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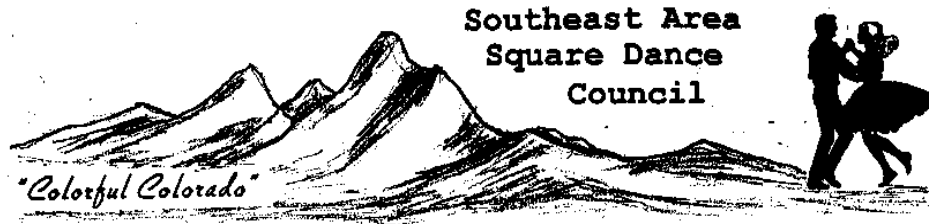
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MINUTES OF SOUTHEAST AREA SQUARE DANCE COUNCIL JOINT MEETING International Dance Center Colorado Springs CO

The meeting was called to order by President Gene Berens at 4:01 PM. Present were: Gene and Denise Berens, President, Ken Tucker, Vice President, Bev Bentley Treasurer, Mike Bentley Secretary, Junior CSSDA Reps Dylan and Christine Clark. Senior CSSDA Rep Larylee Hitchens was absent.

Also present were Monarch Maverick representative Andrith Davis, Pikes Peak Plus rep Susan Swank, the Berens and Bentleys represented Pueblo Pepper Steppers while Dylan and Christine Clark represented Waggin' Wheelers. Alan Hirsch was present as Treasurer for Hi Country Weekend.

There was a quorum present to do business.

Officer Reports:

Treasurer (Bev Bentley)

The Treasurer handed out reports to August 31. She explained that due to Covid and a loan for the 2024 State Festival, our total assets are a lot less than they used to be. The \$4000.00 loan to CSSDA will be paid back before any income is divided with CSSDA. In a previous Executive Board meeting it was decided that \$1500.00 from the Hi Country Weekend would be transferred to SEASDC. A \$500 balance would be kept in the separate Hi Country Weekend account. Alan Hirsch stated that two couples could not attend this year that had paid. Because the money had been rolled over from previous years, he wanted to refund the \$160.00 (\$80 per couple) and transfer to SEASDC \$1340.00 to keep at least \$500.00 to prevent bank fees on the account. Approval of that by motion was delayed until the Hi Country Report.

She also explained that the 2023 budget, required by SEASDC By-laws was not

a true budget in that it showed a loss from the beginning. So far this year \$5498.00 has been spent with only dues and bulletin income to the Council. Money to support the clubs and their restart after Covid and the loan to the CSSDA account for the loss. Even so, the Council has some \$8000 to work with and is in good financial shape.

It was moved, seconded and passed to accept the Treasurer's report. See page 2.

There were no other officer reports.

It was moved, seconded and passed to approve the May 13th minutes as printed in the SEASDC Bulletin.

Hi Country Weekend, the 2024 State Festival and Tumbleweed Jamboree were removed from the Consent Agenda for discussion.

Committee Reports:

Bulletin: (Barbara McPhaul)

The June 23 issue was emailed to 50 addresses, 17 were printed, 9 mailed. The total expense was \$18.14.

Hall of Fame: (vacant) No report.

Hi Country Weekend Registrar:

(Barbara McPhaul) Total registered for this year's Hi Country were 120, 51 men and 69 women. Of these, 25 registered at the door.

Hi Country Weekend Treasurer (Alan Hirsch) Total registration income and 50/50 was \$5492.00, total expense was \$5818.23. for a loss of \$326.23.

Lloyd Shaw (Boone McReynolds) A nomination was received, committee was consulted and agreed upon. Announcement will be at Tumbleweed Jamboree.

