



Tualatin Valley Council (TVC) 2021-03-29

Meeting was held via Zoom

The meeting started about 7:05 and adjourned about 8:10

<http://www.tualatinvalleycouncil.org>

Attendees:

Delegates:

Columbia River Dancers: Gary and Judi Furguson (both absent)
Eager Beavers: Leslie Tallman, Alice Hendricks
Hayshakers: Judy Martin, Ken Marifke
Hoedowners: Sally Duyck, Kathy Christy (no sound or video from Kathy)
Mix'n'Mingle: Rick and Robin Faltersack
Oak Hills Squares: Marie Clem
R Square D: Chris and John Poole
Sunset Promenaders: Steve LeBlanc, Dan Browning
Toe Draggers: Linda Curtis
Tri Squares: Carol Roos, Ursula Kuhn
Valley River Dancers: Jan Amerson, Perrin Damon (Perrin absent)
Valley Squares: Julie Cooper, Dorothy Reed (Dorothy absent)
Wave Steppers: Bob Allen (absent)

Officers, Elected & Appointed:

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

Visitors Attending:

Gary Clark (Sunset Promenaders)
Pete Cooper (Valley Squares)
Tami Helms (Cuer)
Melissa James (Columbia River Dancers)
Judy Schnase (Sunset Promenaders)
Carolene Siebert (Valley Squares)
Janice Sminia (Sunset Promenaders)
Tom Sminia (Sunset Promenaders)

TVC Officer Reports:

Previous Council meeting minutes approved as written.

President's report: (Mike St. Clair)

Like to welcome Chris Poole to our Delegates from R Square D.

There does seem to be a light at the end of the tunnel. There is some talk of Clubs having some dances. I know there are some clubs around the state that have already had dances. I would like to get your thoughts on this as far as your clubs are concerned.

Vice President's report: (Jan Amerson) (absent)
No report.

Treasurer's report: (Tammy LeBlanc)
\$7,587.33 Savings
\$1,199.00 Checking

Secretary report: (Andis Garuts) No report.

State Delegates report: (Josie Rosenbury) (absent)
No report.

Caller Advisor report: (K.C. Curtis)
No report.

PAC report: (Erin Kalmbach)

PAC is having a 5th Friday Round Dance on April 30 at the Oak Grove Community Center. "APRIL SHOWERS" - PAC 5th Friday ROUND DANCE, Friday, April 30, 2021. 7:00pm – 9:30pm at the Oak Grove Community Center. \$10/COUPLE. Pre-registration required: call Mary 503-654-9141. 22 couple limit. TAMI HELMS, HOST CUER. Mixed level rounds. Guest cuers welcome. Please pre-register. Please respect all the health/covid rules...like *bring your own beverage /snack *wear a mask or shield at all times *dance only with your partner *keep socially distant

OFSRDC Publicity and Education Report: (Kathy Roberts) (absent)
No report.

OFSRDC Youth Report: (Kathy Roberts) (absent)
No report.

Past TVC President report: (Dale Brabham) No report.

Sunshine report: (Tammy LeBlanc)
I am not hearing anything from anybody, and no cards were sent.

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

Webmaster report: (Tim Roberts) (absent)
No report.

Old Business:

SSD Program: It would be a good idea for our clubs to look at this, and try this out to see if it attracts new dancers to lessons and retains the dancers in our clubs. It seems that the clubs that have used this are growing. However, for SSD to be most effective, all clubs should participate. It does not make any sense for only one or a few clubs to adopt this program in their lessons and dances. If only a few clubs do this, their dancers can't dance at the dances of the clubs that do not participate in the program. A few disagree with that. There should also be some regular Mainstream and Plus dances

intermingled with the SSD level dancing. Even so, the clubs can choose whether to participate or not. It is their choice; it is not required. Lengthy discussion following.

New Business:

Officer elections for next year: Our current Officers have chosen to serve in their offices next year, and no one else ran for office or was nominated, so we considered re-electing our current slate of officers by acclamation. Carolene Siebert made a motion to re-elect our current slate of officers by acclamation; Ursula Kuhn seconded. Motion passed. New term starts in June.

Officers for 2021-2022:

President: Mike St. Clair
Vice President: Jan Amerson
Secretary: Andis Garuts
Treasurer: Tammy LeBlanc

Club Delegate Reports:

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

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

We will be having a Board meeting on Thursday. We will be discussing the Grange situation, as long as the Grange does not allow square dancing, the Club can't dance squares. We are not that interested in starting round dancing until we can square dance.

Jim Hattrick will be having surgery, we just do not know when.

We are thinking of dancing in the fall, maybe.

