



Tualatin Valley Council (TVC)

COUNCIL MEETING

February 27, 2012

Themes: Dancing Etiquette

Called to order at: 7:00 PM

Attendees:

Officers:

Debra Welch (Pres.); Ron Dobias (V. Pres.); Lalani Radford (Treas.); Mary T. Withers (Sec.); Judy Schnase (Past Pres.); Dorothy Sullivan (Sunshine Chairman); K.C. Curtis (Caller Advisor); Gary Clark (Finance Chair); Ferrous Steinka (OFN Area Editor); Verna France (PAC Delegate to TVC); Linda Curtis (Alt. PAC Delegate to TVC)

Delegates:

Carolyn Hindman (Coast Swingers); Naomi Coorengel (Eager Beavers); Marian Kehoe (Hoedowners); Debbie Olson (Hoedowners); Patty Bonney (Mix 'N Mingle); Linda Sycks (R Square D); Lonnie Sycks (R Square D); Joyce Clark (Sunset Promenaders); Ray Sullivan (Sunset Promenaders); Peggy Lance (Toe Draggers); Natalie Schumacher (Toe Draggers); Carol ROOS (Co-D for Tri Squares); Karen Martiny (Valley Squares); Dorothy Reed (Valley Squares)

Visitors: Robert Lee Allen (Coast Swinger President); Nell Killebrew (Independent); Tom and Janice Sminia (Sunset Promenaders); John Withers (Hoedowner)

Action Items		
Who Is Responsible?	Announcements, Decisions, Motions, or Needed Action	Date
All	Minutes Corrections and New Reports. Send corrections of the minutes and your new meeting report for the March 26, 2012 meeting to Mary T. Withers john.mary.withers@gmail.com .	Before 3/26/12
All	Reschedule May TVC Meeting. Because May 28 is Memorial Day, the May TVC meeting is rescheduled for May 21 st .	5/21/12
Presidents Delegates	TVC Website – New Features. If you would like to place your club's (1) Monthly Dance Schedule and (2) Lessons Schedule on the TVC website, email Mark Bendickson, the TVC Webmaster, the appropriate information (email club flyers and lessons dates to < webmaster@tualatinvalleycouncil.org >. (For more information, read the "Webmaster's Report".)	
Presidents Treasurers	TVC Website – New Features. If you would like to access and order your club's IRS Forms Online, check out the TVC's website: www.tualatinvalleycouncil.org . (For more information, read the "Webmaster's Report".)	
All	TVC Officers. Please ask club members to consider serving as a TVC officer. The three available positions are: President, Vice President and Secretary. If the positions are not filled, TVC may have to restructure how it serves the TVC clubs.	
All Club	Etiquette Issues. It is strongly urged to discuss etiquette issues with new dancers during lesson times. Additionally, it might be helpful if clubs or TVC place a list of etiquette suggestions on their websites. (For more information, read TVCs discussion regarding etiquette issues under "New Business").	
Debra Welch	Suggested Agenda Items for March 26, 2012 Meeting: (1) Randall Award Nomination; (2) TVC Website's Helpful Features	

CORRECTION/ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

The January 23, 2012 minutes were approved.

OFFICER REPORTS

President's Report: Debra Welch

This year is an unusual year for elections as we need 3 new officers, President, Vice president and Secretary. Please consider stepping up and taking a position and/or go back to your clubs and see if there is any interest from your fellow members. We need these positions filled or we will be looking at how we keep TVC running, possibly by restructuring in some way.

Treasurer's Report: Lalani Radford

TVC Account Balances as of 2/26/2012

	BEGINNING BALANCE		2,387.18
	INCOME		0.00
	TOTAL EXPENSES		227.07
	ENDING BALANCE		2,160.11
	Summary		
	Cash Box		30.00
	Checking		2,160.11
	Savings		9,557.27
	Total		11,747.38

Vice-President Report: Ron Dobias

Schedule of Future Events

- **3/31/12 (Saturday): TVC's 5th Saturday Dance.** Featuring Jim Hattrick (Caller) and Ken Pratt (Cuer). Aloha Grange. Please bring finger foods.
- **7/29/12 (Sunday): Hahn Barn Dance.** Chuck Garner (Caller) and Connie Clark (Cuer) will serve as emcees and invite callers and cuers from the floor to participate.
- **Sept 29, 2012 (Saturday): 5th Saturday Tri Council Dance.** PAC is hosting. Featuring Dan Preedy as Caller and held at the Clark Co. Square Dance Center.
- **12/31/12 (Monday): TVC's New Year's Eve Dance.** Featuring The Wild Cards (Callers) and Randy Lewis (Cuer).

