



Tualatin Valley Council (TVC)

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COUNCIL MEETING

May 22, 2011

Called to order at: 7:30PM

Attendees:

Officers:

Judy Schnase and Debra Welch (Pres.); Debra Welch and Ron Dobias (V. Pres.); Lalani Radford (Treas.); Mary T. Withers (Sec.); Mike Duyck (State Delegate); Dorothy Sullivan (Sunshine Chairman); Tom Sminia (Parliamentarian); Mark Bendickson (Website 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)

Outgoing/Incoming Delegates:

Carolyn Hindman (Coast Swingers); Nell Killebrew (Coast Swingers); Michael McMullen (Coast Swingers); Naomi Coorengel (Eager Beavers); Jim Rogers (Eager Beavers); Ferrous Steinka (Eager Beavers); Sylvia Davis (Hayshakers); Kathy Worthington (Hayshakers); Marian Kehoe (Hoedowners); Karen Steinka (Hoedowners); Patty Bonney (Mix 'N Mingle); Linda Sycks (R Square D); Lonnie Sycks (R Square D); Joyce Clark (Sunset Promenaders); Janice Sminia (Sunset Promenaders); Peggy Lance (Toe Draggers); Natalie Schumacher (Toe Draggers); Jim/Bonnie Steele (Toe Draggers); Carol Roos (Tri Squares); Karen Martiny (Valley Squares); Dorothy Reed (Valley Squares)

Visitors: Sylvia Duncan (Eager Beavers Pres.); Carolene Ginocchio (Valley Squares Pres.); Garrett Hoerer (Valley Squares); Bill Siebert (Valley Squares); Ray Sullivan (Sunset Promenaders); John Withers (Hoedowners); Dale Worthington (Hayshakers); Kay Rogers (OR Fed Insurance Chair & Eager Beavers)

Note: The Newly Elected 2011-2012 Officers assumed their positions after the Officer/Committee Reports and Old Business. The "Attendance" information reflects this information.

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 July 25, 2011 meeting to Mary T. Withers john.mary.withers@gmail.com .	Before July 25, 2011
All	June Meeting Cancelled. The June meeting is cancelled to allow new committees to work on projects. The July meeting will be held on July 25, 2011.	July 25, 2011
All Delegates	July Meeting – Come One Hour Early. All delegates will meet at the Pizza Caboose at 6:30 in order to participate in a Delegate Training discussion. If you wish to eat, please come early enough to order your food in plenty of time to participate at 6:30.	July 25, 2011
Judy Schnase	TVC Name Tags, Dangles and Bars. Judy will order all the new name tags for the new officers and delegates and present them at the July meeting.	July 25, 2011
Presidents of: Mix 'n Mingle, Tri Squares and Valley Squares	Note: This is a carry-over item from the May meeting, Complete the "Club Information Form" on the Oregon Federation website http://www.squaredance.gen.or.us/ .	June 1, 2011
Delegates Presidents Mary T. Withers	Club Needs Survey. Meet with your board/club members to discuss your club needs and complete the paper survey or the online survey. Email or send the results to Mary T. Withers: john.mary.withers@gmail.com ; Mary T. Withers, 7746 SW 189 th Avenue, Aloha, OR 97007. (See Attachment #2.)	July 1, 2011
Delegates Presidents	Reduce Calendar Conflicts – Anniversary Dances. All clubs should carefully plan their special dances, such as their Anniversary Dances, in order to select dates that allow TVC clubs to attend. Last year, the Toe Draggers and Tri Squares had their Anniversary Dances on the same date – September 17 th . Anniversary Dance Dates will need to be decided by July 1 st , in order for placement into the TVC Directory. (See more information and suggestions under "New Business – TVC Calendar.")	July 1, 2011

Action Items

Carolene Ginocchio & All Presidents	TVC President's Meeting. Carolene Ginocchio (Valley Squares President) plans to hold a TVC President's Meeting and discuss issues, including scheduling dances to enhance each club.	
Delegates Presidents	Rosters. Email your current Club Roster to Dorothy Sullivan or bring to the July meeting <sewnthings@frontier.com>. The rosters allow Dorothy to have the necessary information to send "Sunshine Notes" to club members. Dorothy keeps all the information confidential.	
Debra Welch Ron Dobias Ferrous Steinka Mary T. Withers	Hahn Barn Dance. Send the Hahn Barn Dance Flyer to Ferrous Steinka to place an ad in the OFN. Because the Hahn Barn Dance is a Subscription Dance, Vivian Fairburn will only charge TVC half the usual charge.	June 1, 2011
All Delegates	Hahn Barn Dance. Encourage club members to attend the July 30, 2011 Barn Dance. Display flyer in your hall, that Debra Welch will mail to you, or print attachment #3.	June 15, 2011
Debra	Suggested Agenda Items for July 25, 2011 Meeting: (1) Delegate Training; (2) Questionnaire Results; (3) Hahn Barn Dance; (4) Randall Award	July 25, 2011

CORRECTION/ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

The April 25, 2011 minutes were approved.

