs that had baskets for the raffle. Money was received from the Church Service and it will be sent to the Red Cross for the hurricane relief in Texas.

INDURANCE – Larry & Rose Hakes

Larry Hakes stated all club leaders have been notified and we are in the 2018 Open Enrollment period. The cost per dancer for 2018 will remain the same as last year (\$4.75). The minimum fee for a club is \$45.00; a club must have at least eight members listed on their roster to register for club insurance. Please be sure to make all checks payable to Indiana Dancers Association. Your current coverage will end at 12:00 midnight on December 31, 2017. There is no grace period allowed. Four clubs have submitted their club’s sponsored class listing totaling 58 new dancers. Club leaders are reminded when your class is completed; you are required to submit an Additional member form along with the associated \$4.75 enrollment fee per new dancing member. If your club plans to start or continue a club sponsored class anytime during 2018, please list the facility planned to be used on your Club’s Open Enrollment Form.

BY-LAWS – Don & Sally Taylor

No report.

MEMBERSHIP – Charlotte Yencer

No report. Packets were handed out at the September state meeting and the State Convention. Those not picked up at the State Convention were mailed to the club contacts.

NATIONAL CONVENTION – Ernie & Barbara Stone

Ernie Stone reported members for the 2018 National Convention in Kansas City were present at our State Convention. The 2019 Nationals will be held in Marietta, GA; 2020 will be in Spokane, WA and several members from that convention were in attendance at our State Convention; 2021 will be in Jackson, MS and members from that convention were in attendance at our State Convention; nobody has submitted a bid for the 2022 Nationals. Cookbooks are available for sale.

WEBMASTER – Gary Hutton

No report. The Area meetings should be submitted by the Area Chairman. The State meetings should be submitted by the State President. John Cook would like for the clubs to get their lesson information into Gary Hutton before the Museum dance in September. It was stated that if you need to make a change for your dances to be sure and let Gary Hutton know ASAP.

PROMOTIONS – John & Carolyn Cook

John Cook stated they would like for someone to step up and organize the dancers for the Mini-marathon since they have another obligation on May 4. If anyone would like to organize the event, let John know.

NEW DANCERS DOUND UP – John & Carolyn Cook

The areas will have the same responsibilities in 2018 as they had in 2017. It will be held March 25 in Greenfield at the Hancock County Fairgrounds.

OLD BUSINESS

Nina Upton mentioned in the September minutes that Sugar Creek Squares would like for the NDRU to be held in their dancing facility in the future. John Cook has asked for some of the dancers to go and check this location out. It would be in Crawfordsville.

NEW BUSINESS

The nomination committee of Ernie & Barbara Stone and Don & Sally Taylor presented the slate of officers:

President – John & Carolyn Cook

Vice-President – Dave & Patti Woods

Secretary – Dave & Nina Upton

Treasurer – Danny & Julia Branham

There were no other nominations from the floor for the State Officers. They will remain in office for 2018. Danny & Julia Branham will only be able to attend two State IDA meetings and skype in on the other two.

John Cook thanked everyone for helping with laying the flooring and other setups for the State Convention.

Lowell Wilson mentioned the pricing on the room rates for 2018 being a two tier pricing. The registration forms were already printed at \$139.00 and the first 150 rooms will be \$139.00 and the other 50 rooms will be \$179.00. The other option would be for the 200 rooms allotted to be \$149.00. The Convention Board decided since the forms were already printed to go with the two tier room rates. In 2019 and 2020 the rate will be \$149.00. Barbara Stone mentioned she hopes the dancers will not be too upset with the higher room rate if you are one of the dancers with a room past the first 150.

Ruth Gauck asked if the rental fee for the halls have been increased and it will remain at \$1700.00.

The round dance floor was doubled in size and it was all plastic flooring, the same as used in the square dance halls.

CORRESPONDENCE

No correspondence.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next State meeting will be January 14, 2018 at the MCL Cafeteria Southside. Meeting adjourned at 3:15 pm.

State Secretary
Dave & Nina Upton

State President
John & Carolyn Cook