TVC State Delegate: Jim Rogers

- Randall Award Winner: Floyd & Jill Bard, Mid Willamette Area.
- Slate of officers for 2012-2013,
President Elect: Curt Lundine, Mid Willamette Area
First Vice President: Tony Haskins, Portland Area Council
Second Vice President: Marilyn Schmit, Mid Willamett & Dale Worthington, TVC.
Recording Secretary: Kay Rogers, TVC
Corresponding Secretary: Cheryl Lundine, Mid Willamette
Treasurer: Barbi Ashill, on her second year of a two year
Membership: Norma Sohn, Mid Willamette & Silvia Davis, TVC.
- PAC announced their intent to bid for 2013 summer festival in Troutdale with Mark Engerman as chairman.
- Tony also announced the September 30, 2012 Federation meeting will be held at the Vancouver Square Dance Center in conjunction with the Tri-Council Dance being held there on Sept. 29th. The dance has already been planned with Dan Preedy calling and Ken Pratt cueing. All three councils

will be supplying snacks for the dance.

- Two new clubs joined the Federation: Floor Dusters, PAC, dance in Milwaukie on Monday nights. Central Oregon Mavericks also joined. No other info at this time.
- We were reminded to send in our Randall Award nominations. Send in to Ray Jones. They are due at the State Meeting in Klamath Falls in July 21 and 22, the Randall Award along with a photo of the nominee.

TVC Past President: Judy Schnase

Please let Judy know if someone in your club is ready to run for a TVC office. If we don't get any officers, we will have to run TVC a little differently.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Sunshine Chair: Dorothy Sullivan

The following people received Sunshine notes:

- Glen Faires because of his fractured back; he is in a lot of pain (R Square D).
- Mr. And Mrs. Leo McMullen received a sympathy card because their son Michael McMullen passed away (Caller for Coast Swingers).

Website Chair: Mark Bendickson

www.tualatinvalleycouncil.org

IRS Forms

A new link for "IRS Forms Online Ordering" has been added to the Documents page, which links to an IRS site, where clubs can order the appropriate tax forms needed including:

- 1099-MISC (caller/cuer income reporting)
- Inst. 1099-MISC (1099-MISC Instructions)
- 1096 (Annual Summary and Transmittal of U.S. Information Returns) to report club

Forms ordered online may take up to 3 weeks for delivery, however, it has been my experience that forms ordered during the first week of January arrive in a little over 1 week, leaving plenty of time to meet filing deadlines.

*The IRS requires a club to send a completed 1099-MISC form to any caller/cuer who has been paid \$600.00 or more per year, before January 31st. Tax laws are subject to change without notice and the clubs are responsible to adhere to any changes.

TVC Recognition Award

A new page has been added to the site called "TVC Awards", which shows the current winners this year, plus a list of previous winners from years past.

Monthly Dance Schedule

A monthly dance schedule showing all club dances for the month by date, can be found following the link "Dance Schedules". In order to record the dance information correctly, it would be helpful if the clubs would email me a copy of their dance flyers at least one month ahead of the current month. Please email forms to webmaster@tualatinvalleycouncil.org

Lessons Schedule

Club lessons for the year can be found following the link "Club Lessons". In order to record the lessons information correctly, it would be helpful if the clubs would email their lessons information for the year.

Information needed includes:

- Type of Lesson (MS, Plus, Level of Rounds, etc...)
- Weekday and Time the lessons are starting
- Contact Name and Telephone Number

REPORTS FROM COURTESY POSITIONS

PAC Delegate to the TVC: Verna France

- PAC's Tri-Council Dance with Dan Preedy calling and Ken Pratt cuing will be held at the Clark County Square Dance Center September 29th, 2012.
- PAC's fundraiser "Oh Henry Show" starring Eric Foxman on March 4th, at the River City Dance Hall. Tickets are \$12.50.

