



Tualatin Valley Council (TVC) 2020-01-27

Meeting was held at Old Spaghetti Factory,
18925 NW Tanasbourne Drive, Hillsboro, OR 97124
The meeting started about 6:50 and adjourned about 7:50

<http://www.tualatinvalleycouncil.org>

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Attendees:

Delegates:

Columbia River Dancers: Gary and Judi Furguson (Judi absent)
Eager Beavers: Leslie Tallman, John Semm
Hayshakers: Judy Martin, Ken Marifke
Hoedowners: Mike Duyck, Doug Morgan
Mix N Mingles: Rick and Robin Faltersack (both absent)
Oak Hills Squares: Marie Clem
R Square D: Mary McDaniel, Marv Pope (Marv absent)
Sunset Promenaders: Steve LeBlanc, Dan Browning
Toe Draggers: Linda Curtis
Tri Squares: Judy Groom, Deb Mandeville (Deb absent)
Valley River Dancers: Jan Amerson, Perrin Damon
Valley Squares: Julie Cooper, Dorothy Reed
Wave Steppers: Bob Allen

Officers, Elected & Appointed:

President: Mike St. Clair
Treasurer: Tom Sminia
State Delegate: Josie Rosenbury
Past-President of the TVC: Dale Brabham (absent)
PAC Representative: Erin Kalmbach
Oregon Federation Youth Advisor: Kathy Roberts (absent)
Caller Advisor: K.C. Curtis
TVC Webmaster: Tim Roberts (absent)
Vice-President: Judy Schnase
Secretary: Andis Garuts
Sunshine Chair: Tammy LeBlanc
Cuer Advisor: Randy Lewis (absent)
OFN Area Editor: Ferrous Steinka

Visitors Attending:

Hilary Barrett (Oak Hills Squares)
Terry Browning (Sunset Promenaders)
Karyn Buchheit (President, Oregon Federation)
Gary Clark (Sunset Promenaders)
Joyce Clark (Sunset Promenaders)
Lane Clem (Oak Hills Squares)
Pete Cooper (Valley Squares)
Dan Damon (Toe Draggers, Valley River Dancers)
Sally Duyck (Eager Beavers, Hoedowners)
Becky Eastman (Oak Hills Squares)
Gary Hahn (Sunset Promenaders)
Bette Hahn (Sunset Promenaders)
Alice Hendricks (Eager Beavers, Tri Squares)
Garrett Hoerer (Valley Squares)
Amy Hoffert (Oak Hills Squares)
Melissa James (Columbia River Dancers)
Linda Kitchin (Oak Hills Squares)
Clay McCaw (Hoedowners, Sunset Promenaders)
Kelly McCaw (Hoedowners, Sunset Promenaders)

Rachel Nettleton (Eager Beavers)
Dianne Pratt (Sunset Promenaders)
Kay Rogers (Chairman, 2020 OR Summer Festival)
Candy St. Clair (Sunset Promenaders)
Anne Scott (Oak Hills Squares)
Carolene Siebert (Valley Squares)
Janice Sminia (Sunset Promenaders)
Leonard Snodgrass (Cuer)
Karen Steinka (Eager Beavers, Hoedowners)
Chris Stover (Hoedowners)
Floyd Wolf (Sunset Promenaders)
Chet Wolter (Hoedowners, Valley Squares)

TVC Officer Reports:

Previous Council meeting minutes approved as written.

President's report: (Mike St. Clair) If you have been a President or past President of any TVC club, please stand up. Also, if you have ever held any board position in any TVC club, please stand up. Also, do not forget our callers and cuers.

Vice President's report: (Judy Schnase)

I hate to report that we are losing money on our TVC dances because of poor attendance. We need to take this seriously as this is our only income for the TVC.

Some changes need to be made to our dance format. I would like to change the time of the dances next year. I think we should start at 7 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. with rounds and 7:30 to 9:30 Mainstream with every third tip Plus with a break at the end of the dance.

