

INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF GAY SQUARE DANCE CLUBS

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING (PART 1 OF 3)

Sunday, May 26, 1985

The Executive Board Meeting was called to order by Chairman Bud Rhyne at 12:30pm in the Blue Room of the Executive Tower Inn, Denver Colorado.

James Ozanich, Western Star Dancers, San Francisco was appointed recording secretary for this meeting.

REPRESENTATIVES & CLUBS PRESENT: Larry Kellogg, Capital City Squares, Sacramento; Ted Oakes, Desert Valley Squares, Pheonix; Larry Gunter, Midnight Ramblers, Pheonix; Dean Hoffman, South Florida Mustangs, Hollywood; Rusty Stubbs, Montrose Country Cloggers and Sidewinders, Houston; Ken Pollack, Times Squares, New York; (Dave Hill) Mile High Squares, Denver; Harlan Kerr, Doppler Dancers, Seattle; Murry Lush, Squares Across the Border, Vancouver; John Howard, Rocky Mountain Rainbeaus, Denver; Doug Barnett, DC Lambda Squares, Washington; Bill Eyler, Wilde Bunche, Albuquerque; Roger Miller, Midnight Squares, San Francisco; James Ozanich, Western Star Dancers, San Francisco, Ren Brown, Foggy City Dancers, San Francisco; Bud Rhyne, chairman. (15 clubs)

CLUBS NOT REPRESENTED: New Years Resolutions, Orange County California; New Years Sun Dancers, Palm Springs; Rosetown Ramblers, Portland; Emerald City Squares, Seattle; Puddletown Squares, Seattle. (5 clubs)

A motion was made by Doug Barnett to accept the minutes of the 1984 (Seattle) Executive Board Meeting and seconded by Harlan Kerr. The motion passed with a vote of 9 to 1.

TREASURERS REPORT: no report.

OLD BUSINESS: No business was discussed but a clarification was made that both the Sidewinders of Houston and Desert Valley Squares of Pheonix were accepted as members of the association at the 1984 Executive Board Meeting and not prior to that date.

NEW BUSINESS: Applications from six clubs wishing to join the association were discussed. Each application was nominated and voted on seperately. Each club was accepted into the association by unanimous vote. The new clubs are:

- B O Q's, Seattle
- Doppler Dancers, Seattle
- Eight Star Squares, Anchorage
- Midnight Ramblers, Pheonix
- T Squares, Tuscon
- Times Squares, New York

A motion to adjourn was made by Ren Brown and seconded by _____ . The motion was defeated by a vote of 0 to 14 with 1 abstention.

Anew motion to adjourn was made with a specific request to set the time for the next meeting by Roger Miller and seconded by Harlan Kerr. The motion also failed by a unanimous vote.

A motion was then made by Roger Miller and seconded by Harlan Kerr to postpone all votes until the meeting could be reconvened with more representatives present. This motion did pass unanimously. It was agreed that the voting portion of the meeting would reconvene at 6:00pm in the Blue Room.

The meeting was recessed for a few minutes at which time several representatives left the room. After the recess, with voting portion of the meeting suspended, discussion only continued.

The next item of business was to discuss the resolutions proposed by Western Star Dancers as previously distributed. Everyone present liked everything in the resolutions as stated and recommended that we present these items as positively as possible to the general membership.

Discussion was held whether or not to throw out totally or just revamp, by admend- : (?) ment(s) the current association bylaws. Questions were asked if we needed to do anything now or if it could wait until the meetings at the next convention. Those present agreed that we needed to immediately clarify the bylaws section on the Executive Board (article IV) and the annual convention (article V, section 2). The other items could wait until a later date.

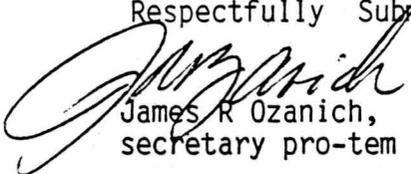
It was then agreed that at the reconvened meeting later tonight that two representatives from each club would be allowed to attend with only one vote per club.

A discussion was held about which items needed to be on the agenda for the general meeting to be held the following day. This matter was tabled until the later session.

