



Tualatin Valley Council (TVC) 2023-03-27

Meeting was held via Zoom

The meeting started about 7:03 and adjourned about 8:02

<http://www.tualatinvalleycouncil.org>

Attendees:

Delegates:

Columbia River Dancers: Dale Smith, Nick Johnson (both absent)
Eager Beavers: Alice Hendricks, Judy Groom (Judy absent)
Hayshakers: Kathy Worthington (absent)
Hoedowners: Mike and Sally Duyck (both absent)
Mix'n'Mingle: Rick and Robin Faltersack (both absent)
Oak Hills Squares: Judy Martin, Ken Marifke (both absent)
R Square D: Chris and John Poole (John absent)
Sunset Promenaders: Tom and Janice Sminia
Tri Squares: Charles McAuley (absent), Michael Smith
Valley Squares: Julie Cooper, Ron Swanson
Wave Steppers: Bob Allen, Karen Bowyer (both absent)

Officers, Elected & Appointed:

President: Ursula Kuhn
Treasurer: Tammy LeBlanc
State Delegate: Dale Brabham
Past-President of the TVC: Mike St. Clair (absent)
PAC Representative: Erin Kalmbach
Oregon Federation Youth Advisor: Kathy Roberts
Caller Advisor: K.C. Curtis
Cuer Advisor: Randy Lewis (absent) and Tami Helms
TVC Webmaster: Tim Roberts (absent)

Vice-President: Linda and K.C. Curtis
Secretary: Andis Garuts
OFN Area Editor: Ferrous Steinka (absent)

Visitors Attending:

Peter Cooper (Valley Squares)
Tim Keck (President, OR Federation)
Carolene Siebert (Valley Squares)

TVC Officer Reports:

Previous Council meeting minutes approved as written

President's report: (Ursula Kuhn)

Please attend the PAC Fifth Friday Dance on Friday, March 31 at the Boring Barn

The TVC will be holding their dance on April 29, of which proceeds will go to the Silver City Youth trip to the Pacific Northwest Teen Square Dance Festival.

Vice President's report: (Linda and K.C. Curtis)

The April 29 TVC dance will be held at the Kinton Grange; it will be a fundraiser for the Silvercity Youth Teens to help send them to Auburn, Washington for the Teen dance Competition. Terry Halley will be the Caller and Julie Stiers will be the Cuer. The Kinton Grange is donating the Grange fees to the Teens so there will be no charge. I will send them a thank you card

from the TVC. Delegates, please bring a finger food or snack to share for this dance. We will be having a Basket Raffle and Kathy Roberts will fill us in on this: Thanks, Kathy, I Am looking forward to working with you.

July 29 is the fifth Saturday when the TVC should have a dance. Last month Ursula, Dale and I agreed to meet and talk about taking over the Dance Under the Stars dance that was put on by the Valley River Dancers so we wouldn't lose it. Ursula is working on this dance. I am sure she will have a report on it. Update: Mix'n'Mingle will take over organizing this event as soon as the location has been found and arranged.

Sept 30th will be the Hahn Barn Dance. The Caller MC will be Mark Wheeler and the Cuer MC will be Lane Clem. They have both been invited to have callers and cuers from the floor so the dance can be like a Hoedown. Please invite our callers and Cuers to come. The time will be 5 p.m., no Pre-Rounds; Potluck at 4 p.m. before the dance. The Hahns have assured me we will be able to eat under cover if it rains. This location contract is done and the Caller and Cuer contracts have been mailed .

The New Year's Eve Dance will be at IOOF Hall, the caller will be Darrell Kalmbach and the Cuer will be Tami Helms. The contracts have been mailed and the location has been arranged.

Thank you all for you support of the TVC dances this year. I have informed Ursula that I will not be available next year for Vice President and she is now looking for my replacement.

Respectfully, Linda Curtis

Treasurer's report: (Tammy LeBlanc)

Checks have been sent to the Valley Squares for reimbursement of their lesson advertising expenses and Ursula for the TVC's Zoom payment. A suggestion was made: when it comes time to renew our Zoom account, one lump sum should be paid for the upcoming year, rather than by month.

Checking (3/27): \$749.77

\$275.93 outstanding: \$473.84 balance after outstanding checks.

