



Tualatin Valley Council (TVC) Council Meeting Minutes for 10-28-2013

Called to order at 7:00 at the Pizza Caboose

<http://www.tualatinvalleycouncil.org>

Attendees:

Delegates:

Eager Beavers: Dick Pesek
Hayshakers: Sylvia Davis, Kathy Worthington
Hoedowners: Bev Aldrich, Debbie Olson
Mix N Mingles: absent
R Square D: absent
Sunset Promenaders: Pete Schettek, & Lalani Radford
Toe Draggers: absent
Tri Squares: Frank Collett, Dale Brabham
Valley Squares: Andis Garuts
Wave Steppers: Bob Allen, & Carolyn Hindman

Officers, Elected & Appointed:

President: Kay Rogers	Vice-President: Gary Clark
Treasurer: Lane Clem	Secretary: Tom Sminia
State Delegate: absent	Sunshine: Dorothy Sullivan
Caller Advisor: KC Curtis	PAC Delegate to TVC: Linda Curtis

Visitors:

Janice Sminia, Ray Sullivan, Joyce Clark, Mike & Mary Hutchens, (Sunset Promenaders); Naomi Coorengel, Jim Rogers, Pat Pesek (Eager Beavers); Dale Worthington (Hayshakers).

Officer Reports:

President's report: (Kay Rogers)

Kay brought a bunch of "Mid-Winter Festival 2014" booklets for the delegates to distribute to their club members.

Kay gave Tom Sminia a copy of a promotional DVD recording that was made for the OFSRDC Square Dancers to use in promoting square dancing and encouraging people to take lessons. The DVD can be used on TV or used at events such as fairs to generate interest in square dancing. Tom's plan is to copy this and distribute it to any club that wishes to have a copy. The DVD was produced by: Page One Productions, Jacksonville, OR 97530, www.pageone.tv.

Kay asked for volunteers that would take on the job of being on the nominating committee for next years (May) TVC elected officers, there was no one interested in doing this so Kay will try to appoint some people soon from various TVC clubs. Kay also asked for anyone interested in being a candidate with no response.

Vice Presidents report: (Gary Clark)

The TVC Secretary, Tom Sminia, has done a great job of listing all the activities and details thru March of 2014. Please share this with your clubs and attend each event.

I would just like to add, let's all turn out for this first ever Round Dance Party at the Aloha Grange this Saturday the day after Thanksgiving. It will be a great time with Ken Pratt as Cuer MC; and many cuers from the floor performing.

For the New Year's Eve Dinner and Dance please turn in all of your unsold tickets tonight. If you have people that want tickets, later, you can get these back by calling Joyce or I. There is a signup sheet about to go around for helping with this event; we do need your help. Please volunteer some time and let's make it a great event. If you have club members that are not here but want to help please call or email us, and remind the dancers to bring desserts. Our phone number is: 503-547-5742.

The next two events are on the agenda. That brings us to the 2014 events that are scheduled but not planned. Last month I asked for ideas on callers and cuers that you might want to have for our TVC dances. So let me know either tonight or soon and I'll see about booking them. Otherwise I need to get them booked myself.

- **November 30th** there will be a TVC Round Dance Party. Ken Pratt will be the MC, with cuers from the floor, Phase II through IV dances will be cued. It will be at the Aloha Grange at 185th and TV Highway, and the dance will start at 7:00.
- **December 31st** (Tuesday) New Year's Eve Dinner & Dance with the dinner starting at 7:30, and pre-rounds at 8:00. Dancers please bring a dessert.
- **January 27th** (fourth Monday) President's dinner meeting at Hillsboro Odd Fellows Hall. Potluck dinner starting at 6:30 and short business meeting including presentation of the TVC Recognition Award to the most involved and dedicated member of a TVC club in the past year. This will be the Monday after the Mid-Winter Festival.
- **March 29th** (fifth Saturday) Tri-council Dance at the Clark County Square Dance Center, Washington hosted by the Tualatin Valley Council. We will need a lot of help on this dance, and we need a lot of food. We usually have 200-250 dancers at this dance and it is a hall that can handle a lot more.
- **May 31st** (fifth Saturday) there is nothing scheduled for this event yet, so help me plan this dance and choose the caller and cuer.
- **August 30th** (fifth Saturday) TVC Picnic and Barn Dance at the Hahn Farm. Who would you like for the caller and cuer?
- **November 29th** (fifth Saturday) nothing scheduled for this date yet, so you can help me get the caller and cuer...
- **December 31st** (Wednesday) New Year's Eve Dinner and Dance.
- **2016 Summer Festival:** The 2016 Summer Festival is going to be hosted by the TVC on the fifth weekend of July 29th -31st in Seaside. So we will not have a

regular TVC dance that weekend. The theme suggested tonight and agreed on is: "Beach Party at Seaside".