OFFICER REPORTS

President's Report: Judy Schnase

Thank you, all out-going Officers and Delegates. This has been a wonderful year and I thank you for your help and support. The Incoming Officers and Delegates will be introduced after "Old Business".

Secretary Report: Mary T. Withers

Earlier this year, the Sminia's arranged for a TVC Financial Audit by Barbi Ashwill. Lalani gave her a small honorarium to thank her for her work. Barbi voided our check and sent it back, as she did not want to take any money for what she did and indicated she was very happy to assist TVC with the audit.

Treasurer's Report: Lalani Radford

TVC Account Balances as of 5/23/2011:

	BEGINNING BALANCE		1002.82
	INCOME	Tri-Council Dance	2,284.00
	TOTAL EXPENSES		1,394.06
	ENDING BALANCE		1,892.76
	Summary		
	Cash Box		30.00
	Checking		1892.76
	Savings		9,552.85
	Total		11,475.61

Vice-President Report: Debra Welch

249 dancers attended the Tri Council Dance; we grossed \$939. TVC had 133 members attending, which was a wonderful turnout. There were 25 Independent dancers, 46 PAC members, and 45 Evergreen Council dancers. Hoedowners had the highest percentage of TVC dancers participating with 32 danc-

ers and Sunset Promenaders in second place, with 21 dancers. Thank you, everyone, for a job very well done!

TVC State Delegate: Mike Duyck

The State meeting was held May 14th in Bend, Oregon. My notes from that meeting follow:

- The 2011 Winter Festival was successful with the State and the council each netting \$1,750.00.
- The OFN now has 847 subscribers. The Birthday (Anniversary) dance ads are free for each club. The OFN will run the banner inventory of each club all summer, if submitted.
- The dance for Adaptive Riding received \$1,614 and 100 plus dancers were present.
- Randall award nominees are due to Lee Ashwill by May 28th.
- The State Historian, Zola, would like to have photos and obsolete banners bought to the summer festival and turned in for our history file.
- Kathy Roberts needs to have a report from each club on the youth in each club.
- The State fair has 5 demos this year. Tony Haskins is the contact. TVC used Ferrous Steinka for our coordinator last year.
- The summer State meeting will be at Reynolds HS at 9:15 am on July 10th.
- Oregon councils with no clubs will no longer have a vote at State meetings but will be retained for future development. They will not host any State meetings.
- Grant fund requests will be submitted to the grant fund committee, who will recommend grants to the State. Grants are to be no more than 50% of the expense and the request must show the other 50% has come from fund raising or council/club donations.
- A new caller grant was made of \$400 to Kippon Perot (sp.?). This is to attend class at Circle 8 this summer with total expenses of about \$1,200 including food and housing. He has already raised about \$550 of the funds needed.
- Clubs or councils hosting State meetings should notify all area club presidents and officers and invite other federated persons to attend.
- Umpqua Council made a request for funds to pay callers for their county fair. This was turned down as other callers attend the state fair and county fairs and call for only free admission. National callers or festival callers are paid for calling but not for demonstration work.
- One of the new caller students is receiving caller instruction from Jim Swenson in Walla Walla. The Blue Mountain/Eastern Oregon council is seeking information on the proper way to obtain funding for this new caller. They were referred to the P&Ps and to proceed thru their council.
- The expense reimbursement to members and ambassadors was sent to committee for review. \$20 housing and \$0.30 per mile hasn't been updated in 8 to 10 years.
- Daryl Clendenin is trying to encourage new callers in the Oregon. He has a caller's school every year.
- Jim and Kay Rogers, Blue Mountain, is sponsoring a weekend dance April 6 to 8 in Pendleton.
- Mid Willamette is the host for the September State meeting.
- The Braids and Braves are holding 1 dance per month until their funds improve.
- Chuck Garner is new caller for Oaky Doaks.
- Diamond Lake will feature Daryl Clendenin this year.
- Summer Festival needs dancers for showcase of rounds.
- Suggestion for recruiting new dancers: Attend the medical center seminars and meetings to suggest square dancing as a means of exercise and mental stimulation. The age group that attends is the major source of new dancer students.
- The Coquille's "Sets-In-Order" will have their 65th Birthday Dance on October 8, 2011 at the Coquille Community Building. Featured will be the Guest Caller is Bob Ewing and Cuer Denise Harris. Rounds will be at 7:30 PM, Squares at 8:00 PM and a Potluck at 10:30. For more information call, Alvis Glock 541-396-3562.