Savings: \$6,588.66.

Clubs, please get your TVC and State dues (\$27.00 total) in to Tammy by May 1, to Tammy LeBlanc, 1448 SE Duke Dr., Hillsboro, OR 97123.

The Federation should pay dues to the USDA by July 1.

Secretary report: (Andis Garuts) No report.

State Delegates report: (Dale Brabham)

In the previous Delegate report I indicated that two policies proposed by President Keck were accepted. In fact, they were not. I have asked the minutes to reflect this correction so no one will be misled.

Voting for Federation officers is an important function for every club. Sometimes this process is simplified because there is only one nomination for each officer. However, this year we have multiple candidates and it is crucial to the process that clubs vote for the candidates of their choice.

Each club Secretary should have received a ballot from the Federation. The executive committee for each Club can determine who to vote for based on the club's P &Ps. The Secretary must return the ballot in April, so that the votes can be tabulated and the new slate of officers announced at the May 7 Federation meeting. Delegates, please follow up with your club President and Secretary to make sure your clubs' votes gets counted. Information can be found in the [OFN.club](#) newsletters under Federation Events. Or you can find out about the candidates [here](#).

Please note that Brooke Davison has published an article about music licensing in the April OFN. Please encourage your club executive board to review it. She explains why and how the music we use is licensed. Make sure your club understands this.

The next OFRSDC meeting is on May 7 at the Buckaroo Barn. There is a dance at the Buckaroo Barn the night before the Meeting.

Dale Brabham

TVC Delegate to OFRSDC

PAC report: (Erin Kalmbach)

PAC dances: **March 31** at the Boring Barn. Hosted by Country Cut-Ups

June 30 at Milwaukie Community Club hosted by RCD

Sept 29 at Oak Grove CC hosted by Buzzin Bees

April 7 **Chaps n Petticoats** dance is their "Hippie" dance

April 8 **Buzzin Bees** will celebrate their 65th Anniversary

April 28-30 **Country Cut-Ups** have their Spring Fling with Andy Allemao and Tami Helms

May 12-13 **Country Cut-Ups** will have their fundraising Barn Sale

Aug. 10-12 Central Oregon Roundup at Sisters

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

OFSRDC Youth Report: (Kathy Roberts) No report.

Past TVC President report: (Mike St. Clair) (absent) No report.

Caller Advisor report: (K.C. Curtis) Give K.C. a call if anyone would like any input for a new Caller Advisor.

Cuer Advisor report: (Tami Helms) The New Round of the Month was picked by the Blue Mountain Council: "Reflection" Phase II Waltz. Available on Roundalab; also posted in the OFN.

OFN Area Editor Report: (Ferrous Steinka) (absent)

Once again, the TVC achieved 100% club reporting, the only Council in the state to do so. This is not really newsworthy as we have been doing it, for many years. We are also the only one to have had a Council report consistently for over ten years.

Here are your current club reporters: Nick Johnson (Columbia River Dancers), Alice Hendricks (Eager Beavers), Craig Holt (Hayshakers), Krystal Laas (Hoedowners), Lindie Noonan (Mix 'n Mingle), Linda Kitchin (Oak Hills Squares), Chris Poole (R Square D), Terri Browning (Sunset Promenaders), Gloria Davis (Tri Squares), Carolene Siebert (Valley Squares), and Robert Allen (Wavesteppers).

Respectfully submitted

Ferrous Steinka

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

Old Business:

TVC Spring Fling Dance: The TVC's 5th Saturday Spring Fling Dance and Fundraiser for the Silver City Youth who are participating in the Pacific Northwest Teen Square Dance Festival is only a month away. The dance will be on April 29 at 7:00 pm in the Kinton Grange. If you are bringing a basket, please arrive by 6:30 p.m. so we can set up and open the basket raffle as soon as the dance starts. If you need help wrapping your basket or arranging your items, please contact me at kathy@4roberts.us and I'll help you. You can either bring your items to the dance early, or we can make arrangements to meet prior to April 29. Bring your basket and items. I'll bring some colorful shreds and the cellophane wrap. If you are bringing your basket ready to go, please put a tag on the basket describing what is in the basket. I would like to start promoting the basket raffle by mid-April. Please send me pictures of your baskets and I'll start posting them on Facebook. Remember – anyone can donate baskets. We are asking each club for a basket, but individuals are welcome to donate a basket, too. If you are having trouble coming up with a basket idea, please check out the following list I've compiled:

