**Metropolitan Chicago Association of Square Dancers**

**MCASD Executive Board Meeting July 27, 2018**

**Special location: Decatur, IL**

**Attendance:** Rich Sehnert, Janice Cha, Anita Johnson, Marilyn Heinemann, Jules Heinemann, Bill Neurauter, Sue Davies, Ken Davies, Duane Bradley, Robert Bradley, Darlene Kulpa, Frankie Terry, Pat Semple, Donna Carpenter. Visitors: Cornie Gardner, Bill Petrites

**Agenda corrections:** Marilyn Heinemann will take minutes as secretary. The agenda was approved.

Approval of March minutes was tabled for review until later meeting

**Treasurer:** Cash balance as of June 30, 2018 is $ 19,449.50. Treasurer’s report approved.

President’s report: Thanks to Robert Bradley for accepting role of VP. Thanks to Janice Cha for her work as VP. Thanks to all present for attending convention and meeting. Rich would like to see Grant program continued with focus on new callers.

**VP report:** Thanks to all for their support. New dancer dance was held at Faith UMC in April with Bobby Poyner as the caller. Janice voiced importance of new dancer dances. She also stated the importance of sharing past experiences and encouragement with new officers and board to keep organization running smoothly. Discussion on positive and complete communication for board and delegates. Would like to re-instate training.

**Secretary:**  The secretaries (Marilyn and Darlene) will send minutes immediately following meeting and again 1-2 weeks before next meeting. General meeting minutes will be sent to presidents and delegates and exec bd. Board meeting minutes will be sent to exec bd and directors. Some hard copies will be available at the next meeting.

**Insurance:** Bill Neurauter sent forms to all clubs in April. BnB McHenry has now moved to MCASD insurance. Bill received forms from all but Spare Squares. Discussion on updating club information procedures. Bill N. receives club information along with insurance forms. He passes club contacts on to Ken D. Plan for communication updates as follows: Ken types and publishes club information for September general meeting. Ken will email MCASD MEMBER CLUB INFORMATION list 2018-19 along w/ change form by August 15 to club presidents and delegates. Email will request recipients to confirm correct info or send change form. It is requested to be returned by Sept 1. Master list will be published for September General meeting. Before each quarterly meeting Ken D will send out a reminder to clubs along with a change form for clubs to check their information and send back corrections. Ken will only publish updated sheets for clubs to add to their books. At General meeting a reminder, as part of the agenda, will be given to have Club presidents send in a change form whenever there is a change to leadership. Ken Davies agreed to continue publishing handbook updates.

**Webmaster:** If we ask for changes to website information, please monitor to see if info is correct. Board is asked to monitor squaredancechicago.com site for correct and up to date info and email Brian if there are needed changes.

**SCISDA:** Receiving nomination forms for officers. Election of secretary and president is Sat at convention.

**Newsnotes:** It is published at each general meeting. It was suggested that Robert Bradley request info from clubs prior to General meetings. Need to send to Brian Robinson to post on MCASD website.

**Friendship Awards:** Donna Carpenter ordered and will be presented at September General Meeting. 64 people from 6 clubs will receive awards.

**Historian:** NR

**Sweetheart Dance:** Contracts received and Information will be passed out at next general meeting. Janice will draft flyer for directory if needed.

**Publicity/Website:** already covered in webmaster report.

**Pumpkin Ball:** Oct. 28. Darlene Kulpa is chairperson. A flyer has been submitted for directory. Motion: to change hours of PB to 1:30-5:00 by Darlene Kulpa. Second by Duane Bradley For: 7 Opposed: 4 Abstentions: 3 Motion passed.

**Grant:** 15 clubs participated in grant program to encourage Mainstream/C50 dancers. Thanks to all the clubs that participated. Anita paid $2300 to clubs. Positives- many plus dancers attended dances; they offered encouragement; NYE dance offered plus and Mainstream/C50 dancing. Negatives-not many MS/C50 attended most of the dances; they tended to stay close to their own area; clubs often talked about them as student dances rather than MS/C50. There are no plans to develop a grant for the 2018-19 dance season.

**New Business:** Need Director for Mc BnB. Anita volunteered to be director of BnB McHenry. Need to clarify if Christine Steffy is continuing to be a part of MCASD.

**Open Forum:** No topics

Bill Neurater motioned to adjourn. Sue Davies seconded. Voted to adjourn.

2018 IMPORTANT DATES

**MCASD Executive Meetings-** Saturdays: August 18, October 20, November 10

**MCASD General Meetings -** Sundays: April 15, September 16, December 2

**Pumpkin** Ball- Sunday, October 28