Finally, a discussion was held regarding exhibitions by association member clubs. It was agreed that Bud Rhyne would speak with Wayne Jakino, convention chairman, and ask if the two clubs interested and prepared to do an exhibition, could be allowed to do so tonight or at some point prior to the end of the convention.

The members present then disbursed themselves and agreed to reconven at 6:00 and to let all other executive board members know the time and place of the evening session.

Respectfully Submitted,



James R. Ozanich,
secretary pro-tem

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MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

(PART 2 OF 3)

MAY 26, 1985 (SUNDAY)

Meeting was called to order 6:10 P.M. by Bud Rhyne in the Blue Room of Executive Tower Inn, Denver, Co. Attached is a list of those representatives in attendance.

Larry Kellogg reported the activities of the meeting held earlier in the day, as the official minutes were not available.

Bud asked how we wanted to go about handling the resolutions presented by Western Star Dancers of San Francisco.

Roger Miller of Midnight Squares pointed out that the executive board needed to reach a concensus on this matter in order to avoid a prolonged debate at the general meeting. Scott Carey of Western Star Dancers pointed out that we are a young association that is growing and that we have outgrown the existing by-laws. He added that it seemed easier for the members of the Association to spend the next year studying and working on a set of revised by-laws rather than amending the current ones.

Harlan Kerr of BOQ Dancers said that we should start by considering the six resolutions submitted by Western Star Dancers. He moved that the Association adopt these resolutions. Doug McPherson of Doppler Dancers seconded the motion. A copy of the resolutions is attached.

Discussion of the motion to adopt the resolutions submitted by Western Star Dancers

Resolution 1: Scott Carey emphasized the need for active hard-working representatives. Harlan Kerr brought up the need to create a structure that would make communication between the clubs of the Association occur regularly and that the representatives agree on it and do it. Scott suggested that the development of an actual Association bulletin would provide a forum for clubs to share ideas on a variety of topics. Topics of discussion could be proposed and clubs could submit their input. There was general agreement that this was an appropriate use of the newsletter.

Resolution 2: Doug McPherson stated that the by-laws don't guarantee that anything gets done. Andrea Barton of Foggy City Dancers stated that there is much more commitment this year and things will get done. Roger Miller pointed out that we need clear concise by-laws. Tadd Waggoner of Midnight Squares asked if we needed to form a by-law committee for next year. Bud Rhyne said that the representatives to the executive board can be the committee and communicate via the chairperson. It was interjected that next year the executive board meeting should be held on the day prior to the beginning of the convention.

Resolution 2 (Continued):

There was general agreement among the representatives that this was a good idea and next year's board meeting should be held on the day before the convention.

Resolution 3: Scott Carey pointed out that we can not put everything we need to do in the by-laws, and need some policy statements and guidelines. James Ozanich gave the example of a policy on banner stealing as something that could be covered in standing rules. The question of whether or not there should be a standing rule to select the national chair from the city scheduled to host the next convention was discussed. The representatives decided this was not necessary. Ted Oakes of Desert Valley Squares pointed out that we were straying and taking an inordinant amount of time.

The next three resolutions were read. Dave New Year asked if the chairperson should appoint the chair of the convention committee. It was pointed out that this should be a function of the host city committee. James Ozanich called the question. The motion passed unanimously.

Dicussion of selection of future convention sites

Bud Rhyme stated that we need a procedure for choosing future convention sites more than a year in advance. Roger Miller raised a point of information on whether we should consider the question of officers as mentioned in the resolutions adopted earlier. It was decided that the representatives could do this as a matter of policy and would select them after considering the question of convention sites. After much discussion regarding how far in advance sites should be selected, Ren Brown of Foggy City Dancers proposed the following motion: Site selection for the annual convention shall take place 3 to 5 years in advance. Sites selected 1 to 3 years in advance shall be considered definate and sites selected 4 to 5 years in advance shall be tentative. Each year at the convention, future host cities shall reaffirm their intentions. The Association can not revoke selected convention sites less than 3 years in advance, barring official notice from the host city that it is unable to produce the convention. Should a city retract its proposal to produce a convention for a given year, the city selected to host the convention in the year following, will be given first right of refusal to hold the convention in the vacated year, followed by other proposed convention sites in chronological order. The motion was seconded by Tadd Waggoner. The representatives voted unanimously to accept the motion and directed the secretary to reword it in a manner that embodied the intent of the executive board.