Thanks for your help and let's all work together to make our dances great.

(Kay reminded us that we are not having a December meeting, the next meeting will be January 27th the Presidents Dinner at Hillsboro Odd Fellows Hall.)

Treasurer report: (Lane Clem) Report was distributed. The TVC is currently under budget by \$200; good job.

Secretary report: (Tom Sminia) Thanks again for sending in your reports via email; it really helps me do the minutes when you do that. I have been asked for more directories by the Hoedowners and we don't have anymore; we can print more of these and we want to know how many to print. We also do have the directory on the website and you can print them out from the website. Just go to: www.tualatinvalleycouncil.org, then at the top of the page click on documents, under documents click on the directory. The Hoedowners are giving the directories to their students to inform them of the other clubs including names and phone numbers of dancers in the area; sounds like a good idea if the new dancers are interested. I don't have a smart phone but you can probably call it up on your phone when and where you want.

State Delegates report: (Kathy Roberts) Kathy was absent but Kay read the report from Kathy at the meeting.

Thank you delegates for turning in your insurance forms on time. I think everyone turned their forms in by the deadline. However, as of last week we still needed a check from one club. Kay has been in contact with the club so hopefully that has been sent in by now. Thank you Kay Rogers working with all of our clubs as we gather the information you need for our square dance insurance. We appreciate your diligence and time.

Delegates, in January, I will be giving a report to the state telling them what each of our clubs are doing to retain current square dancers and what actions you are either taking or are anticipating taking to attract new dancers to build your clubs. If you would like me to include your club's efforts, please send me a report on what your club is doing before January 14 so that I can include the information in our report to the state Federation. Federation President, Dave Cooper, has asked that the delegates put that in their reports next meeting.

State Youth Activities Report: (Kathy Roberts) report read by Kay at the TVC meeting.

Please remind your graduating seniors and college freshmen to start applying for their college scholarships. Oregon's \$500 scholarship application form has been updated. Completed applications are due by May 1, 2014.

<http://www.squaredance.gen.or.us/ScholarshipApp.php>

The USDA \$1000 scholarship application form is due by February 1, 2014. Their scholarship will be awarded to 1 high school senior who is a member of a club/federation that is associated with USDA (United Square Dance Association).

<http://www.usda.org/youth.htm>

□ If you have any youth in your federated clubs who would like to attend any state sponsored activities and cannot afford the fees or ribbons, please contact me. We have scholarships available. We have already given 4 scholarships to Midwinter this year.

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

Caller Advisor report: (KC Curtis) PAC Council has the same discussion going about what are we doing to get and keep new dancers. Daryl Clendenin suggested at the meeting that we run the B-51 program and repeat it three times but KC thinks the angels would be worn out by this. Another idea that was brought up was to have the PAC and the TVC work together. And another idea was to have clubs coordinate starting times for lessons so there would be new lessons starting a month apart; that way if student does not make it in one class they can move to another in the area; this would make it easy for new people to find a class that is starting soon, too.

Getting new dancers ideas include being more visible by getting out in the community and dancing in the public. If you have a fund raiser dance for a charity you can get TV stations to cover these because they like those kinds of stories, this gets square dancing out to the public. Now if you want to learn square dancing since we only have lessons once a year so if you miss that time you are out for the year. Another idea was to do as many demonstrations out in the public as you can. Use more modern music for the public appearances. Wear regular clothes because people don't like the idea of wearing the square dance clothing. Take videos of square dance and put it on the clubs website. Try to talk to private schools about using square dancing as an alternative to PE. Get students involved socially as soon as possible. Offer to pick up dancers for lessons and also jamborees. Have as many as possible of the club attend jamborees. If you get a chance take new dancers to dinner, you don't have to pay for it just invite them to come along with you.

Cuer Advisor report: (Ken Pratt) absent.

Sunshine Person report: (Dorothy Sullivan)

I sent get well card to Mike Dier of the Sunset Promenaders.

Also sent a get well card to Bev Flint of the Toe Draggers; she had surgery.