We also need to change the time of the New Years Eve Dance and keep it the same every year. If we make it like a normal dance instead of longer hours, we will not have to pay the caller and cuer more. I think that a good time would be to start with rounds at 8 until 8:30, then Mainstream from 8:30 until 10:30, every third tip Plus with the break at the end with a sparkling cider toast. Another thought would be to start at 7 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. with rounds, and 7:30 to 9:30 Mainstream with every third tip Plus with a break at the end of the dance. It seems that not many want to dance until midnight anymore. Our New York time on New Years is at 9:00. It is important that we take this back to the Clubs and discuss this.

I know that this is short notice, but I would like the TVC to make a Visitation to the PAC Dance this Friday night. Darrell Kalmbach is calling and Tami Helms is cueing. I hear that the PAC dances have been real small and I think it would be a good thing to show our support to our caller and that we can cross the river.

Judy Schnase
TVC Vice President

Treasurer's report: (Tom Sminia)
See handouts in File box.

Secretary report: (Andis Garuts) No report.

State Delegates report: (Josie Rosenbury)

Tami Helms and Tim Keck were the recipients of the 2020 Randall Award. The TVC vote was for them.

The PAC may “copy” the TVC with having their clubs co-host the PAC dances, with the opportunity to make a profit for the clubs.

The Mid-Winter Festival last weekend had about 900 participants in attendance. There are 65 Federated clubs in Oregon. 1,890 total membership that have insurance. The TVC is the largest Council with 13 clubs.

The Mid-Winter Festival in 2021 will be from January 22 to 24.

The tentative dates for Summer Festival 2021 are July 2 and 3.

PAC report: (Erin Kalmbach)

PAC has a 5th Friday dance this Friday, Jan. 31 at the Milwaukie Community Club. Plus starts at 7:00 and Mainstream at 7:30. Dress with the colors of your favorite football team. Darrell Kalmbach calling and Tami Helms cueing.

OFSRDC Publicity and Education Report: (Kathy Roberts) Absent, and no report.

OFSRDC Youth Report: (Kathy Roberts) Absent, and no report.

Past TVC President report: (Dale Brabham) (absent) (Gary Clark presented the report.)

We would like for everybody here to consider volunteering for TVC office. The TVC's Practices and Procedures documents lists the duties and obligations for each of the TVC Offices. Delegates, you have been to many of our TVC meetings, and each of you could step right in to any of our Offices. Mike will take first nominations tonight.

Sunshine report: (Tammy LeBlanc)

I still am looking for club rosters for:

Columbia River Dancers

Hayshakers

Mix 'n' Mingle

Tri Squares

Valley Squares

Wavesteppers

Sent a get well card to Jim Hattrick and a condolence card to Dianne Pratt.

Tammy LeBlanc

OFN Area Editor Report: (Ferrous Steinka) No report.

Webmaster report: (Tim Roberts) Absent, and no report.

Old Business:

Kay Rogers: The **Summer Festival** in 2020 will be in Seaside, in August. The Festival will be held in a wonderful place this year. Casual dress during the day. One of our callers at the Festival will be giving away records to anyone who wants them. The Caller's Class at the Festival is for everybody. Please consider making this your vacation for the summer, if you can't, we understand. Please take the Festival flyers back to your clubs.

2019 TVC wrap-up: (Mike St. Clair) It was a great pleasure to dance with everyone here. I hope we have an even better 2020. Congratulations to everyone in the TVC, you all did a great job.

A TVC **Ambassador Badge** was presented to Robert Allen.

New Business:

Nominations for 2020-2021 TVC offices:

President: Mike St. Clair
Vice President: Judy Schnase (Judy declined)
Secretary: Andis Garuts (Andis accepted)
Treasurer: Tammy LeBlanc (Tammy accepted)
State Delegate: Josie Rosenbury
Alternate State Delegate: No nominations

Club Delegate Reports:

Columbia River Dancers: *(Gary and Judi Furguson, Delegates) (Judi absent) (Melissa James presented the report)*

Club dances 2nd and 4th Saturdays year round at Hazel Dell Grange, 7509 NE Hazel Dell Ave., Vancouver, WA 98665. The times are 7 to 8 Plus dance, 8-10 Mainstream dance with Jim Hatrick as club caller and cuer. <http://www.ColumbiaRiverDancers.org>

Our Sweethearts Dance will be on February 8. Craig Abercrombie calling and Julie Stiers cueing. Hazel Dell Grange, 7 to 8 Plus, 8 to 10 Mainstream/rounds.