Sunshine and Shadow: Adria Tuttle and Fran Worthington) See page 3

NEW BUSINESS

The Council Secretary gave a report on the effort to become a 501 (c) (3) organization

Requirements to apply for 501 © (3) under United Square Dancers of America (USDA)

1. Confirm Membership—Agree to follow USDA Code of Ethics and Code of Conduct.
2. Submit Application—\$100.00 application fee
3. Letter requesting inclusion in USDA group exemption
4. Articles of incorporation, Constitution, By Laws, Standing Rules
5. Fiscal year January 1 to December 31, already done
6. Employee identification number and IRS letter of declaration
7. \$50.00 a year for maintenance and \$25.00 (currently) USDA dues

The major project is to update and change the Council By-laws to agree with the requirements of the United Square Dancers of America (USDA) umbrella organization. The club members vote on the By-law changes and the representatives then bring the membership decision to the Council. Once voted to approve, the By-laws and other documents are to be forwarded to the USDA for approval. According to USDA officials, the review takes only a couple of weeks. After some discussion, a motion was made to approve joining USDA and paying the \$100.00 fee for launching the 501 © (3) review and application. It was moved, seconded and passed.

HI COUNTRY WEEKEND

Next on the agenda was a discussion of what to do with Hi Country Weekend. The following questions were before the Council.

- Does Hi Country go Dark for a year?
- Do we keep it in August or move it to later in the year?
- What city?
- What Venue?
- What Name?
- Microtel gift card?

An active discussion followed. One issue is the State Festival in Pueblo in 2024. The people working that are the same people working Hi Country. In addition, August is a hot month and one that keeps hotels full as well. Taking all these things into consideration, the Council moved, seconded and passed to not do a weekend event in 2024 but beginning planning for 2025 perhaps later in the year. October was mentioned as a possible candidate but no firm date was set. Although a name change was discussed, no firm decision was made on that either.

It was moved, seconded and passed to give the Pueblo Microtel staff a gift of cookies for the staff along with writing our

appreciation for their help in hosting Hi Country in 2023.

It was also moved, seconded and passed to reimburse SEASDC \$1340.00 instead of \$1500.00 so that the Hi Country account will remain above the threshold to prevent bank fees on the account after reimbursing \$160.00 to those already registered.

Tumbleweed Jamboree will be held at the International Dance Center on October 21st, hosted by the Pueblo Pepper Steppers. Hal Barnes will be calling an SSD dance for newer dancers. It will be from 1:30-4:00 PM. The venue change for Tumbleweed is due to the IDC being a larger facility and able to accommodate the expected larger dance crowd. There will be no additional workshops this year.

2024 Festival shirts are on sale \$25.00 each.

The officers up for election are President, Secretary and Senior Representative. No official nomination committee was appointed at this meeting.

Waggin' Wheelers won the attendance award.

The next meeting will be January 20, 2024 in Pueblo at 10:30 AM, location to be announced.

Meeting adjourned at 5:49 PM

Mike Bentley, Secretary

TREASURER'S REPORT		
8/31/2023		
<u>Assets</u>		
SEASDC Checking Balance	\$	680.00
SEASDC Savings Balance	\$	1259.36
SEASDC Money Market	\$	4250.79
HCW Checking Balance**	\$	2064.37
TOTAL ASSETS		\$8254.52
<u>Liabilities</u>		
Promotions Fund (in svgs acct)		
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$	350.00
<u>CASH FLOW</u>		
	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expense</u>
Bulletin	\$101.00	\$43.54
Clubs (dues)	\$100.00	
CSSDA (dues, travel, meeting]		\$90.02
General fund expenses	\$.63	\$397.10
Tumbleweed Jamboree		
Lloyd Shaw Award		
Hi Country Weekend**		\$1500.00
Sunshine and Shadows		\$19.64
Promotions	\$350.00	
Loan to 2024 Festival		\$4,000.00
TOTALS	\$552.23	\$6,050.30
Submitted by,		
<i>Beverly Bentley</i>		
Treasurer		
SEASDC		



**COLORADO SQUARE
DANCE ASSOCIATION**

**Information taken from the minutes posted
from the July 2023 meeting**

The meeting was held at the Rawlings Public Library in Pueblo, CO. Prior to the meeting the SE council provided a tour of the 2024 Festival location, Occhiato Ballroom, at the CSU Pueblo Campus.