NEW BUSINESS

Reschedule May's TVC Meeting: Debra Welch

Members decided to reschedule May's TVC meeting to May 21st because the 28th is Memorial Day.

Dance Etiquette: Delegates

Delegates presented the following "dance etiquette discussion topics" in order to discuss them with all club delegates: (1) Singles Joining A Circle Before Having a Partners; (2) Dress Code; (3) Caller/Cuer and Their Spouses' Admission Fees, including Caller/Cuer with No Club Affiliation; (4) Excessive Noise During Round Dance; (5) Allowing Non-Dancers to Dance Before Completing Classes; (6) Perfume/Aftershave; (7) Applauding Caller/Cuer After Tip/Round; Thanking the Caller/Cuer After Dance.

Topic	Discussion/Recommendation
Women Asking Men To Dance	Everyone decided that this was not an issue and everyone should feel free to do this.
Women Dancing the Men's Part	Even though some people are uncomfortable when women ask men to dance, it is not considered an issue. Women should feel free to do this.
Singles Joining A Square Before Having A Partner	In the gay community this practice is standard behavior. However, most suggested that people should have a partner before entering a square. Some new dancers may be confused at regular dances because this behavior is common during lessons. So they need to learn that you need to have a partner before entering a square.
Men Being Required To Wear Long Sleeve Shirts	Many people do not believe that men should be required to wear long sleeved shirts – no more than women are required to wear them. Clothes should just be clean and comfortable.
Admission Fee of Callers/Cuers and Their Spouses/Partners	<p>This topic generated the most discussion. Although there is no policy and the practice of admitting callers/cuers and their spouses/partners for free is inconsistent from club to club and council to council, most people indicated they should be admitted free to club dances. The reasons were as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1) It's a courtesy to allow all Callers/Cuers in free. It shows respect. They have worked hard to get where they are and are critical to the success of dancing.2) Callers/Cuers often give their free time by guest calling/cueing at dances where they visit.3) Callers/Cuers often bring their club members on the visit, so the visited club makes money because of their presence. <p>Unfortunately, not everyone who "works the door" is aware who the callers and cuers are – so signing in can be awkward for callers/cuers. Perhaps each club could set up a system that makes it easier for callers/cuers to sign in.</p> <p>Although individual clubs will make their own decision regarding the admission fee of callers/cuers and their spouses/partners, there was a final recommendation regarding TVC dances. Recommendation: All callers/cuers and their spouses/partners should receive free admission to all TVC dances, with the exception of a TVC dance where tickets are sold (e.g. New Year's Eve Dance).</p>
Excessive Noise During Round Dance	Recommendation: Clubs should remind their members to keep their conversation down during round dances or to seek another area to chat. Cuers could respectfully ask the audience to keep the "noise down" when it becomes too loud.
Allowing Non-Dancers To Dance Before They Finish Their Class.	Most agreed that non-graduated new dancers should not attend a mainstream dance before they have graduated without the approval of their dance instructor and the visiting club's caller.

Perfume/After Shave	Dancers should be warned not to wear perfume or aftershave scents while dancing. This is a bigger issue than many had realized as scents can make people sick and in some cases, send people to the hospital. Please let club members know.
Make Sure to Applaud the Callers/ Cuers and Thank Them With A Handshake After the Dance	Some people believe that Callers and Cuers should be applauded more frequently after they call/cue. But others, including a Caller, were divided on the proposal that dancers need to give a separate handshake to the Caller/Cuer after the dance because the group thank you serves the same purpose.
Etiquette Issues In General	Be sure to talk about etiquette issues with new dancers.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunset Promenaders (Joyce Clark)

Remember, the Promenaders will be dark on April 20th to help celebrate the Valley Squares Anniversary, join us there.

Our search continues for that special person to become part of our square dance family as the Sunset Promenader Caller, but we are pleased to announce that we have hired someone special for our May 5th dance. That's right, Cinco de Mayo will be extra special at the Promenaders with Dan Preedy calling and Ken Pratt cueing. We are selling ribbons for this special dance \$15 per couple or \$8 for one. Ribbon sales are limited, so get yours soon.

