



Tualatin Valley Council (TVC) 2021-05-24

Meeting was held via Zoom

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

<http://www.tualatinvalleycouncil.org>

Attendees:

Delegates:

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| Columbia River Dancers: | Gary and Judi Furguson (both absent) |
| Eager Beavers: | Leslie Tallman, Alice Hendricks |
| Hayshakers: | Judy Martin, Ken Marifke |
| Hoedowners: | Mike Duyck, Kathy Christy (Kathy absent) |
| Mix'n'Mingle: | Rick and Robin Faltersack (both absent) |
| Oak Hills Squares | Marie Clem (absent) |
| R Square D: | Chris and John Poole (both absent) |
| Sunset Promenaders: | Steve LeBlanc, Dan Browning |
| Toe Dragers: | Linda Curtis |
| Tri Squares: | Carol Roos, Ursula Kuhn (Ursula absent) |
| Valley River Dancers: | Jan Amerson, Perrin Damon |
| Valley Squares: | Julie Cooper, Dorothy Reed (Dorothy absent) |
| Wave Steppers: | Bob Allen, Karen Bowyer (both absent) |

Officers, Elected & Appointed:

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

Visitors Attending:

Gary Clark (Sunset Promenaders)
Pete Cooper (Valley Squares)
Dan Damon (Toe Dragers, Valley River Dancers)
Carolene Siebert (Valley Squares)
Tom Sminia (Sunset Promenaders)

TVC Officer Reports:

Previous Council meeting minutes approved as written.

President's report: (Mike St. Clair)

A lot of things happening within the TVC. We will discuss in detail as our Delegates report.

Vice President's report: (Jan Amerson)

I have updated the TVC Council Directory using the information from the OFSRD Website and emails received. I am waiting on responses from one club that I can't get into their page with the information I have and another that I know has a change but I don't have all the information on the new officers. Are we ready to print and send these out or are we still waiting? I don't have special

dances in, again, due to not knowing how things are going to play out. Let me know when you want me to start getting contracts.

Thank you,

Jan Amerson

VP, TVC Council

Treasurer's report: (Tammy LeBlanc)

Thanks to all of the clubs that sent the \$27 payments to the TVC for TVC and Federation Dues, still have not received payments from Columbia River Dancers, Hoedowners and Mix 'n' Mingle.

We are working on our IRS Form 990N.

\$.06 interest earned on our accounts.

Secretary report: (Andis Garuts) No report.

State Delegates report: (Josie Rosenbury)

The State Federation meeting was on Sunday, May 16th via Zoom.

Topics Discussed:

1. Election Results - New slate of Officers for Sept. 2021:

Gary Clark moves to Past President

President – George Hermann, MWA

1st Vice President – Tim Keck, PAC

2nd Vice President – Patrick Cox, SCC

Secretary – Lorri McIntosh, RSQ

Treasurer – Marilyn Schmit, MWA

Membership – Gil Shoemaker, PAC

2. The Federation is looking for a Council to host the 2022 Summer Festival. Without someone coming forward ASAP there will not be one. It's time to be working on this festival so we need a quick decision if we want to put in a bid.

3. Does the TVC have an idea for the cover of the 2021-22 Federation Directory? Last year the Directory featured beautiful watercolor art by Lane Clem (*DoSaDo to an Ocean Wave*). We are invited to select cover art ideas and submit to the Federation for consideration, right away if we want .

4. A decision on whether there will be a State Fair will not be made until June apparently. Tentative dance dates are the Thursday before Labor Day for Mainstream, the Saturday of Labor Day weekend for the youth and a Tuesday for round dancers.

5. If any of our clubs are struggling to stay alive consider operating as a *CALLER RUN* club. This simplifies the process of operating and is beneficial when there are limited club members. Tim Keck researched this topic and can provide assistance with how to go about making this transition if this should apply to any of our clubs.

6. Callerlab voted last week to add Social Square Dancing (SSD) to the Program Policy Statement as an alternate entry-level destination dance program, intended for use without requiring any change to any other dance program. Also further note, SSD will either be offered in the Mainstream or the New Beginner Hall at Mid-Winter. Clubs are encouraged to discuss implementing SSD, especially MS clubs as a way to increase membership by offering shorter classes more frequently than once per year as a way to get dancers on the dance floor sooner.