I sent Amanda Roberts a card for her recent surgery. (Kay commented that she went by the Roberts place the other day and Amanda was up walking around already; she is doing really well.

Webmaster report: (Mark Bendickson) absent.

PAC delegate to the TVC report: (Linda Curtis) KC already covered what was going on at the PAC. The PAC is having their fifth Friday dance this month at the Oak Grove Community Center with the Wild Cards calling and Helen Halley will be cueing.

Old Business:

Summer Festival in 2016 will be hosted by the TVC and a theme was suggested of "Beach Party at Seaside". Date will be July 29th-31st of 2016.

Club Delegate Reports:

Eager Beavers: (*Dick Pesek and Nan Overall, Delegates*)

Club dances 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>

Norm Yoder called for the Beavers today because George Clark was sick; Daryl and Yvonne Clendenin also did a tip too. Beaver visited the Valley Squares the 16th. Beavers are looking forward to the New Year's dance.
Submitted by: Dick Pesek

Hayshakers: (*Sylvia Davis and Kathy Worthington, Delegates*)

Location is at Astoria Senior Center (1111 Exchange St., Astoria, OR 97103). We dance the first Saturday starting at 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.
<http://www.hayshakers.org>

The Seaside Sashay was great with 175 participants and the wonderful weather that we had. We want to thank all the Sunset Promenaders that helped us out. A week later the Convention center informed us that we could not have the same weekend that we usually have for the year 2015. Because we have it "penciled in" they are giving us the week earlier with only \$500 charge for the place. The AFL-CIO has a higher priority than we do. Gary and Joyce Clark got onto the phone and called our contracted Callers and Cuer and they agreed to the new date. We had about 54 door prizes, and 17 Passport Promenade certificate totaling \$300. Odds were about 1 out of 3 would get a prize.

In December we are having our Christmas dinner/dance with Harvey Hunsucker calling and KC Curtis calling for us in January. Submitted by: Kathy Worthington

Hoedowners: (*Bev Aldrich 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>

Hoedowners and their New Dancer Class enjoyed a brief get away to Italy at the annual Hoedowners' New Dancer Spaghetti Dinner at Aloha Grange on Wednesday, November 20th. We have been doing this dinner prior to lessons for several years as it's a great opportunity to socialize with our new dancers and welcome them to the Hoedowners. Darlene, Debra, Krystal and their helpers have always done a fabulous job setting a lovely Italian atmosphere.

Our New Dancer Jamboree will be on Sunday, December 8, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m., at Aloha Grange. Please come and join us and meet some new dancers.

Daryl will be starting a new session of B-51 lessons on Wednesday, December 4, 7:00 - 8:30 pm, which will continue through February 19. Our present group of B-51 dancers will have the opportunity to move on to mainstream from 8:30 - 9:30 pm. Gretchen Sabo is the coordinator this year and we have a good sized group of new dancers and angels.

Our upcoming dances include the Toyland Dance on Saturday, December 14, where we will be collecting toy donations to benefit needy children and "It's a Wonderful Life" on Saturday, December 28. Daryl and Yvonne will be out of town so Les Seeley will call and Randy Lewis will be cueing. Visitors always help make such fun dances! Check our website for details on our dances. Submitted by: Debbie Olson

Mix N Mingle: *(Patty Bonney, & Janelle Janicke Delegates)*

Club dances 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. Donation is \$4 per person at the dance for members, \$5 for non-members. www.mixandminglesquares.org

No report the month.

R Square D: *(Lonnie & Linda Sycks, Delegates)*

We dance 2nd Wednesday and the 4th Wednesday in the summer (June, July, and August) at the Kelso Senior Center (106 NW 8th Ave, Kelso, WA). We dance mainstream from 7:00 to 9:00 PM and 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.

Lessons are going very good! Our last dance was loaded with energy, fun, and a lot of happy dancers. December 7 we will travel to Cougar Squares for their Thankful Christmas Dinner and Dance. We have a tentative visitation planned for December 27 to Hazel Dell Grange for their B-51 Dance. January 18 we are headed to Boring to Country Cut Ups and after that, Mid-Winter Festival. This year our Christmas party, dinner, gift exchange and very, very short meeting will be December 16 at Kelso Senior Center. Dinner will be catered by the Senior Center. Should be wonderful, no dishes to do. December 13 is our Toy Dance. Bring new toys for children, babies to teens, to be

taken to the Salvation Army for distribution. R Square D wishes everyone a Happy and Safe Thanksgiving, a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Safe New Year.