2012 Seaside Summer Fest'

July 14-15, 2012. Sponsored by the Hoedowners, Eager Beavers, and River City Dancers, this dance begins on Saturday at 10 AM and continues until 3 PM on Sunday. All dances will be called by one or more of the featured callers with the entire "Crew" calling the Saturday evening dance. The schedule contains Mainstream and Plus, as well as Basic and Intermediate rounds. For more information go to www.summerfest2012.info.

Hoedowners. (Marian Kehoe)

Because of increasing costs, the Hoedowner's door donation fee will increase to \$6.00 a person in March.

Toe Draggers.

Save the date June 15th for the Trails Thru Dance. This is on the National Convention schedule. There will be a BBQ before the dance with all sorts of apple desserts, yum... Times will be forth coming but it will be at the Kinton Grange.

Annual Spring Fling (Elkhorn Swingers Square Dance Club Baker City, Oregon)

Our 33rd Annual Spring Fling at Baker City is April 27th and 28th. Friday night will begin with pre-rounds led by host cuer, Jonathan Wood (Idaho) followed with square dancing led by host caller, Stoney Hollcroft (regional). Squares will alternate with rounds throughout the evening and Club callers and cuers from the floor are also invited to do a tip this night if they so desire.

Following our afternoon workshops on Saturday, the big dance will feature international guest caller, Mike DeSisto (Washington) and guest cuer, Dave Cooper (Oregon).

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting Adjourned: 8:12 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Mary T. Withers

Next Meeting: The March meeting will be held on March 26, 2012 at the Pizza Caboose (3276 NW 185th) next to the 7-Eleven. Dinner and socialization begin at 6:00 PM. The meeting begins at 7:00.

CLUB DELEGATE REPORTS

Coast Swingers: (Carolyn Hindman, Delegate)

The Coast Swingers are continuing our efforts to encourage Tillamook County Folks to attend the FREE Introduction to "Square Dance" event March 28th at the Elks Club. We have also planed a rummage sale on March 24th at the Tillamook Senior Center in order to increase our Treasury.

Our snow birds are expected home in March and we look forward to seeing them. Plans are being made for a Club Dance in the near future. We continue to hold regular club meetings and have discussed the issues on the TVC agenda.

Eager Beavers: (Naomi Coorengel and Jim Rogers, Delegates)

Dance easy plus every Monday afternoon, 1:15 to 3:15 PM, at the Sunset Presbyterian Church (14986 NW Cornell Rd., Portland, OR), which features an air conditioner and excellent wood floor. On holidays we dance at the Aloha Grange (the corner of 185th and TV Hwy). George Clark is the caller/cuer; Jim Hattrick is the caller/cuer every third Monday. Dance starts with 15 minutes of easy pre-rounds. <http://www.eagerbeavers.info>

The Eager Beavers are honored to have Ferrous and Karen Steinka who received the "Outstanding Contributions" award from the TVC Council at the January meeting as their members.

President Dolores Fullmer appointed a 2012 Nominating Committee who will present a slate of officers to be presented at the March 5th meeting. We will be dancing to George Clark Calling and Cueing. We will also celebrate the March birthdays. Come and join us to dance and share in the cookies the March birthdays will bring.

Jim Hattrick will be Calling Cueing on March 19th. Hattrick always has a series of interesting plus calls to keep the dancers learning.

Hayshakers: (Sylvia Davis and Kathy Worthington, Delegates)

Until January 2012, dance Plus on the 2nd Friday of each month. In 2012, dance Plus on the 2nd and 4th Friday. Location is at Astoria Senior Center (1111 Exchange St., Astoria, OR 97103). Start 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Dress in whatever you are comfortable. Caller and Cuer is Harvey Hunsucker. Hayshakers also put on the annual Seaside Sashay, a 2-day Mainstream dance on the 4th Friday and Saturday in October. www.hayshakers.org

We are continuing our lessons. We have about 5 students. We are constantly in competition with various dances in the area so sometimes we do not get enough people for a lesson.

Our Plus dances continues to be successful. We have changed the nights when we do Plus. We now do Plus on the 1st & 3rd Fridays from 6 to 8. Please contact Sylvia Davis to verify that Plus is taking place. Her e-mail is s.m.davis@charter.net.