OFN Area Editor: Ferrous Steinka

We have two new members joining the TVC club reporters for the OFN. For the TriSquares, Marguerite Morin is replacing Carol Roos. For the Sunset Promenaders, Laura Castien has

replaced Joyce Clark. Thank you Carol and Joyce for your timely and well-constructed reports. I really appreciate your efforts. For the R Square D, Chris Seward has been filling in for Arlene Evanson, as Arlene plays in the sun in Arizona.

Here is the current list of the TVC's OFN reporting team: Coast Swingers – Michael McMullen; Eager Beavers – Rachel Nettleton; Hay Shakers – Sylvia Davis; Hoedowners – Joyce White; Mix 'N Mingle – Patty Bonney; R Square D – Arlene Evanson; Sunset Promenaders – Laura Castien; Toe Draggers – Peggy Hults; Tri-Squares – Marguerite Morin; Valley Squares – Karen Martiny; OFN Area Editor – Ferrous Steinka.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Sunshine Chair: Dorothy Sullivan

The following people received notes:

Get Well Cards sent to:

- Linda Curtis was in the Hospital (Toe Draggers – Wife of Caller).
- Dorothy Reed was in the hospital with a mini stroke and internal bleeding (Valley Squares).
- Bill Cook had a biopsy on his left lung (Valley Squares).
- Lalani Radford had hospital tests to determine if she had a mini stroke and/or was allergic to medicine (Sunset Promenaders).
- Lila Jones' great granddaughter, Stephanie, was in the hospital for over two weeks (Sunset Promenaders).

Thinking of You cards sent to:

Sally Duyck because she fell and injured her arm (Hoedowners).

Perky Kilburn was in a convalescent home prior to her death (Tri Squares).

Sympathy cards sent to:

Lee Kilburn because Perky Kilburn passed away (Tri-Squares).

Wava Dutton because her husband, Lewis, passed away due to complications from congestive heart failure (Hoedowners).

Website Chair: Mark Bendickson www.tualatinvalleycouncil.org

Most of the changes are up on the TVC website, that will reflect the change over of delegates.

REPORTS FROM COURTESY POSITIONS

PAC Delegate to the TVC: Verna France

The PAC is gearing up for the last month before the Summer Festival. Raffle Baskets are being constructed for the Trails End Dance and the Festival itself. I'm sure they'll be as great as what the TVC had at the Tri-Council Dance. I was lucky enough to win one at that dance. I'm still enjoying the goodies and other items that were in it. Thank you! Also thank you for letting the PAC promote its summer festival. Time is getting close and I hope to see all of you there.

We are busy setting up the Star Light Parade event. The Oaky Doaks will be on the first trailer and the Country Cup-ups will ride the second. I don't have the address of where we are setting up yet, but when I do I'll send it to Mary T. and she can put it out to you. The Wild Cards are calling the event. All three will ride in the back of my truck (tight fit)....

The PAC picnic will be on June 20th (6:30pm) at the North Clackamas Park. The Summer Festival Committee will meet for the last time in full forum after the Pot Luck. You all are invited to come and join the fun and visit with friends. Bring your own dishes and a potluck. We do supply the coffee and cream-

ers. This is also when the new officers for the PAC take over their new positions. We always have a lot of fun and great food.

I have received the dates for the State Fair Square Dance agenda. I will put more on that out this coming week. I have 8 clubs that want to dance with only 5 spots available. That will be 1 club (with friends) from the PAC – 1 club (with friends) from the TVC – 1 club (with friends) from the Umpqua Council – 1 club (with friends) from the Willamette Council – and Kathy Roberts (youth activities coordinator) and the Teen/Youth Dance Groups.