The **Past Presidents committee** has been asked to complete some Guidelines for Hosting the Colorado State Square and Round Dance Festival.

State Festival: The attendance was 361 with a total of 340 meals served. Profit is in the range of \$5000. The silent auction raised \$1500.

Tomo Hayashi gave a report on the possibility of getting a State License Plate.

USDA: You can get a subscription to the USDA magazine for \$6 a year. USDA has a program to honor 100 year old dancers. They also have a scholarship program for HS Seniors and College Freshmen.

CRDA Gala: Come Dance Under the Sea in "23" is at the Occhiato Ballroom on Oct 13-14, 2023. Featured cuers Randy & Marie Preskett and Milo & Cynda Molitores. Mitchell and Chelsea Thompson are the 2023 Gala Chairs. Registration forms can be found at crda.net



**SUNSHINE AND
SHADOWS**

CONDOLENCES:

Mitchell and Chelsea Thompson on the loss of their baby in May.

George and Jean White on the loss of their son. Whites dance with Colorado Springs clubs.

Debbie Steinkirchner on the loss of her mother.

Susan Swank, Pikes Peak Plus, on the loss of her father.

Dancers and former dancers who have passed away:

David Pate from Colorado Springs.

RECOVERING:

Allyn Riggs cuer, from breast cancer.

Boone McReynolds, Pepper Steppers, from back surgery.

Dan Tafoya, Pepper Steppers, received a new liver.

Ron Morris, Pepper Steppers, from a heart attack.

Chuck Percival, Pepper Steppers, had hand surgery.

Christine Clark, Waggin' Wheelers, had a bad fall and has had shoulder surgery.

THINKING OF YOU:

Linda Davis, Pepper Steppers, whose son is battling cancer.

CONGRATULATIONS:

TO Eileen Quinn and Ben Johnson, Waggin' Wheelers, on their engagement.

If you know of a dancer who would appreciate a card, notify'

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Or

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The fattest knight at King Arthur's round table was Sir Cumference. He acquired his size from too much pi.

TUMBLEWEED
JAMBOREE

Saturday, October 21, 2023

**International Dance Center, 2422
Busch Ave, Colorado Springs CO**

Finger Foods, Beverages & Prizes

Lloyd Shaw Award

**Hal Barnes, Caller
Denise Berens, Cuer**

1:30-4:00 PM

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68th Colorado State Square Dance Festival

Colorado State University-Pueblo, 2200 Bonforte Blvd., Pueblo, CO

June 14-15, 2024

Dancer Registration			
Dancer #1	Last Name		First Name
	Phone Number	Email	
	Mailing Address		
			I will dance: <i>(check all that apply)</i> <input type="checkbox"/> SSD <input type="checkbox"/> Mainstream <input type="checkbox"/> Plus <input type="checkbox"/> Advanced <input type="checkbox"/> Challenge Round: <input type="checkbox"/> 2 <input type="checkbox"/> 3/4 <input type="checkbox"/> 5/6
			I am a: <input type="checkbox"/> Youth Dancer <input type="checkbox"/> Caller <input type="checkbox"/> Cuer <input type="checkbox"/> Solo Dancer
Dancer #2	Last Name		First Name
	Phone number	E mail	
	Mailing Address, if different than above		
			I will dance: <i>(check all that apply)</i> <input type="checkbox"/> SSD <input type="checkbox"/> Mainstream <input type="checkbox"/> Plus <input type="checkbox"/> Advanced <input type="checkbox"/> Challenge Round: <input type="checkbox"/> 2 <input type="checkbox"/> 3/4 <input type="checkbox"/> 5/6
			I am a: <input type="checkbox"/> Youth Dancer <input type="checkbox"/> Caller <input type="checkbox"/> Cuer <input type="checkbox"/> Solo Dancer
Registration Fees			
Date Registered	Reg Fee	# of Registrants	Total Reg Fees
<input type="checkbox"/> At the 2023 Festival or by June 30, 2023	\$ 50		
<input type="checkbox"/> Early Bird – July 1, 2023 – May 30, 2024	\$ 60		
<input type="checkbox"/> June 1, 2024 or later OR On-Site	\$ 75		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1 Day Pre-Registration	\$ 35		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1 Day On-Site Registration	\$ 40		
<input type="checkbox"/> Youth Registration – 2 Day	\$ 40		
<input type="checkbox"/> Youth Registration – 1 Day	\$ 20		
Credit Card On-Line Order #	Total Amount Due		\$