Of course we continue year round to do work on the Seaside Sashay. It is a lot of fun working with the business in Seaside as well as the people who come to the Sashay.

Hoedowners: (Marian Kehoe and Debbie Olson, Delegates)

Dance the 2nd and 4th Saturdays at the Aloha Grange on the corner of 185th and TV Hwy. Our Caller is Daryl Clendenin. The cuer is Yvonne Clendenin. Pre-Plus and Intermediate Rounds will be called from 7:00-8:00 and Mainstream from 8-10. Our format is informal and friendly. <http://www.hoedowners.info>

The Hoedowners proudly watched the graduation ceremony of approximately 25 dancers at the General Meeting February 22nd. Adding to the festive week was the Club 62nd Anniversary Dance beginning with a Chicken dinner followed by an evening of dance.

The Donation fee will be increased to \$6.00 beginning with our Club dance, March 10th.

Upcoming dances:

March 10 th	Regular Dance
March 24 th	50's Rock and Roll
April 14 th	Hippie Dance Dance. Wear your Hippie Fashions and earn a Hippie Fun Badge
April 28 th	Wild Wild West

Mix 'N Mingle: (Patty Bonney, Delegate)

Dance Plus at the Winona Grange (8340 Seneca Street, Tualatin, OR) on 1st and 3rd Saturdays. Pre-Rounds begin at 7:30 PM (Levels 4 & 5), 8:00 PM (Levels 2 & 3) and Plus from 8:30 - 11:00 PM. Randy Dibble is our club caller and Jeanine Norden our club cuer. \$4 per person at the dance for members, \$5 for non-members. <http://www.mixandminglesquares.org>

We will be dark March 17, when we visit the Oaky Doaks.

R Square D: (Linda Sycks and Lonnie Sycks, Delegates)

Dance 2nd Friday and the 4th Saturday at the Kelso Senior Center (106 NW 8th Ave, Kelso, WA). Plus goes from 7:30 to 8:00, mainstream from 8:00 to 10:00 and refreshments after the dance. Craig Abercrombie is the caller and Lonnie Sycks is our cuer. Call 360-431-7553 or 360-636-3358 for more information. www.r-square-d.info

Our last dance was interesting as there was no heat in the building. We used several small space heaters and with the mystery trip that invaded us we were warm and toasty. There was a visitation scheduled for February 11 to Silver Stars but it had to be rescheduled because too many members were out of town. In March we will visit the Hoedowners on the 10th. Our coming dances include a Teddy Bear Dance on March 24 and then we will celebrate our 59th Anniversary on April 13. Mark Wheeler will be calling our Spring Fling Dance on April 28. Come join us!

Sunset Promenaders: (Joyce Clark and Ray Sullivan, Delegates)

Dance 1st & 3rd Saturdays. First Saturday every month at 7:30 until 8:00 is a Square Dance Workshop. The 3rd Saturday every month is Pre-rounds from 7:30 until 8:00. Mainstream continues from 8:00 – 10:00 with a break at the end. Our Cuer is Ken Pratt; we are currently interviewing for a Caller. We dance in Hillsboro at the Odd Fellows Hall Upstairs on the corner of 3rd & Main Streets above LaHaies and Of Earth and Air shops. www.sunsetpromenaders.com

Ken and Dianne are keeping us entertained at every dance with our Phase III Waltz and Cha Cha from 7:00 to 7:30 (We'll soon add rumba!) Pre-Rounds are from 7:30 to 8:00 pm on our dance nights. Coming to our stage in March will be Don Hart and on March 17th, our Irish Fling will feature Daryl Clendenin and our authentic Irish Baked Potatoes during our break. Every dancer will get a piece of Pot of Gold and see if the Leprechaun leads you to the rest of the prize.

We will be dark on April 21st so we can all attend the Valley Squares Anniversary dance. It is not too late to get your ribbons for our Cinco de Mayo dance (May 5th) featuring Dan Preedy calling and Ken Pratt cueing. Ribbons are available from club members, but you might want to get yours soon as quantities are limited.

April finds us hosting our world famous Carnival dance April 7th with Mark Wheeler calling then dancing with the Valley Square's for their anniversary April 21st.