The Oaky Doaks have purchased a beautiful trophy to be passed around from club to club within the PAC. It will be presented to the PAC Club that has the largest percentage of members at the summer festival in July. That club will have its name put on the Brass Plate and will keep it for 2 months. That club will then issue a challenge to all the other clubs to come and win it at a dance they designate. Whoever wins it at that challenge will then put their name on the Brass Plate and keep it for 2 months. They, in turn; will then issue another challenge for someone to come and win it from them. Eugene and Bonnie Ivy presented it at the PAC meeting on Monday the 16th. Very nice of the Oaky Doaks to spend their time and money in getting this started – hoping to increase visitations from the other clubs. Thank you Oaky Doaks...

OLD BUSINESS

Oregon Federation Website: Club Information Form (Mary T. Withers)

Thanks, goes to the Coast Swingers, Eager Beavers, Hayshakers, Hoedowners, R Square D, Sunset Promenaders, and Toe Draggers for filling in the *Club Information Form* on the Oregon Federation Website. Mix 'n Mingle, Tri Squares and Valley Squares still need to do so. Filling in this form is very important, so that we have the correct information for our *TVC Directory* and the *TVC Sign-In Contact List*.

NEW BUSINESS

- **State Dues** (Lalani Radford)

Following the meeting, all clubs had paid their State Dues.

- **TVC Badges/Name Tags/Position Bars for New Officers/ Delegates** (Judy Schnase)

Judy will order new badges, nametags and position bars for delegates and officers needing them.

- **Committee Chairs** (Debra Welch)

Following is a list of the TVC Appointed Officers:

Finance Chair: Gary Clark; OFN Reporter: Ferrous Steinka; Parliamentarian: Tom Sminia; Sunshine: Dorothy Sullivan; Governance Documents: Mary T. Withers; PAC Del to TVC: Verna France; Alt PAC Del to TVC: Linda Curtis; Dance Chair (Ron Dobias); Calendar Committee: (Mary T. Withers/Debra Welch); TVC Directory (Ron Dobias); Caller Advisor: K.C. Curtis; Cues Advisor: Connie Clark.

- **TVC Calendar** (Debra Welch)

Debra Welch has formed a committee to work on producing a TVC Calendar, that illustrates TVC due dates and club dance information. One of her objectives is to reduce calendar conflicts, so that clubs can more readily attend each other's Anniversary Dances. She pointed out that last year the Toe Draggers and Tri Squares had their Anniversary Dance on the same night – September 17th. She asked attendees to brain-storm ideas to maximize club participation at Anniversary Dances.

1. Carolene Ginocchio (Valley Squares President): Valley Squares, who normally dance on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays, moved their Anniversary Dance to a 2nd Friday, a night which conflicted with only one other club.
2. Ray Sullivan (Sunset Promenaders). If you plan a dance on a Friday, then some dancers will have to attend two dances in a row - one on Friday and one of Saturday.
3. Linda Curtis (Toe Draggers). She suggested that the Tri Squares and Toe Draggers get to-

gether and try to resolve the scheduling conflict.

4. Carolene Ginocchio (Valley Squares President): Plans to hold a TVC President's Meeting and discuss this issue.

- **Door Entrance Fee For TVC Dances** (Debra Welch and Finance Committee)

Debra Welch and the Finance Committee recommended that the door entrance fee for TVC Dances be raised from \$5.00 to \$6.00. Their reasons for doing this are: (1) This will support TVC's goal to be sustainable and balance the budget; (2) TVC will serve as a model so that club dances will feel they can raise their door fees as well. Currently, some clubs are not able to pay for the cost of their dances, with a \$5.00 fee.

K.C. Curtis said this was a good idea, as \$6.00 is still a very inexpensive way to pay for great entertainment. Michael McMullen indicated that the Executive Committee in Washington State were raising their fees to \$7.00 and their special dances to \$10.00.

A motion was made and seconded to: *Raise the TVC Dance Entrance Fees from \$5.00 to \$6.00.* It passed unanimously.

- **Hahn Barn Dance**

Members recommend that the Hahn Barn Dance be advertised in the OFN. Since this is a subscription dance, Vivian Fairburn, OFN Editor, charges half of the usual price.

- **Club Needs Survey** (Mary T. Withers)

A Club Needs Survey was developed. The purpose of this survey is to determine the square and round dancing issues that impact our TVC Clubs. The results from these surveys will be used to structure TVC meetings, so that important issues, identified by clubs, will be discussed and addressed, with the purpose of finding solutions or support.

Clubs were asked to go back to their members and officers, discuss the listed issues and indicate if an issue is (1) No Concern; (2) A Little Concern; (3) A Big Concern; (4) Not Applicable. The results of this survey will be used to plan discussion topics throughout the year.