Basket Ideas to tickle your imagination:

Dog Basket – dog treats, dog toys, dog food and packaged in a dog bed

Cat Basket – cat treats, cat food, catnip, cat toys packaged in a cat scratch stand

Game Night – popcorn, games, cards, board games

Movie Night – popcorn, soda, movies, blanket

Pasta Night – pasta, marinara, wine, wine glasses (sparkling apple cider), cheese, colander, dish

Chocolate – everything chocolate – candy, syrup, drinks, brownies, cookies

Cuddle up – blanket, pillow, stuffed animal, soft music cd

Fisherman's – lures, fishing line, bait, weights, all in a new fisherman's bag

Handyman/woman's Tool Basket – tool box, hammer, wrenches, screwdrivers, screws/picture hanger

Hunter's – orange vest, orange hat, hand warmers, feet warmers, wool socks, binoculars

Pamper Yourself – hand lotion, bath gel, nail polish, foot rub, scrubby

Knitter's or Crocheter's – needles, yarn, patterns, accessories, basket

Kitchen – measuring cups/spoons, plate scrapers, kitchen tools, apron, potholders, mixing bowls

Mother's Day – earrings, necklace, facial soaps, nail polish, love or chore coupons, date night coupons

Cozy Bathroom – towels, wash cloths, soap

Car Care – car & tire wash, sponges, bucket, car wax, window wash, interior cleaner

Boy Fun – basket full of toys or legos or cars or superheros

Girl Fun – basket full of dolls or Disney things or colors or pens or jump rope or bubbles

Crafting – different kits in a Rubbermaid storage container

Tea Basket – variety of teas, collector teacup, tea pot

Coffee Basket – variety of coffee, creamers, sugar, flavors

English Breakfast for 2 – scones, tea, butter, fruit, 2 plates & cups

Puzzler – basket full of puzzles, mind games

The Gardener – spring bulbs, bulb planter, potting mix, fertilizer, planter

Baker – baking supplies, spices, baking dishes, measuring cups, mixes

Time to Relax – Tote with coloring books, pens, pencils, water colors, magazines, audio books, books

Hand sewing – thread, embroidery scissors, needles, pins, pin cushions

Tools – hand tools in a carrier perfect for small spaces or the car

Coordinating Kitchen – towels, wash cloths, potholders, trivets, apron, basket

Halloween or Thanksgiving Basket – decorations, candy, home décor, table runner

Christmas Basket – ornaments, tablecloth, potholders, towels, home décor

All of your Favorite Things – a basket with things representing your favs

Golfer's Dream – tees, balls, shirt, gift card, golf cart rental

Everything is Coming Up Sunflowers – a basket full of sunflower paraphilia – (sunflowers are a big decorate item this year)

If you are looking for ideas on how to display your items, Home Goods or Goodwill has a good selection of baskets that won't cost a fortune. You can also use laundry baskets, totes (fabric or plastic) – or for your animal baskets – a dog/cat bed. The sky is the limit. Hope you have fun!!

Kathy Roberts

Upcoming TVC Officer vacancies: The TVC will need a Vice President, a Treasurer and a Caller Advisor. Please consider running for any of these positions.

New Business:

Dissolution of Valley River Dancers: (Tim Keck) Please look into whether the dissolution paperwork for the Valley River Dancers has been filed with the Federation. Also, any of the club's funds left over need to be disseminated according to the By-Laws; they should go to another non-profit organization. Update: the funds have gone to Mix'n'Mingle.

Insurance for 2024: At the Federation's September Meeting in 2023, Dale will receive insurance packets of insurance and cost information, and they will be distributed to the Clubs and Councils. Clubs will then be required to send back their roster information and payments by November 2023.

Club Delegate Reports:

Columbia River Dancers: (Dale Smith and Nick Johnson, Delegates) (both absent)
Club dances 1st and 3rd Fridays year round at the Manor Grange, 17901 NE 72nd Ave., Battle Ground, WA 98604. The times 7 to 8 Plus dance, 8-10 Mainstream dance with Jim Hattrick as club caller and cuer. <http://www.ColumbiaRiverDancers.org>
No report.