7. According to the Insurance Chairman as of May 2021 we have 1,368 primary insured dancers in Oregon, an increase of 17 since January. A reminder from the Insurance Chairman that we need to remember our COVID risk levels when we dance and monitor that we are following the guidelines/rules. Failure to adhere to CDC guidelines could void your insurance coverage with an effect on more than just your dancers. If your club needs help understanding the rules, I think Tim Keck would be a good source and welcome your email for guidance – timkeck@outlook.com.

8. Kathy Roberts is chairing SSD Marketing, so when working on club advertising we should consider consulting Kathy for advice/tips. Kathy encourages social media as an effective marketing

medium. A summary of some abbreviated tips and ideas Kathy offered to target a younger audience are below:

Emphasize having fun (over technique) and then create a fun environment.

Under the heading of Merchandising - Consider the condition of your dance venue.. how outdated, drab or boring.. Decorations can help. Consider club work parties to spruce up/make repairs your hall.

Stay away from Senior Centers.

*Although square dancing is good for your health this attribute targets the over 55 age group so stay away from advertising how it helps ones health and instead **emphasize action** and the social activity elements.*

Take the average age of your club membership and subtract 10 years and target this age group.

Do not talk about how long lessons will take to complete.

As a suggestion, do not plan to make changes to your club admission cost when we get back to dancing.

9. Next state meeting will be on Saturday, July 17th – First time to change a meeting from Sunday to a Saturday.

May Deadline Reminders:

1. Update Club Officers on the Federation Web site (squaredance.gen.or.us) so the upcoming Federation Directories have the most up-to-date contact information for your club officers, effective September 2021. Tim Keck mentioned at the State Meeting that some clubs have not verified their officers, so even if your officers are the same as last year and rolling over please go to the webpage <https://squaredance.gen.or.us/Clubinfo/>, go through the menu selections and click on *finished*. This will update the contact information and let Tim know that the existing information for your club is current, or still current. Once you have completed this exit out and go back in to *Update Club Info* and verify it updated. I've heard of a couple of situations where it did not. Make sure after you've made your changes that you are going to the Final page in the Page Navigation, enter your email address and select *Finished*. Then check your email, if it does not update for you, please let me know so we can troubleshoot.

2. Also under *Update Club Info* double-check your club TAX IDENTIFICATION NUMBER listed under the Tax heading to ensure it is correct as well as the NON-PROFIT VERIFICATION INFORMATION.

3. If you have not already done so, send payment for your Federation/Council Dues! Make checks payable to the *Tualatin Valley Council* for \$27 and forward to our Treasurer:

Tammy LeBlanc

1448 SE Duke Dr.

Hillsboro, OR 97123

tammyskiddos@comcast.net

503-407-1618

4. # of Federation Directories to Order for your Club (Due not later than June 30)

Keep in mind that the Federation Directory is additionally going to be offered digitally for download this year for the first time, so that may affect the number of hard copies you want to order for your club officers. Last year the Directory cost was \$3.25 each, they apparently printed at a loss, and if they print fewer this year the cost may be just a skosh more. (The TVC ordered 69 last year.)

Email dancengrin@gmail.com to provide your official club directory count for September 2021. I am hopeful we will have a meeting in person in September where these Directories can be dispersed directly to the Delegates once paid. The same for insurance packages come October! It is so much easier to coordinate and exchange information and coordinate money.

5. Annual Randall Award Nominations (Due to TVC Delegate August 1st)

Nomination Form is available on the tualatinvalleycouncil.org/documents or squaredance.gen.or.us/content/RandallAwardNomination.pdf websites. Work on these if you have a nomination, you'll need a bio with committees and offices held, a narrative of other qualifications and a color picture. The winner is announced at Mid-Winter Festival.

PAC report: (Erin Kalmbach)

Nothing happening in the PAC, however, the Country CutUps are holding square and round dances in June, these are only for CutUps members. They held round dances in May.

We still need to talk about whether the TVC should host the Tri Council Dance in October.

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

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

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

Sunshine report: (Janice Sminia)

No report.

Please send any Sunshine requests to tomsminia@gmail.com .

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

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

Old Business:

TVC Picnic: The TVC Picnic will be held on August 15, at Noble Woods Park in Hillsboro. Everyone is welcome to attend. (no time mentioned at Meeting)

Tri Council Dance: We still need to talk about whether the TVC should host the Tri Council Dance in October.