Election of Association officers

Chairperson: Bud Rhyne opened nominations for chairperson. James Ozanich nominated Dean Hoffman of South Florida Mustangs, seconded by Dave New Year. There were no other nominations. Dean was elected unanimously.

Vice Chairperson: Dave New Year nominated Scott Carey, seconded by Doug McPherson. There were no other nominations. Scott was elected unanimously.

Treasurer: Roger Miller pointed out that as a matter of convenience and efficiency it would be appropriate to select a treasurer from the same city as the chairperson. Dave New Year nominated Joe Osborn of South Florida Mustangs, seconded by James Ozanich. Joe was elected unanimously, pending his acceptance. Larry Kellogg moved that representatives be provided with regular treasurer's reports. James Ozanich seconded. The motion was amended to read that representatives should be provided with a quarterly financial report. The question was called: The motion passed unanimously. Roger Miller proposed that Dean Hoffman introduce Joe Osborn at the general meeting.

Secretary: James Ozanich nominated Harlan Kerr, seconded by Dave New Year. There were no further nominations. Harlan was elected 19 affirmative and 1 opposing vote cast by Kay Mart.

Discussion of selection of convention callers

Harlan presented a proposal from Seattle that Elmer Sheffield and Paul Markum be granted first right of refusal to call at all future conventions. In the discussion that followed, it was decided to make this a friendly policy in the form of a suggestion from the board to future host cities. In addition it was suggested that the board should make new members and clubs aware of the contribution that Paul and Elmer have made to our organization. It was agreed to make this a tradition not a resolution. It was further agreed that we present them with proposed dates, and not modify our scheduling to fit their calendars. With regard to future conventions it was agreed that the host city should make the final selection of callers for the convention with input from the board and the Gay Callers Association. Suggestions from the board are to serve only as guidelines and should not be considered directives.

Discussion of selection of future convention sites

James Ozanich moved that the board recommend that San Francisco be selected as the site of the 1986 convention. There were numerous seconds. Ren Brown read a letter that is to be presented at the general meeting and information packets were distributed. The proposed site was described and Tadd Waggoner reported on the amount of organization that has already taken place. At the end of the discussion it was voted unanimously to recommend that the 1986 convention be held in San Francisco.

It was pointed out that at this point the proposal is only a recommendation.

Rick Hawes of Portland presented a bid to host the 1987 convention in Portland on Fourth of July Weekend. Harlan Kerr asked if there were enough committed people in Portland to provide the person power needed, and Roger Miller asked if there was a formal committee yet. Rick said that he felt that there was sufficient commitment in Portland and that the committee was informal at the present but was preparing to formalize. He went on to describe potential sites they have been considering. Dave New Year moved that we recommend that the Association accept Portland's bid to host the 1987 convention. It was seconded by John Howard of the Rocky Mountain Rainbeaus. The motion passed unanimously.

Ted Oakes of Desert Valley presented a proposal to have the 1988 convention in Phoenix. Tadd Waggoner asked if this was a joint effort with Midnight Ramblers. Ted said that the Midnight Ramblers have pledged their support. Tadd Waggoner asked if they could consider a date other than the proposed one of Memorial Day weekend. Harlan pointed out that last year we had resolved to try to avoid that date in the future due to the conflict with the Golden State Roundup. Ted said that he could not change the proposal without consulting with his committee but would relay the concerns to them. It was pointed out that it was not necessary to hold the convention on a holiday weekend (e.g. the Seattle and proposed San Francisco conventions). Ken Pollack of Times Squares pointed out that members of his club prefer Holiday weekends because it makes it easier for them to schedule time off from work to attend. Harlan pointed out that Memorial Day also puts the convention a week before the CGRA Rodeo, which may be a consideration. Doug McPherson moved that we recommend that the association select Phoenix for the site of the 1988 convention. Dean Hoffman seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Murray Lush of Squares Across the Border expressed Vancouver's intent to bid for the 1990 convention. They are considering dates in Late July and August that will coincide with the Gay Olympics. The board discussed whether or not the membership needs to vote on this. Bud pointed out that this was not a formal proposal but a statement of intent, and did not require a vote. Ted Oakes asked if we should give Vancouver tentative approval. Ken Pollack stated that that would discourage other groups from bidding. Murray said that Vancouver definitely wanted it and indicated that they would begin working on a formal proposal. Ted moved that we recognize the Vancouver proposal and mention it at the general meeting. Dave New Year seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Discussion of Exhibitions at the Convention