Eager Beavers: (Alice Hendricks and Judy Groom, Delegates) (Judy absent)
The Club dances every Monday afternoon from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. at the Aloha Grange, 185th and TV Highway. Darrell Kalmbach is our caller and Jeanine Norden is our cuer. Admission is just \$6.00. For additional information, call 503-645-2414 or visit our website at <http://www.eagerbeavers.info>
At the top of Eager Beavers' April agenda is our 48th Anniversary Dance on Monday, April 17 from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. at the Aloha Grange. It will be a Plus level dance with Phase II and III Rounds. Darrell Kalmbach will be our Caller and Jeanine Norden our Cuer. Refreshments will follow at 3:00 p.m. For the other Mondays in April, dancing will be from 1:15 to 3:00 p.m. due to our ongoing Plus lessons.
- Alice Hendricks

Hayshakers: (Kathy Worthington, Delegate) (absent)
Hayshakers are now dancing the 4th Sundays at 5:00 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 had two weeks of free lessons. We started off with 4 squares of beginners with enough Angles to make five squares. When we started classes at \$5 a person we still had two squares that came back. We are very happy with the results now to see if they keep coming back. We put out a big sign at the grange that we are having the lessons, along with flyers to different businesses. We also put an ad in the local newspaper. The trifold that Kathy Roberts gave us went to business in Astoria, Warrenton and Seaside. Not sure which one did the most help, but probably all of them.

On 2 April we are having our yearly dance, elections and dinner. I must say we have some really good cooks in our club.
Kathy Worthington

Hoedowners: (Mike and Sally Duyck, Delegates) (both absent)

Dance the 2nd and 4th Saturdays at the Aloha Grange on the corner of 185th and TV Hwy. Guest callers. The Cuer is Randy Lewis. Mainstream and maybe Plus from 7 to 9:30 p.m. Rounds vary.

<http://www.hoedowners.info>

Hoedowners will celebrate their 73rd anniversary on April 8 at the Aloha Grange. National caller Dan Nordbye will call this dance with Randy Lewis cueing. This dance will begin at 7:00 p.m.

April 22nd will have Hoedowners in Spring Colors with national caller Dan Nordbye, calling this dance and Randy Lewis cueing.

p.s. It's Sally Duyck's birthday also. There will be more cake (and candles).

Mike & Sally Duyck

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

The M'n'Ms will be dark on April 1.

Oak Hills Squares: (Judy Martin and Ken Marifke, Delegates) (both absent) (Linda Kitchin delivered the report)

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 - 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. Mark Wheeler is our Caller.

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

The newest members of the Oak Hills Squares have now graduated and we look forward to attending some dances in April as a club and introducing them to the wide world of square dancing.

We are busy preparing for our First Anniversary dance on Saturday, June 17. It will be held at the Oak Hills Gym and Community Center from 7-9.30 p.m. Our caller will be Mark Wheeler and our cuer is Connie Clark. We are in the process of sending flyers to all the clubs, so please spread the word. We hope you will join us to celebrate.

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

We dance the 2nd Friday and 4th Saturday from September through May and the 2nd and 4th Wednesday from June through August. Plus with intermediate rounds from 7 to 8; 8 to 9:30

Mainstream and rounds. The venue is Kelso Senior Center (106 NW 8th Ave, Kelso, WA) and Craig Abercrombie is our Caller. Call 360-425-6260 or visit our website at www.r-square-d.info for more information.

R Square D regretfully canceled the March 10th dance due to a fairly large number of members who either had COVID or were otherwise under the weather.

Our March 25th "Hello Spring!" class-level dance was well attended with seven squares, including quite a few students. Jim Raupp and Susan Healea called and cued a very fun dance.

Our 70th Anniversary dance will be on Friday, April 14, with Craig Abercrombie calling and Susan Healea cueing. It promises to be another fun-filled evening!

We will be dark on April 22 so that members can attend the Spring Sashay in Yakima that weekend.

Chris Poole

Our annual Oktoberfest will be replaced with our Fall Festival, during the second week in October; the main difference is that there will be no German dinner held. Callers: Craig Abercrombie and Adam Christman; cuer: Susan Healea.