Our 5th Anniversary Dance will be on March 14. Adam Christman calling.

Eager Beavers: *(John Semm and Leslie Tallman, Delegates)*

The Club dances every Monday afternoon, 1:00 to 3:00 p.m., at the Sunset Presbyterian Church, 14986 NW Cornell Road in Beaverton. We dance in the gym, which has an excellent wood floor. Our alternate dance location is the Aloha Grange, 185th and TV Hwy. Daryl Clendenin, caller/cuer on 1st and 5th Mondays, Jim Hatrick, caller/cuer on 3rd Monday, and Darrell Kalmbach and Joyce Hooper, caller/cuer on 2nd and 4th Mondays. For additional information call 503-645-2414.

<http://www.eagerbeavers.info>

Beginning with our first dance in December, on December 2nd, we began our dances with squares at 1:00 (a change from beginning our dance with Phase 3 and 4 rounds). Every third set of rounds is a Phase 3 or 4. Announcements are at 2:30, followed by one last tip for the day. However, this schedule will again change when we begin our plus classes on February 10th. We will have our class from 12-1:15, then our regular dance from 1:15-3:00. If you know anyone interested in learning plus or wanting a little review, we would welcome them at our class. Our three excellent callers will be instructing.

The New Year's Eve dance was once again a wonderful dance. Darrell Kalmbach and Sherri Clark did a great job of helping us welcome in the New Year.

Several of our members attended the Mid-Winter Festival in Albany and joined the Sunset Promenaders in the wonderful tribute to Ken Pratt, dancing to "Head Over Boots," a round dance choreographed by Ken. What a great way to honor an excellent round dance cuer and a great friend to us all.

The "Green Team" was at Mid-Winter, selling ribbons for the 2020 Summer Festival in Seaside. They also did a short skit on Friday evening at the after party. The Beavers and the Hoedowners continue to advertise wherever they go.

Hayshakers: *(Judy Martin and Ken Marifke, Delegates)*

Hayshakers are now dancing the 3rd and 5th Fridays from 7:00 to 9:30 p.m. Mark Wheeler caller & cuer. Dance is at the Pacific Grange, 90475 Hwy 101, Cullaby Lake, at Warrenton, OR. Be sure to call first to make sure we have enough people for a dance. 503.325.8109, 503.861.2726, 503.325.2100.

<http://www.hayshakers.org>

We are continuing with Square dance Lessons on Sundays at 3:00 p.m. at the Pacific Grange with Mark Wheeler instructor. First lesson is free and then \$2.per lesson.

The dance has been mostly called because low attendance and the weather.

Dance on Jan 31 has been Cancelled.

When the weather becomes better more people will be able to come out to dance and we hope to see you there.

Check our web page for more information: <http://hayshakers.org/>

Hoedowners: *(Doug Morgan and Mike Duyck, 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 Randy Lewis. Pre-Plus and Intermediate Rounds will be called from 7:00-8:00 and Mainstream from 8:00-10:00. Our format is informal and friendly.

<http://www.hoedowners.info>

Our Valentines Day Dance will be on February 8. It is also our Black White and Sparkle dance. We will be heavily promoting the Summer Festival in August.

Mix N Mingle: *(Rick and Robin Faltersack, Delegates) (both absent)*

Club dances Plus at the Winona Grange (8340 Seneca Street, Tualatin, OR) on 1st and 3rd Saturdays. Pre-Rounds begin at 7:30 PM and Plus & Rounds from 8:00 – 10:30 PM. The door donation is \$5 for members and \$6 for non-members. Randy Dibble is our club Caller and Jeanine Norden our club Cuer. www.mixandminglesquares.org

No report.