- **Cancel June Meeting** (Debra Welch)

The TVC Board recommended that the June meeting be cancelled in order that committees could meet to prepare for the year. There are several new committees, with club representatives as part of these committees, that will be spending a lot of time preparing. A large part of this year's efforts is to "Refocus and Strengthen The Role And Involvement of The TVC Delegates, Away From The Club Reporter, To That of A Club Representative, A Communicator Regarding Issues, And A Decision Maker". In order to do this properly, there will be a Delegate Training Session in July, discussing their major responsibilities and expectations. Additionally, it is hoped that clubs spend a valuable amount of time on their *Club Needs Survey*. This information will be summarized at the July meeting and topics for TVC consideration will be prioritized for discussion.

A motion was made and seconded to: *Cancel the June TVC Delegates Meeting, In Order To Allow Sufficient Time for Committee Work.* Ten delegates and Elected Officers voted to cancel the meeting and 2 voted not to cancel the meeting. The motion passed.

- **Delegate Training** (Debra Welch)

A Delegate Training session is scheduled for 6:30 at the July TVC meeting.

- **Vision Statement and Annual Goals** (Debra Welch)

As in-coming President, Debra Welch presented her Vision and Annual Goals:

Vision Statement

The Tualatin Valley Council (TVC) Will Be A Respected, Collaborative, And Productive Organization, Truly Representative Of Member Clubs, And Focused On Supporting Their Needs.

2011-2012 Annual Goals

Budget - Sustainable

1. **The TVC Budget Will Be Sustainable:**
 - a. The *Essential Operating Budget* of \$300.00 (Corporation Fees, State Dues, Website Cost, Sunshine Costs, Operation Costs, Ambassador Badges) Will Be Sustainable Using Club Fees;
 - b. The *Dance Budget* Will Be Sustainable Utilizing Door Fees.

Meetings - Relevant

2. **TVC Meetings Will Focus On Solving Issues That Are Relevant To Clubs By:**
 - a. Refocusing and Strengthening The Role And Involvement of The TVC Delegates, Away From The Club Reporter, To That of A Club Representative, A Communicator Regarding Issues, And A Decision Maker.

Club Needs - Solved

3. **The TVC Board And Club Delegates Will Understand The Specific Needs Of Each Individual Club And Formulate Solutions To Meet Those Needs By:**
 - a. Utilizing The Information Gathered From A Needs Questionnaire
 - b. Discussing Critical Issues and Formulating Solutions Throughout The Year

TVC Dances - Lively

4. **TVC Dances (Excluding The New Year's Eve Dance) Will Be Sustainable, Well Attended By A Minimum of 110 Paying Dancers, And Earn a Minimum of \$250.00, After Expenses Have Been Paid, When:**
 - a. Great Dances With Great Callers and Cuers Are Scheduled
 - b. Club Involvement In Dances Is Encouraged
 - c. Clubs are Awarded A TVC Banner At The TVC and/or Tri-Council Dances

Club Operations- Supported

5. **TVC Will Support the Day-To-Day Operations Of Each Club By:**
 - a. Developing An Annual, One-Page TVC Calendar, Illustrating Important Dates
 - b. Resolving Schedule Conflicts, So That Clubs Can Make More Visitations (e.g. Anniversary Dances)
 - c. Developing A TVC Directory, Including Important Contacts And Club Information
 - d. Updating the Governance Documents: *Constitution, By-Laws* and *Practices & Procedures*

TVC - Visible & Relevant

6. **All TVC Members Will Recognize That TVC Is Supporting Individual Clubs When:**
 - a. A TVC Club Visitation Schedule Is Developed And Followed By TVC Representatives
 - b. Ambassador Badges Are Handed Out At Club Dances
 - c. TVC Representatives Promote TVC Dances
 - d. Clubs Receive A Reimbursement For Advertising for Class Lesson Costs

Future TVC Events

- **7/30/11 (Saturday): TVC's "Hahn Barn Dance and Potluck".** Featuring Roger Putzler (Caller) and Randy Lewis (Cuer). Held at the Hahn Farm, 37280 NW Hahn Road, Banks, OR. Tickets are \$6 for adults, \$3 for youth and a family maximum of \$15. This is a subscription dance; admission will be free for one person with a newly renewed or new subscription. Bring your favorite potluck dinner/dessert to share. Dress is country casual. Potluck: 5:30 PM; Pre-Rounds: 6:30 PM; Mainstream: 7:00 - 9:00 PM.
- **10/29/11 (Saturday): Seaside Sashay.** Held at the Seaside Civic & Convention Center.
- **12/31/11 (Saturday): TVC's New Year's Eve Dance.** Featuring Daryl Clendenin (Caller) and Bev Flint (Cuer).
- **7/8-10/11 (Friday – Saturday): "Rose Promenade" Summer Festival.** Held at Reynolds High School in Troutdale, Oregon (1698 SW Cherry Park Road, Troutdale, OR 97060). Featured are national caller, Deborah Carroll-Jones (Arlington, Texas) and Sharon/Casey Parker (Manteca, CA).