Submitted by Lonnie & Linda Sycks (Report sent by email and read by Tom Sminia)

Sunset Promenaders: *(Lalani Radford and Pete Schettek, Delegates)*

Dance 1st & 3rd Saturdays. Our dance evening is scheduled to start at 7:30 with phase III round dances. Starting at 8:00 until 10:00 is our Mainstream dance with a potluck break afterwards. Our Caller is Mike (Julie) Stout and the Cuer is Ken (Dianne) Pratt. 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

I have just now decided to name our December 7th non-themed dance "Come in out of the cold Dance", because it has been cold the last few days and I am somewhat of a loose cannon.

Of course our December 21st. dance is a "Christmas all singing calls dance".

I don't know if I should be talking about it yet but we are working on a proposed Halloween Dance at the Hahn Barn the 18th of October 2014. This will be co-sponsored by the Valley Squares and the Sunset Promenaders. The callers will be Richard Lane, who had already agreed to call for SSP on Oct. 18th 2014 and Chuck Garner the caller for the Valley Squares. This gives me another item to keep reminding you about each month. There goes that cannon.

Don't forget that event on November 30th with that great MC Cuer Ken Pratt.

Just to keep the Dan Preedy dance on your calendar, take note that It was decided to have the price of the tickets at \$8.00 a person and not \$15.00 a couple.

Here it comes, start thinking about attending 'The 2014 Seaside Sashay (always misspell that name on the first pass) is that really a word? It's going to be great. The Promenaders got their feet wet at this year's event and are already working out the details with the Hayshakers for next year. I promise to keep you informed each month! This report is getting easier all I have to do is keep bugging you about all these things.

Submitted by Pete Schettek

Toe Draggers: *(Kathy Roberts & Janelle Janicke 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 Toes will be collecting toys for financially challenged area kids during both of our "Christmas Toyland" dances in December. Please bring your new and unwrapped toy to the dance to put under the Christmas tree. The December 6th dance will have pre-rounds with Bev Flint from 7:30-8:00 pm. KC Curtis and Bev Flint will continue with your dancing fun at 8:00 pm with a mainstream dance with rounds. The December 20th mainstream & round dance will start at 8:00 pm.

Toe Dragers will start their lessons on Sunday, January 5, 2014 in the Kinton Grange. Square dance lessons will be taught by KC Curtis from 3:00 – 4:30 pm. Lessons will be for Mainstream, 1through 68. Lessons will be open for new students January 5 and 12. The first lesson is free.

Round dance lessons will be taught by Bev Flint and will start at 4:30 pm. Lessons will end between 6:00 and 6:30 pm, depending on the class. Bev will focus on Two Step in the beginning. As the students master Two Step, Waltz will be added to future lessons. The Toes will be visiting the Sunset Promenades on December 7.

The Toes will be doing a demo dance for the Friendly House in Portland on December 8th.

The Toe Dragers' new dancer jamboree will be March 2, 2014.

Submitted by: Kathy Roberts (report was sent by email and read by Tom Sminia.)

Tri Squares: *(Dale Brabham and Frank Collett, 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. We dance year around, except when the temperature exceeds 90 degrees. We will dance July 6. 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

The Tri Squares Basic 51 (B-51) lessons are continuing strong. We have been able to retain nearly all the students that originally started. They will complete the basic level Dec. 8th. Mainstream lessons will start on January 12th from 3:30 to 5³⁰ pm on Sundays. Our mainstream lesson Instructor is Terry Halley. Lessons will last for 10 weeks.

Our two step round dance lessons have moved along smoothly with about 12 couples attending. January 12th we will start Cha lessons from 2:00 to 3:15 pm at the Tigard Grange. Jackie Gale will be our Instructor.

Our December dances will be held Saturday the 5th and Friday the 20th. Our new dancers will be invited to attend. Two or three tips will be called at the basic level.

Submitted by: Dale Brabham & Frank Collett

Valley Squares: *(Andis Garuts, and Rhoda Reinking, Delegates)*

Dance 1st and 3rd Saturdays at the Aloha Grange on the corner of 185th and TV Hwy. Caller calls dance at Plus level with Intermediate and Phase Two rounds from 7-8 p.m. with Mainstream and Phase Two rounds from 8-10 p.m. and refreshments at 10 p.m. with Chuck Garner Caller, Connie Clark Cuer. www.valleysquares.com.