Payment by credit card– Please pay your registration fees on-line at <https://my-site-107333-104618.square.site> Record the on-line order number in the space provided above. Then save and send your completed registration form by email to bev@24kgoldrush.co

Payment by check: Please make check payable to "2024 CSSDF". Mail your check, along with your completed registration form to: Bev Bentley, 1250 N. Platteville Blvd., Pueblo West, CO 81007

Email questions to bev@24kgoldrush.co

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CLUB NEWS

WAGGIN' WHEELERS

Waggin' Wheelers have had a busy summer. Our dancers have attended the Colorado State Festival, USA West, Hot August Nights, Hi Country Weekend and the Peach Promenade. We also had dancers travel to Ft. Collins, Castle Rock and the State Proclamation Dance at the Capitol. There are 20 dancers in our current round of Plus lessons. There's never a dull moment with Waggin' Wheelers!

OPEN HOUSE—November 3 we'll have an open house, planned to give prospective dancers an opportunity to see and get a taste of square dancing before our next SSD class in January. Bring your friends who may be interested in square dancing. The evening will be our normal format, with Plus 6:45-7:30 and SSD 7:30-9:00, giving our guests an opportunity to get up and learn a call or two. There is no cost or obligation for prospective new dancers.

PUEBLO PEPPER STEPPERS

There are a few changes to the last part of Pepper Stepper schedule.

We have added a dance on September 30. This is the one in honor of Lenny-er-Cycle. It is an all Plus dance with Bob Riggs calling. It will begin with a luncheon at 12:00 at First Congregational United Church of Christ. Dance will be from 1:30-4:00.

October 21st Dance. This has been designated as the Tumbleweed Dance. Hal Barnes is still the caller, but the location has been changed to the IDC in Colorado Springs. The dance remains from 1:30-4:00. Address for IDC is 2422 Busch Ave.

November 4th Dance—This dance remains the same as on our schedule. Reminder to dancers: This dance is from 6:30 pm—9:00 pm.

December 31st Dance - Our New Year's Eve dance will be with Bob Gaunt. We will dance at our regular venue. Dance will be from 8:00-10:00 (New York Midnight).

A Brief History of Hi Country Weekend

Hi Country Weekend was started in 1985 by the Hi Country Swingers Square Dance Club in Westcliffe. The local school had an inexpensive venue featuring a full kitchen and well-kept wood dance floor in the gym. The community itself, situated in an alpine valley, had a cooler summer climate with spectacular scenery all around. Jerry Junck and John Kwaiser were the callers and Arlen Sample was the cuer for the event.

This remained the same for about 20 years or so. The event was so popular that the 400 person capacity of the gym was often exceeded and a wait list had to be established. Lodging at the time was less than present day, but many dancers brought RVs.