CLUB DELEGATE REPORTS

Coast Swingers: (Nell Killebrew and Michael McMullen, Delegates)

Dance the 2nd and 4th Saturday in Garibaldi. Pre rounds at 7:00 pm; Mainstream 7:30-9:30. Dress is "Coast Casual". Feel free to come in your travel clothes (coast casual). Our Club Caller is Michael McMullen, our associate caller is Janet Shannon, and our club cuer is Connie Clark. We also dance to guest callers and guest cuers. www.coastswingers.com

On May 7th we held our first of four "Taste of Square Dancing", which are co-sponsored by the Tillamook County Library. We had four guests join us for 2 hours of fun dancing from 1-3PM. We held our second "Taste of Square Dancing" on May 14th; all of the dancers who showed up on the 7th came back, plus we had four more guests. Our third and next to last Taste of Square Dancing was on May 21st, we didn't attract any new dancers, but several dancers from the previous two sessions were there. Our 4th and final Library Taste of Square Dancing will be on May 28th.

Janet Shannon and Connie Clark called and cued for our 20th anniversary dance on the evening of May 14th. Several new dancers from the Tastes of Square Dancing joined two squares for a fun evening of dancing. At our club meeting earlier that afternoon Carolyn Hindman was appointed to serve as our 2nd TVC delegate.

Bruce Lowther and Doug Hatch will be calling and cueing our Country Music themed Memorial Day weekend dance on the 28th. So if you are out on the north coast for the weekend, please come join us.

On Friday and Saturday, June 3rd and 4th, we will be having our Spring/Summer Rummage sale at the Tillamook Senior Center. The senior center is on Stillwell across the street from the Tillamook Safeway.

Chuck Garner and Connie Clark will be calling and cueing our Crazy Hats dance on June 11th and Mike and Helen Halley will be calling and cueing our Dads Rock dance on June 25th. Both dances will be at the Garibaldi City Hall. Also on June 25th we will be having a Dairy Days' Taste of Square Dancing from 2-4 PM at the Old Mill RV Park in Garibaldi. Michael McMullen will be calling.

As always attire is coast casual and we're only a 90-minute drive from the Beaverton/Hillsboro area.

Eager Beavers: (Ferrous Steinka and Naomi Coorengel, Delegates)

Dance easy plus in the Elsie Stuhr Center in Beaverton (which features an air conditioner and excellent wood floor) every Monday afternoon, 1:15 to 3:15 PM. 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>

At the May meeting the Eager Beavers celebrated birthdays by bringing cookies, and having the rest of the members sing Happy Birthday. One couple celebrated their 32nd anniversary.

The Beavers love to dance. Members were seen at Norm Yoders Plus Knights on May 5th and 19th. On the 6th Beavers helped the Toe Draggers honor their Randall Award honorees. On the 7th, members got to see Chuck Garner do a "Pole Dance" at the Valley Squares. This was a Beaver visitation. A square from the Sunset Promenaders came to dance, and Chuck did his dance to pay off a challenge. If the Promenaders would come to the dance, Chuck would do a pole dance. On the 14th was the Hoedowners Mother Day Dance. On May 20th, the Tri Squares had their Spring Flower Dance. We had 2 members dancing in Washington, Ariz and California. Two other members traveled to Auckland, New Zealand and Australia. It's a wonder Beavers don't wear out their dancing shoes.

Hayshakers: (Sylvia Davis and Kathy Worthington, Delegates)

Dance Mainstream on the 2nd Friday and Plus on the 4th Friday of each month, except during the summer. Location is at the Wickiup Grange in Svensen, Oregon, 98683 Svensen Market Road (Turn away from the Columbia River at the flashing yellow light in Svensen). Start 6:30 pm to 8:30 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 had our Dine out on Friday. Eight people showed up. The workshop on the the 13th of May had to be canceled. On the 27th of May we are having our last Plus dance until this fall. Hayshakers received our IRS e-Postcard, saying that all is fine.