Oak Hills Squares: *(Marie Clem. Delegate)*

Oak Hills Squares meet on Monday evenings at the Oak Hills Recreation Center on 153rd and Oak Hills Drive (2400 NW 153rd Avenue, Beaverton). 6:30 to 7:30 Class (start dates -Sept and February) 7:30 to 8:30 Mainstream (6:30 to 8:30 when no classes running). 1st Monday of each month from 7:30 to 9 Mainstream Singing calls and Rounds. Lane Clem is our Caller and Cuer on the 1st, 2nd and 4th Mondays; Renee Ruud is our Caller on the 3rd and 5th Mondays. Taped cues on those days.

<http://myplace.frontier.com/~ferrouss/OakHillsSDC.htm>

Our class graduation on January 6 was an adventure: there was dancing in the dark with flashlights, and in paper bag "overshoes" before the certificates were given. Then we enjoyed the Trivia Dance, where lots of prizes were given for a correct answer to a trivia question. Prizes included Smarties, and Uno Bars – appropriate prizes for smart answers.

Our club is going dark for the Presidents Potluck and meeting so our members who are new to square dancing world can experience how the TVC Meetings are run and also meet TVC reps and dancers from other clubs.

Seven of our members enjoyed dancing at Mid-Winter; for some it was their first Festival Dance.

The first Monday in February, the 3rd, will be our Groundhog Day Dance, where 'groundhog' (sausages) will be part of the refreshments. Come to see other ways this rather overlooked special day will be celebrated, while we watch for Punxsutawney Phil.

On February 8 we will do a demo at Laurel Parc Retirement Village, where one of our members is the Activity Director.

Our next beginners class will start on February 10 from 6:30 to 7:30. New dancers will be accepted on the first three Mondays.

Our Anniversary Dance was originally scheduled for June 20; however, we will have to change the date because it is on the same weekend as the Nationals, so we are now looking at another venue to hold the dance in.

Please join TVC's newest club on Mondays from 6:30 to 8:30. The first Monday of the month is our theme dance and continues until 9:00, with Mainstream dancing to all singing calls, Phase 2 rounds and open break.

R Square D: *(Mary McDaniel and Marv Pope, Delegates) (Marv absent)*

Dance 2nd Friday and the 4th Saturday from September thru May; June thru August dance 2nd and 4th Wednesday at the Kelso Senior Center (106 NW 8th Ave, Kelso, WA). Plus with intermediate rounds from 7 to 8; 8 to 9:30 Mainstream/rounds with refreshments after the dance. Craig Abercrombie is the caller and Lonnie Sycks is our Cuer. Our website is www.r-square-d.info Call 360-431-7553 or 360-636-3358 for more information.

Our next dance will be on February 7: it will be our Valentines Dance.

We also have a dance on the fourth Saturday in February. Craig Abercrombie, caller; Lonnie Sycks, cuer.

We have 8 new dancers in our lessons. Wednesday nights from 6 to 9 p.m.

The club is in a transition stage, we will be voting for new officers soon.

We have donated a basket to the Mid-Winter Festival.

Sunset Promenaders: *(Steve LeBlanc and Dan Browning, Delegates)*

Mainstream Dance 1st & 3rd Saturdays. Dances starts at 6:30 with Intermediate Rounds, and then 7:30-9:30 is the Mainstream dance with a Plus Tip at the end. Caller is Mike (Julie) Stout; Cuer is Ken (Diane) Pratt. The Club also has a Plus dance on the 1st, 3rd, and 5th Thursday of the month. These dances starts at 7:00 with Intermediate Rounds and at 7:30-9:30 is a Plus dance with Darrell Kalmbach calling and Ken Pratt cueing. We dance in Hillsboro at the Odd Fellows Hall Upstairs on the corner of 3rd & Main Streets above LaHaies. More information call 503-848-3841 or www.sunsetpromenaders.com

We dance Mainstream the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of each month at the IOOF hall. The hall is located in Hillsboro on the corner of 3rd and Main Streets. Mike Stout calling and Julie Stout cueing.

Promenaders plus dance the 1st, 3rd and 5th Thursdays of each month. Darrell Kalmbach calling and Tami Helms cueing.