Cricket May of Rocky Mountain Rainbeaus asked that we discuss the question

of exhibition dancing at the convention. Roger pointed out that the problem began at non Square Dance hosted events such as the Reno and Denver Rodeos where exhibitions went on for long periods of time. It was stated that this was not a problem at the Seattle convention and that it was mainly a matter of appropriate scheduling. Scott Carey commented that exhibition is a part of the convention and we need to provide for that option. Ted Oakes said that convention committee should use its intelligence in planning for exhibitions.

Rick Hawes raised a point of information asking if there was a formal agenda for the meeting. Bud said no and Rick asked that this be done in the future. Harlan pointed out that the resolutions adopted would take care of this.

Discussion of other items

Scott Carey expressed a concern that there has been some discussion as to whether or not some of our groups exclude lesbians. It was noted that this had been discussed at the earlier meeting and found to be untrue. Scott stated that we should consider adding a non-discrimination clause as we consider the by-laws over the next year. There was general agreement on this topic.

Scott asked that in the future the host of the convention consider a more formal arrangement of banners and that some distinction be made between the banners of members and non-members. Andrea Barton asked that non-member banners be displayed separately from those of members.

James Ozanich asked Dean Hoffman to be sure to schedule an executive board meeting on the day before the convention next year. Dean agreed to do so.

Thanks were extended to Denver for hosting the convention and all the hard work the people here put in.

It was proposed by Roger Miller that we set a tentative agenda for the general meeting that we could add or subtract from. The agenda was tentatively set as follows:

- 1) Presentation of resolutions and review of by-laws.
- 2) Recognition of new officers in the clubs
- 3) Presentation of convention bids
 - a) San Francisco, Ca.
 - b) Portland, Or.
 - c) Phoenix, Az.
 - d) Vancouver, B.C.
- 4) Other business

Roger Miller pointed out the need to clarify that new by-laws are not being adopted but are being considered and developed over the next year with opportunities for all groups to have input.

Murray Lush asked if there was some way we could handle the confusion caused by different types of styling. Andrea Barton stated that people need to know the difference between styling and definitions, and which is which. Tadd Waggoner stated that this was an item that could be discussed via correspondence over the next year

Roger Miller pointed out the need for a presentation of the board's positive intent of providing new officers and why it was done. Bud stated that the officers are for the maintenance of the Association.

James Ozanich asked that the agenda for the general meeting be available in printed form.

Tadd Waggoner asked when the shift of the chair takes place, and it was pointed out that it shall take place upon the conclusion of the convention.

Scott Carey expressed the Association's appreciation for all the work Bud has done in the last year.

Tadd Waggoner moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by John Howard of Rocky Mountain Rainbeaus. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20P.M.

Respectfully submitted



Harlan Kerr
Secretary IAGSDC

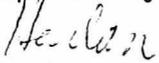
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MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD OF THE IAGSDC (PART 3 OF 3)

MAY 27, 1985 (MONDAY)

The meeting was called to order by Bud Rhyne at 1:50 P.M. on the terrace of the Executive Tower Inn, Denver Colorado. Representatives or alternates from all clubs except the Eight Star Squares were in attendance. The purpose of the meeting was to consider the membership application of Gaslight Squares from Tacoma Washington. The Gaslight Squares are a new club which is currently finishing the basic Program. Art Smith presented the application. The board voted unanimously to accept Gaslight Squares into the association. Bud moved for adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 1:55 P.M.

Respectfully submitted



Harlan Kerr
Secretary, IAGSDC