Hoedowners: (Karen Steinka and David Krause, 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>

Thirty-two Hoedowners traveled to Vancouver for the Tri-Council dance "April in Paris" hosted by TVC. We had the largest percentage as well as the most members in attendance of any club attending the dance. Two of the raffle baskets were won by lucky Hoedowners; Bart Welch took home the "Man Can" & John Withers took home the "Money Tree". Thank you Debra Welch for a well-planned, successful dance.

Aprons were worn in honor of our mothers at our recent Mothers Day dance. Chuck Garner and David Trout helped out by calling a few tips, because Daryl was fighting a cold bug.

Please join us May 28th when Les Seeley will be our guest caller and Randy Lewis our cuer. We will have our usual Plus from 7 to 8 and mainstream from 8 to 10.

May has been a transition month for new officers. The new board will officially take over all duties in June.

June 11th Daryl & Yvonne will be back for our Strawberries and Cream Dance. Hope to see you across a bowl of strawberries.

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>

Les Seeley is calling on June 4th. We are celebrating with red, white, and blue for our July 2 dance: Lots of strawberries, blueberries, and Dan Knierim's homemade ice cream. Casual wear is welcome at our summer dances.

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

Dance 2nd Friday and the 4th Saturday at the Longview Square Dance Center. Pre rounds start at 7:30 PM with mainstream from 8:00 to 10:00 PM 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

May found a few of us up at Prairie Steppers Chicken Dance in Rochester on Saturday the 14th. June 4th we will help Cougar Squares celebrate their 50th Anniversary in Toledo. Friday June 24th we will travel to Olympia to visit Capitol Singles and they will visit us the following night. We had a great Cinco de Mayo dance but broke early for tacos. We are dancing on our regular dance schedule for June and of course all summer dances are casual. This summer Craig plans to do a little more plus, but that depends on how many students are there. If more mainstream or basic students attend he will call to the floor. Talking about Craig & Judy Abercrombie, they are all moved into their new home in St. Helens. At least all the boxes are there. We had a good crew helping that day. Octoberfest is coming along nicely, don't forget to sign up. See you in a square!

Sunset Promenaders: (Joyce Clark and Janice Sminia, 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 Caller is Harold Kleve and our Cuer is Ruth Canby. 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

May has been an outstanding month for the Promenaders! Two great dances, with a visitation from the Hoedowners, completion of Phase 1 & 2 Waltz lessons, and a small class of new Phase 3 "Waltzers" in our club. Thanks to our Cuer Ken and Diane Pratt. Our Caller, Harold and Barbara returned safely from tornado alley and helped make our Maypole dance great. Speaking of Maypole dances, after the challenge by Chuck Garner during announcements at the Toe Dragers dance, the Promenaders rose to the challenge. When a square of Sunset Promenaders walked in to the Valley Squares Pole dance Chuck's jaw dropped and he knew he would have to make good on his promise. He did not disappoint. After the workshop and first tip, he left the stage and joined the dancers on the floor. The music began as did Chuck's gyrations; he skillfully performed his own version of a pole dance. His efforts Garnered many rewards in the form of ladies tucking tips into strategic spots in Chuck's costume. Soon after the Promenaders had to hop back on the road and return to our own dance where we answered everyone's question ... 'Yes, Chuck did a pole dance for us!' At our own Maypole dance last Saturday, someone reminded Harold that Chuck had done a pole dance, and asked when he was going to entertain us with his own version. He quickly responded, "I am Norwegian so I don't Pole dance".

Join us on June 4th for a square dance workshop at 7:30 and on June 18th for Dad's favorite sport.

Toe Dragers: (Janelle Janicke and Jim Steele, 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

The Toe Dragers would like to introduce our new TVC Delegates, Peggy Lance and Natalie Schuma-cher. We are sure they will do a wonderful job.

On June 3rd we have our Regular Dance, on June 17th the *Everythings Coming Up Roses Dance*, and on Sept 11th – the *Dance For the Cure – Are You Man Enough To Wear Pink Dance?*

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

Dance on the first Saturday and third Friday of each month at the historic Tigard Grange in Tigard. This year we will not be dancing in July. Starting in August, Terry Halley will be our club caller. Jackie Gale

will be our Friday cuer. Doug Hatch will be cueing for most of our Saturday dances. We dance Plus from 7:30 to 8:00 and Mainstream from 8:00 to 10:00 p.m., with one plus tip at 10:00. A social break starts at 10:00. www.trisquares.com

The month of May for the Tri-Squares has been very active. For the 19th year in a row Roger Putzler called our first dance in May. Around 5 squares of dancers attended, including several visiting clubs. Our 2nd dance in May was called by club caller Terry Halley and was attended by mostly all club members. Jackie Gale cued mostly 2 step round dances and had all of the class members out round dancing.