The cuers for both mainstream and plus have graciously stepped in to help us fill the great void until we can hire a permanent cuer.

Our next couple of mainstream dances are February 1 with a theme of Mardi Gras. Then on February 15th with a theme of Valentines.

Promenaders Plus dance this Thursday the 30th, then February 6th and 20th.

We finished our 4th week of lessons yesterday and it looks like we're going to have about 15 students with 5 of them being youth. Lessons are at p.m. to 6 p.m. Sundays.

We will be having a Celebration of Life Dance to honor Ken Pratt, Sunday, February 9.

2:00 pm MIXED LEVEL ROUNDS WITH PLUS

3:00 pm MIXED LEVEL ROUNDS WITH M.S.

(We'll dance as long as the spirit moves us!)

FEATURING ROUNDS CHOREOGRAPHED BY KEN & DIANNE

Toe Draggers: (*Linda Curtis, Delegate*)

Dance at the Kinton Grange on the 1st Friday 7:30-8:00 Pre-Rounds, 8:00 to 10:00 Mainstream (3rd tip Plus) and on the 3rd Friday 7:30-8:00 Plus, 8:00 to 10:00 Mainstream with the last tip Plus. Caller is K.C. Curtis; and Cuer is Bev Flint. Kinton Grange is at 19015 SW Scholls Ferry Rd., Beaverton, 97007. www.toedraggers.org

The Toe Draggers have finished our lessons and are happy to add 3 new Toe Draggers to our roster.

One of our new members is the granddaughter of long time members. What a delight to have her in our class.

The Toes were planning on starting Round Dance lessons this month but our cuer had some health issues and the club will start lessons latter in the spring when she is feeling better. So stay tuned.

The Toe Draggers dance every 1st and 3rd Fridays at the Kinton Grange. Our Caller is K.C. Curtis and our Cuer is Bev Flint. Come see us!

Tri Squares: (*Judy Groom and Deb Mandeville, Delegates*) (*Deb absent*)

We dance on the second and fourth Friday of each month at the historic Tigard Grange in Tigard. Terry Halley is our club Caller with Sandra Pinion Cueing. We dance from September to June. We are dark in July and August. 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

We continue to have our dances on the 2nd and 4th Fridays, at the Tigard Grange. Rounds are from 7:30-7:45, Plus from 7:45-8:00, and Mainstream from 8:00 till 10:00, with every 4th tip Plus. Refreshments are served at 10:00.

Our February 14th dance is our Mardi Gras Masquerade Ball, with a Valentines touch too. And, we will be dark on February 28 so that we can visit the Valley River Dancers Birthday Dance that evening.

Our March dances are March 13th which is the 'Wearing O' The Green' dance, for St Patrick's day, and our March 27 dance is our 'Rat Pack' dance, honoring the music of the 'Rat Pack'Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin and Sammy Davis Jr.

We hope you can join us, and look forward to seeing you all on the dance floor.

Valley River Dancers: (*Jan Amerson and Perrin Damon, Delegates*)

We dance Plus on 2nd Fridays, and Mainstream on 4th Fridays in Newberg at the Chehalem Community Center, located on the corner of 2nd and Howard Streets. We dance 'A' on 5th Saturdays at the Woodburn Senior Estates Community Club. Randy Dibble is our Caller. Ken Pratt cues 2nd Friday; Sherri Clark cues 4th Friday. www.valleyriverdancers.org

We have a new Facebook page, and we are also advertising on this page.

We graduated three new dancers in December, and they all joined the club.

Mainstream classes will be starting on February 4 or 11. We have gone to a new format where the students pay for the entire set of lessons in advance.

Our Plus dance this month will be on the 14th, with a Loosy Goosy Sweetheart theme (love songs).

On February 28 we will be holding our 20th Birthday Dance.

Our Advanced workshops are ongoing, 8 p.m. on Tuesdays.

Our next Advanced dance will be on February 29 in Woodburn.

77 percent of our club membership attended the Mid-Winter Festival.

If you are interested in Plus lessons in the summer, or A lessons in the fall, please let us know.