Round dance classes are going well with a large group learning and honing our skills at Phase III Waltz and Rhumba. Ken and Dianne Pratt are pushing us to excel and we welcome anyone who wants to improve their skills at these levels. The classes are on Sundays beginning at 6:30 pm at our IOOF dance location on Main Street in Hillsboro.

Toe Draggers: (Peggy Lance and Natalie Schumacher, Delegates)

Dance at the Kinton Grange on the 1st & 3rd Fridays. Their Caller is K.C. Curtis; Cuer is Bev Flint. First Friday dances will have pre-rounds at 7:30. Third Friday dances start at 7:30 with a Plus learning experience. Last Tip Plus. www.toedraggers.org

- Friday, March 2nd, Regular Dance at 8:00, Pre-rounds at 7:30 at Kinton Grange
- Saturday, March 3rd, Youth Dance, Kinton Grange; from 3:00 to 5:00 and 2:00-3:00 there will be an introduction to square dancing for family and friends. Come and learn because what you learn you will put into practice by dancing right away! This is high energy dancing so dress informal and comfortable. New dancers, now in lessons, please come because every other tip will be at Jamboree level.

- Sunday, March 4th, the New Dancer Jamboree at the Kinton Grange starting at 3:00 until 5:00 so come on out and practice all your new moves!
- Sunday, March 11th, lessons will be held at Stark's Air Port; 3:00-4:30 and rounds from 4:30 to 6:00
- Friday, March 16th, Crazy Hat Dance at Hillsboro 100F Hall at 8:00
- Sunday March 18th, Lessons move to Stark's Air Port at 3:00 until 4:30 and rounds from 4:30 to 6:00

Tri Squares: (Vida Eppich and Carol Roos, Co-Delegates)

We dance on the first Saturday and third Friday of each month at the historic Tigard Grange in Tigard. Terry Halley is our club caller with Jackie Gale cueing on Friday and Doug Hatch on Saturday. We dance year around, except for the July 4th and Labor Day weekends or when the temperature exceeds 90 degrees. Hearing enhancement devices are available. We round dance from 7:30 – 7:45, dance Plus from 7:45 to 8:00 and Mainstream from 8:00 to 10:00 p.m.; the 4th tip will be PLUS. Refreshments are served at 10:00. www.trisquares.com

February has been a very active month for the Tri Squares. The Eager Beavers paid us a visit for our Valentine's Day Dance, and with all of our new club members in attendance we had a full dance floor. The following night 16 Tri-Square club members visited the Valley Squares for their Mardi gras dance. It's been great fun dancing with our new dancers as they build their confidence.

Our annual meeting and election of officers will be on April 15 at Huckabee's BBQ in Newberg. The nominating committee is hard at work, finding volunteers for the open positions.

Our first joint anniversary dance with the Toe Draggers will be on Friday Sept 21 with the Wild Cards calling. The location will be at the West Hills Christian Church, Portland. The rest of the details will be worked out by committee.

Les Seeley will be our guest caller with all singing calls on March 3. Terry Halley will be back for our Irish Fling on March 16, with Jackie Gale cueing.

Valley Squares: (Karen Martiny and Dorothy Reed, Delegates) (effective January 7, 2012)

Dance 1st and 3rd Saturdays at the Aloha Grange on the corner of 185th and TV Hwy. Plus with Intermediate and Phase Two rounds from 7-8 p.m. Mainstream and Phase Two rounds from 8-10 p.m. with Plus tip following. Refreshments at 10 p.m. Chuck Garner caller, Connie Clark cuer. www.valleysquares.com.

Our February dances were even more fun than usual. The "Chocolate, Hearts & Flowers" theme was very popular. Les Seeley co-called with Chuck and Renee Ruud participated in some singing calls, too. Several squares of Hoedowners visited us and we were tickled to have all of them as well as all of our other wonderful guests. A great time was had by all! We kept the fun going with our "Mardi Gras" dance on February 18. The decorations were beautiful with lots of blue, green and gold. Many thanks to the decorating team. You did a great job. Beads, masks and balloons were in abundance!

We're not slowing down at all in March. Everyone is invited to wear their club outfits/colors at our first dance on March 3. Then of course we'll be dancing right on St. Patrick's Day with "Wearin' o' the Green" so dress appropriately for that one!