Our new board has finished reviewing and updating the policies and procedures manual. A few minor adjustments were required due to the fact that we have started dancing year round.

Come visit us on June 4th for Sundaes on Saturday. We'll be having Sundaes with lots of goodies. On June 17 we will have our annual Hawaiian Luau. Of course you'll want to wear your island attire!

It is a sad note to report that our own Sunshine person Perky Kilbourn has passed on. Even though she was unable to dance very much, she still came to the dances for the last several years, just to stay involved with her dancing friends. Our club will be making a donation to the H.O.R.S.E.S. program in her honor. This was something she believed in and supported. Perky will be greatly missed.

Valley Squares: (Karen Martiny and Dorothy Reed, Delegates)

Dance mainstream the 1st & 3rd Saturday, at the Aloha Grange on the corner of 185th at TV Hwy. Dances are 7:30-10 pm. Pre-rounds begin at 7:00. Hearing enhancement devices are available. Chuck Garner is the caller and Connie Clark is the cuer. www.valleysquares.com

We had our eagerly awaited "Pole Dance" on May 7, and it exceeded our expectations. There was a beautiful May Pole, a barbershop pole, two flag poles, three fishing poles, photos of the North and South Poles, a polecat, and three famous Poles. It was a lot of fun coming up with ideas for our "Pole Dance." We were really delighted when a square of Sunset Promenaders arrived. This of course meant that Chuck had to do a pole dance. He was a good sport and did an admirable job. He threatened to break any cameras in the room, but I think George Clark sneaked in a picture or two. Note: By the way, he earned \$11.00 – possibly donated by Joyce Clark (Sunset Promenader).

Last Saturday we had our "Spring Fever" dance, which was enjoyed by four squares of enthusiastic dancers.

Our next exciting event will be our "Potty Dance" on June 4. We are hoping for lots of visitors because all proceeds will go to renovation of the restrooms in the Aloha Grange. Yes, friends, we will even be dancing in the bathrooms. A dangle will be given to all who participate in the bathroom dance hall.

Just a reminder that Chuck is giving some Plus lessons from 6 to 7 p.m. on Tuesdays in addition to regular square dance lessons, so if you want to brush up or start from scratch, come join us then.

Valley Squares presents "Strawberry Heaven" on June 18. Jonny Roberts will be co-calling with Chuck and it will be a fun and lively dance. Right now the whole strawberry thing looks a bit iffy, but maybe we'll have a blast of hot weather to ripen those berries!

Intermediate rounds 7-7:30, pre-rounds 7:30-8, mainstream 8-10 with a Plus tip at the 10:00 PM break.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Perky Kilbourn's Obituary (Tom Sminia). Tom Sminia reminded us that Perky Kilbourn was a very special person, who died on May 10th.

Insurance (Kay Rogers). Kay indicated that she had two requests for Insurance Certificates at this meeting and wanted the TVC members to know that you can do all your insurance business, including getting an Insurance Certificate, on the Oregon Federation website www.squaredance.gen.or.us/. Look at the side-bar on the left and click on the insurance task that you want to complete. Kay also wants to remind you that insurance only covers you when you are dancing, not just any activity.

2011 USA West (Kay Rogers). Make sure that you attend the wonderful USA West Square Dance on August 18 – 20, 2011 at the Cowlitz County Conference Center in Longview, Washington. USA West will have dancing at all levels, with square dancing from mainstream to A1, rounds from phases I to VI, contra, and clogging. The Ghost Riders Square Dance Band will provide live music in the evenings. There will be a special event on Wednesday night with the Fiddle Grass playing and lots of tomfoolery.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting Adjourned: 9:08 PM
Respectfully submitted,
Mary T. Withers

Next Meeting: The June meeting is cancelled. The July meeting will be held on July 25, 2011 at the Pizza Caboose (3276 NW 185th) next to the 7-Eleven. A Delegate Training session will begin promptly at 6:30 PM. If you wish to eat dinner, please arrive early and order your food so that you will be in time for the session. The regular Council Meeting begins at 7:30.