Valley Squares: *(Julie Cooper and Dorothy Reed, Delegates)*

Dance 3rd Saturdays at the Aloha Grange on the corner of 185th and TV Hwy, year-round.

Mainstream at class level with rounds from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Plus with rounds from 8:30 to 9:30 p.m., dances will end around 9:30 p.m.. Open break with refreshments starting at 8 p.m. Guest callers, Connie Clark Cuer. www.valleysquares.com

Our Beginner lessons will be starting on February 4, at the Aloha Grange. 7 p.m. Our lessons on February 4 and 11 are free for everybody.

We will be having our Valentines Soup Dance on Saturday, February 15. Soup dinner downstairs at 6:30 p.m., dancing at 7. Mainstream/rounds from 7 to 8:30, Plus/rounds from 8:30 to 9:30-ish. Open break for desserts. Caller will be Craig Abercrombie, cuer will be Connie Clark.

Wave Steppers: *(Bob Allen, Delegate)*

Dance 2nd Saturday March through October. The dance is Mainstream, with one PLUS tip, every second tip at the Garibaldi City Hall (107 6th Street, Garibaldi, OR 97118) from 7:00 to 9:30 PM with guest Callers.

We have been dark since the Wednesday before Thanksgiving.

Our next lessons will start on March 11. Hopefully we will enough students to continue with lessons.

We will be having our first dance this year on March 14, we have nine dances this year.

Presentation of the TVC Recognition Award: *(Mike St. Clair)*

The 2019 TVC Outstanding Contribution Recognition Award was presented to Ken and Dianne Pratt.

Congratulations to Ken and Dianne Pratt. Ken and Dianne have received this award because of many things, but I feel that they deserve this special award because of all of the work they have done to make round dance a special place in our lives. I feel they have gone beyond just being instructors of round dance, they have become a part of our lives in so many ways. I am so very sorry that Ken is not able to be here to share this with Dianne, but I know he is looking down on us right now, and is proud to have been a big part of this group of people tonight and a big part of those lives that they have touched.

Ken and Dianne have been square and round dancing together for many years, in fact, since the early 1990s, but they started their career as cuers in 2003. Ken and Dianne have been partners this whole time, and they have taught hundreds, if not thousands of people to round dance, from Phase II to some of the highest levels of round dance. They have traveled all over the state to promote and teach round dancing. They have been involved in most of the festivals that we have, along with being very involved with the junior dancers. They have always been willing to be part of what's going on with the TVC and the clubs all over the state.

My wife and I have only known Ken and Dianne for about four years, but in that time period they have been a very important part of our lives within the club and the lessons that we stumbled through. I observed that both of them have been about making us better dancers and are willing to take the extra time to teach beyond just classes. My personal experience has been even though I can't tell which direction to go next, they haven't given up on me.

Ken and Dianne have taken many of us out on the floor, and made us feel like there's a chance we might be able to learn this. They have done this because they care and want people to love it as much as they do, and we thank them for that.

Ken and Dianne have promoted round dance all over the state, and are well known for their abilities to teach all levels of round dance, and many times have showcased what it really should look like on the floor.

You must know that most of this was written before Ken passed. So it seems as though he is here with us, he is, and we will not forget what Ken and Dianne have done for us. I do not want to make this a sad moment, but there is going to be a big void in our club and in the round dance community with Ken gone, and I hope that Dianne will stay a big part of our lives to help fill that void. Some of us are just square dancers, and some of us are just round dancers, and some of us are both. But I think that we have all been touched by Ken and Dianne at one time or another. So I just want to say thank you for what you have done for us.

Mike St. Clair, TVC President

Good of the Order:

Judy Schnase: The next **TVC Dance** will be on Saturday, February 29. Aloha Grange. Adam Christman calling, Joyce Hooper cueing.

Flyers in file box.

Next TVC Meeting:

Monday, February 24, at 7:00 p.m. at the Old Spaghetti Factory, 18925 NW Tanasbourne Drive, Hillsboro, OR 97124. If you wish to eat a meal prior to the meeting, the room is available after 5:45 and you can order from the full menu.

Respectfully edited and published by Andis Garuts, TVC Secretary