Eager Beavers: *(Leslie Tallman and Alice Hendricks, Delegates)*

The Club dances Plus every Monday afternoon, 1:00 to 3:00 p.m., at the Aloha Grange, 3425 SW 185th Ave, Aloha, OR 97006, on the corner of 185th and TV Hwy.. We dance in air conditioned comfort on an excellent wood floor. Door donation is \$4. Daryl Clendenin, caller/cuer on 1st and 5th Mondays, Jim Hattrick, 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>

No news to report.

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>

No report.

Hoedowners: (Sally Duyck and Kathy Christy, Delegates) (no sound or video from Kathy)
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>

We had 9 couples for Round Dancing last time.

Next round dancing will be April 10th. Come at 6 pm for review and 7-9 dance. Some may think the price is too high (\$12.50) for 3 hours. But we need to pay for the Grange and pay the Cuer. Line dancing teachers are charging \$11 per hour, so we think our round dancing is a bargain!
Sally Duyck, TVC Rep

Mix N Mingle: (Rick and Robin Faltersack, 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 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

We have no news at the moment. We will start up when we can.

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>

Oak Hills Squares continues to have biweekly Zoom calls to keep in touch, and group walks on alternate weeks for anyone who wants to join. We are impatiently waiting until the gym where we dance is available. When it does, we plan to begin with round dance lessons, and square dancing when it is safe. Club officers have agreed to continue for another year, so no changes there. Our word for the day on the zoom call this week was Ballybrack. It is an Irish slang word that means to fake the death of an obscure relative or acquaintance to avoid an engagement. The term was coined after the Ballybrack football club team claimed one of their players had died to avoid a match. One of the lesser-important words, I think.

R Square D: (Chris and John Poole, Delegates)

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 360-425-6260 for more information.

We are dependent on Kelso Senior Center reopening before we can plan to dance again. It's not anticipated that we will dance until at least September, or even later, depending on when social distancing is no longer required in Washington State. We are hopeful that most of our students who were taking lessons a year ago will return when we are able to dance again. It will be a good time for everyone to brush up! Because our club hasn't had meetings since last summer, we haven't had a chance to discuss SSD but that will be on the agenda soon.

Chris Poole

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 Tami Helms 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

The Sunset Promenaders will be holding round dances on May 1 and May 15. The dances will be by invitation. Square dancing will take place when the hall becomes available.

We elected our officers for next year by acclimation.

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

No report.

Tri Squares: (Carol Roos and Ursula Kuhn , Delegates)

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

TriSquares continues to have a monthly Zoom GabFest check in with members

Board members made phone calls to get survey of membership response on restarting dance and possible SSD changes, membership was amendable to changes and restart for club members only this Fall with new dancers/classes possible in Winter/Spring 2022

Board elections were held via e-mail and all current board members have offered to remain in their current positions with 60% of club members responding and confirming re-elections

Grange space is still closed to group activities and continues to be until further notice

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

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. Leonard Snodgrass cues 2nd Friday; Sherri Clark cues 4th Friday. www.valleyriverdancers.org

No report.

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

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

No report.

Wave Steppers: (Bob Allen, Delegate) (absent)

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.

No report.

Good of the Order:

Advertising: Carolene mentioned that we could make T-shirts that everyone can wear when they are out shopping, to promote our activity of square dancing. The T-shirts would have the Live Lively – Square Dance logo, and below that there would be the text “Have fun together, square dance”. She also talked with Gary Clark about setting up a Web site with the state: www.sqdanceoregon.com, and it would be a very easy way for people to look up where the clubs and dancing opportunities are by city. We should discuss these things with our Club boards, particularly about the T-shirts: what color of shirt or ink and what sizes. Discussion.

Another way to promote our activity would be through social media.

Vaccinations for dancing: One of our Officers brought up the fact that one of the members of his club will not participate in their dances unless everyone attending is vaccinated. This puts the clubs in a tricky situation: whether to ask everybody to vaccinate and provide proof of vaccination before attending the dances or not. There are some people who can't get vaccinated due to medical issues or religious beliefs. Also, some others may want to keep their medical conditions private. We also do not know whether it is illegal for clubs to ask whether participants have been vaccinated or not. Discussion.

The **Silver City Squares** will be holding a dance on Friday, April 9 at 7:30 p.m., at the Waldo Hills Community Club, near Silverton. Caller: Ian Craig. Cuer: Julie Stiers.

The **Pear Blossom Festival** will be held in April, at the Buckeroo Barn in Roseburg. Also, the **Buckeroos** will be holding their Round-Up in June.

The **Seaside Sashay** is tentatively planned for this coming October, but it could be changed in the future.

Next TVC Meeting:

Monday, April 26 at 7 p.m., via Zoom. The Meeting ID and Passcode will be on the next TVC Agenda.

Respectfully edited and published by Andis Garuts, TVC Secretary