Valley Squares are going to have their toy drive dance on December 7th. Please bring a new unwrapped toy for donation. The donations will be given to the Hispanic Mission at the Village Baptist Church. Our Christmas Dance will be on December 21st, and we are looking for a caller because Chuck decided he couldn't call that night. In February we are having our tailgate party because that is when the Super Bowl Game is happening. We are also starting our B-51 lessons in February and mainstream lessons at the same

time. April 5th we are having our Anniversary Dance with Mike Sikorski calling and Tami Helms cueing. In October we are cohosting a Halloween Dance with the Sunset Promenaders at the Hahn Barn near Banks. Last Saturday we visited the Hoedowners with 12 dancers and had a good time. We also as a club will be going to the TVC New Year's Eve Dance and the Mid-Winter Festival in January.

Submitted by: Andis Garuts

Wave Steppers: *(Carolyn Hindman, & Bob Allen Delegates)*

We will not have a dance until April. We will dance Mainstream, with one PLUS tip, every second tip on every second Saturday of the month as our normal schedule at the Garibaldi City Hall (107 6th Street, Garibaldi, OR 97118) from 7:00 to 9:30 PM. We will have guest Callers.

WaveSteppers are continuing our practices with our Caller in training--Joe Wrabek whenever we are able to get up a square. Joe also writes music and recently won a contest put on by all the Granges in Oregon. It won him a plane ticket back to New Hampshire to perform with the Winners of other Granges in the United States! We are very proud of him. We get to Square Dance to some of his songs--Great fun! We practice at the Tillamook Elks Lodge. They are very generous to provide us space with a great wood dance floor. Our Dances for 2014 are lined up, and we hope you will come visit us. Mark Wheeler will be calling an "Elvis" Dance for us the 2nd Saturday in June at Garibaldi City Hall. Our August Dance coincides with the Tillamook County Fair so visitors could enjoy a day at the Fair and join us in the evening for a Square Dance. The Flyers with our dance schedule were in your Folders last meeting. Please make sure they were posted. We encourage your Clubs to plan a visit to dance with us at the Coast. It is important for us to have visitors if we are to remain solvent. There are only two Clubs left at the North Oregon Coast and we both could benefit from your Clubs help. We continue to go forward with the plans for our winter and spring classes. We wish everyone a Blessed & Happy Thanksgiving, Christmas & New Years! We would like to suggest the Seaside Summer Festival name be "Beach Party at Seaside".

Submitted by: Carolyn Hindman

(Kay asked for approval of the name and it was approved. Kay also asked about a caller for the dance and she mentioned Scott Buyers to come up and Kay is accepting other ideas on callers and cuers.)

Good of the order:

Business Card Promotion: We had a discussion at the Eager Beavers regarding using business cards to hand out to those who asked us questions regarding square dancing or round dancing lessons. Many of us have the ability and desire to make business cards on our home computers. The beauty of this is that we can print up 10 at a time on blank business cards or use card stock and cut our own. Some suggestions for this are:

Using the Oregon Federation Logo or the dancing couple many of us have in clip art we can give the name and web address and phone number of someone we know can provide accurate information regarding lessons and dances in our area. State wide could use the Oregon Federation web address of www.squaredance.gen.or.us. We no longer have an 800 number for that site but you could use any one of several federation officers you may know or get from the Federation directory or OFN publication. Mine would work if you are looking for immediate info. 503-396-5537.

Karen and Ferrous suggested we use the TVC website for more local information. That site is www.tualatinvalleycouncil.org. You could use your own name and phone number or mine or anyone you know who can provide that information.

I have distributed a card I had made to promote an event and I am curious to know what each of you did with the card after you took the candy.

Go home and make up a few yourselves. Bring one of them back to the January meeting and we can all share our ideas.

We need people to sign up for the TVC New Year's Eve Dance to help put it on. Please contact Gary or Joyce Clark to help that night. 503-647-5742. Remind the dancers to bring a dessert.

Tom mentioned that TVC might meet every other month next year and use email in between the meetings. Please think about it and we can discuss this next meeting.

Next TVC Meeting:

TVC's next meeting will be Monday, January 27th at the Hillsboro Odd Fellows Hall, 267 E. Main St... We have cancelled the December TVC meeting.

Respectfully edited and submitted by Tom Sminia, TVC Secretary
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