Sunset Promenaders: (Tom and Janice Sminia, Delegates)

Mainstream Dance 1st & 3rd Saturdays. Dances starts at 7:00 with Intermediate Rounds, and then 7:30-9:30 is the Mainstream dance with a Plus Tip during the dance. Guest callers; guest cuers. 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

After evaluating several good callers and cuers Sunset Promenaders have chosen to be our Club Mainstream Caller Darrell Kalmbach and Tami Helms as our Mainstream Club Cuer. Our Mainstream dances are on First and Third Saturdays each month. Club Mainstream Dances are on 1st and 3rd Saturdays from 7:00 to 9:30 include: Sunset Promenaders Plus Dances are as usual with Darrell and Tami calling and cueing on the 1st, 3rd, and 5th Thursdays of the month.

The Club's Mainstream lessons with Darrell Kalmbach instructing are going along well. The graduation will be Sunday, April 30.

On March 18 the Club had an Irish Fling Dance, with Darrell and Tami calling and cueing. There were 54 dancers which made it a lot of fun. At break we had baked potatoes and toppings.

We had election of Club Officers for next year which will start on June 1.

Ed Mickelson President

Vice-President Tom & Janice Sminia

Secretary Dianne Pratt

Treasurer Lalani Radford

We are excited because we just got 5 new members in our Club.

Submitted by Tom & Janice Sminia

Tri Squares: (Charles McAuley (absent) and Michael Smith, Delegates)

We dance on the second and fourth Friday of each month at the Kinton Grange, 19015 SW Scholls Ferry Road, Beaverton, 97007. 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

At our Mardi Gras Dance, we had four squares of Plus, six squares of Mainstream all night, and enough more people for two more squares. The winner of Split the Pot donated the winnings to the Silver City Youth.

We will visit the Hoedowners Anniversary Dance on April 8. We are also going to the Chaps and Petticoats Hillbilly Dance on April 21.

We will be dark on April 14; our next dance will be our Gospel and Singing Calls (Gracenotes) dance on April 28. Terry Halley calling; Sandra Pinion cueing. Rounds at 7 p.m.; Plus at 7:15 and Mainstream at 7:30.

We got 12 new members from our class.

All of our Club board positions have been filled.

Valley Squares: (Julie Cooper and Ron Swanson, Delegates)

Dance 1st Fridays and 3rd Saturdays at the Aloha Grange on the corner of 185th and TV Hwy, year-round. Mainstream with every third tip Plus, with rounds from 7 to 9:30 p.m. Open break with refreshments. Callers are Craig Abercrombie, Scott Zinser and Mark Wheeler, Connie Clark Cuer. www.valleysquares.com

The VS will be dark on Friday, April 7 for Good Friday.

Our next regular dance will be on Saturday, April 15. Scott Zinser calling.

Our Jamboree will be on Tuesday, April 11 at the Aloha Grange, starting at 7 p.m. Up to B-48 level. Callers: Craig Abercrombie and Adam Christman, cuer: Connie Clark.

The VS will be having a clothing resale starting on Tuesday, March 28, and it will be held again on April 4 and April 11.

The VS will celebrate their 74th Anniversary on May 5. Aloha Grange, 7 p.m. Darrell Kalmbach calling, Connie Clark cueing.

Wave Steppers: *(Bob Allen, Karen Bowyer, Delegates) (both absent)*

Wavestepers dance every Tuesday afternoon, 4 to 6pm, in the upstairs ballroom at the Tillamook Elks Lodge, 1907 3rd St. Tillamook OR. We dance mainstream to our caller/cuer Lane Clem. The club is dark December and January. It is good idea to call to make sure we have a square.

No report.

Good of the Order:

Peter Cooper: The Aloha Grange will be holding another fundraiser for their stairlifts. The play “The Importance of Being Ernest” will be performed on April 28 at the Aloha Grange. 7 p.m. Free admission, donations gladly accepted.

Next TVC Meeting:

Monday, April 24 at 7 p.m. via Zoom. The Meeting ID and Passcode is always the same and is: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84528091777?pwd=MnV1YnFBL2VWUDhHMTNrRIB2S0NBdz09>

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