New Business:

Next TVC Meeting: With a show of hands, about half of our Meeting attendees preferred to hold our next Meeting via Zoom. An idea was brought up: to hold a hybrid in-person/Zoom Meeting, with a large screen at the meeting location. We would need to find a location to hold the Meetings. Discussion about this.

Summer Festival 2022: Should the TVC place a bid to host the Summer Festival next year? We would need to figure out a venue, not Seaside. Possibly the new Convention Center in Hillsboro. Also, we will need to know how many dancers are needed to support us hosting the Festival. Callers, cuers, dance floors, and air conditioning are also considerations. Some of our attendees are in favor of hosting the Festival. We might further discuss this in our June Meeting; we would probably have a response by the end of June.

Cover art for the 2021-2022 State Directory: Does the TVC want to submit cover art for the State Directory? Please take this back to your clubs for ideas. We still have plenty of time to submit artwork from interested dancers, it is just that no one else has submitted anything yet from anywhere else.

Club Delegate Reports:

Columbia River Dancers: (Gary and Judi Furguson, Delegates) (both absent)

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>

No report.

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>

The Eager Beavers are not dancing as yet, but will meet for a social gathering on June 1st.

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 dancing yet, everything there is closed down. We are thinking about working on the Seaside Sashay, but we do not know whether or not it will be held.

Hoedowners: (Mike Duyck and Kathy Christy, Delegates) (Kathy absent)

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 our Executive Board meetings. Our round dances have been taking place on our usual Saturday nights, we had a good showing last Saturday. We hope to go back to square and round dancing in June.

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

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

No report.

Oak Hills Squares: (Marie Clem, Delegate) (absent) (Mike Duyck 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 -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>

The Oak Hills Squares have been holding their Zoom meetings on Monday nights. Their members have been doing 1- to 5-mile walks together throughout the neighborhood. They have not been able to hold dances because the Activity Center has not been opened yet.

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

Dance 2nd Friday and the 4th Saturday from September thru May; June thru August dance 2nd and 4th Wednesday at the Kelso Senior Center (106 NW 8th Ave, Kelso, WA). Plus with intermediate rounds from 7 to 8; 8 to 9:30 Mainstream/rounds with refreshments after the dance. Craig Abercrombie is the caller and Lonnie Sycks is our Cuer. Our website is www.r-square-d.info Call 360-425-6260 for more information.

No report.

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

We had our 1st and 3rd weekend invitation round dances in May.

On May 29 we will hold a square and round dance. 7 to 9 p.m., Darrell Kalmbach will be the caller, Julie Stiers, cuer.

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) (Ursula absent)

We dance on the second and fourth Friday of each month at the historic Tigard Grange in Tigard. Terry Halley is our club Caller with Sandra Pinion Cueing. We dance from September to June. We are dark in July and August. Hearing enhancement devices are available. We round dance from 7:30 – 7:45, dance Plus from 7:45 to 8:00 and Mainstream from 8:00 to 10:00 p.m.; the 4th tip will be PLUS. Refreshments are served at 10:00. www.trisquares.com

We have updated all OFN information, and submitted dues to Tammy as requested and replied to Josie on directories as requested from the May Meeting.

We held a Club Board meeting via Zoom on May 10. Our Covid dangles are here and ready to be distributed when we can dance again. There will be a few left for purchase for other dancers.

We have reserved a park in Sherwood for our Club Picnic on August 22, with hopes that the restrictions will be lifted by then, allowing us to have as many people that are able to attend.

Our monthly Gabfest was held on 5/17 with 40% of our members attending.

Respectfully Submitted, Carol Roos

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

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

We have scheduled our first dance for Friday, June 11, 7 to 10 p.m. at Billick Park in Dundee, at the gazebo. Last half hour will be Plus, rest will be MS.

We hope to hold our annual Dance Under the Stars on July 23, however, we have been unable to confirm the location at the tennis courts for that night. As soon as the venue is confirmed, flyers advertising the dance will go around.

Checkmates Advanced and Challenge classes will be starting up this Thursday at Abernethy Grange.

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

We are waiting to be cleared to dance.

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

OR Federation news: A decision will be made after June on whether the Seaside Sashay will be held this October. We still need to wait until the U.S./Canada border opens up for our Featured Caller to come and call here. The next OR Federation Meeting in September might possibly be held in person, due to there being a change of Officers for the Federation. Mid Willamette Council will be hosting.

Next TVC Meeting:

Monday, June 28, 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