From this start, the number of dancers dwindled, as with the rest of the activity. In the early 2000's the number of dancers totaled between 120 to 150 at the annual event. The sponsoring club, Hi Country Swingers, was also growing smaller and finally went dark and released Jerry Junck, John Kwaiser and Arlen Sample in 2005 at the last HCW hosted by Hi Country Swingers. In 2006, The Southeast Area Square Dance Council with George Hall, Pam Gaunt, Gene Lorje and Don Meyer took over the duties of planning and hosting the dance. Tim Tyl called and Sonya Savell cued.

Beginning in 2009, Mountain Magic was contracted to call every other year with different cuers.

In 2018 the High School was unavailable due to remodeling of the building. This project would take two years to complete leaving the gym unavailable to dance in during the summer. At this point Trinidad Community Center was booked. It too was inexpensive and featured a full kitchen and excellent facilities. The Center was home for Hi Country for two years. It was not as well attended due to the very different communities.

In 2020, the school was locked down due to COVID-19 and HCW was canceled. In 2021 the school was unavailable because of a summer school program and the refinishing of the gym floor was contracted to an outside company. The weekend before HCW was the only week the flooring company could refinish the gym floor. At this point, the Hope Lutheran Church Lange Hall was booked as an alternate facility. It's concrete floor was a constant complaint in 2021 and 2022.

As told by Alan Hirsch, the last remaining dancing member of Hi Country Swingers in Westcliffe.

DATE	CLUB	CALLER/CUER	THEME	
Sept 30	Sat	Pueblo Pepper Steppers	Bob Riggs	Lenny-er-Cycle
Oct 6	Fri	Waggin' Wheelers	Jeff Palmer/Denise Berens	
Oct 7	Sat	Pueblo Pepper Steppers	Bob Gaunt/Denise Berens	Football Night
Oct 13	Fri	Pikes Peak Plus	Debbie Steinkirchner/Andrith Davis	Autumn Leaves
Oct 14	Sat	Monarch Mavericks	Bob Riggs/Allyn Riggs	Autumn Leaves
Oct 20	Fri	Waggin' Wheelers	Jeff Palmer/Andrith Davis	
Oct 21	Sat	<u>Tumbleweed Jamboree</u>	Hal Barnes/Denise Berens	Held at IDC
Oct 27	Fri	Pikes Peak Plus	Bob Riggs/Allyn Riggs	Halloween
Oct 28	Sat	Monarch Mavericks	Jeff Palmer/Andrith Davis	Halloween
Nov 3	Fri	Waggin' Wheelers	Jeff Palmer/Debbie Steinkirchner	Line dancing
Nov 4	Sat	Pueblo Pepper Steppers	Bob Riggs/Denise Berens (note time)	Honoring Veterans
Nov 10	Fri	Pikes Peak Plus	Hal Barnes/Andrith Davis	Veterans Day
Nov 11	Sat	Monarch Mavericks	Roger Schappell/Andrith Davis	Honoring our Veterans
Nov 17	Fri	Waggin' Wheelers	Jeff Palmer/Andrith Davis	Thanks For You
Nov 18	Sat	Pueblo Pepper Steppers	Bear Miller/Denise Berens	Help church projects
Nov 24	Fri	DARK		
Nov 25	Sat	Monarch Mavericks	Patrick Krause/Andrith Davis	After Thanksgiving
Dec 1	Fri	Waggin' Wheelers	Jeff Palmer/Denise Berens	
Dec 2	Sat	Pueblo Pepper Steppers	Michael Turley/Denise Berens	Fav Christmas cookie
Dec 8	Fri	Pikes Peak Plus	Hal Barnes/Andrith Davis	Holiday Ball
Dec 9	Sat	Monarch Mavericks	Hal Barnes/Andrith Davis	Glitter & Bling
Dec 15	Fri	Waggin' Wheelers	Jeff Palmer/Andrith Davis	Christmas Special
Dec 16	Sat	Pueblo Pepper Steppers	Mike Olivieri/Denise Berens	Merry Christmas
Dec 22	Fri	DARK		
Dec 31	Sat	Pueblo Pepper Steppers	Bob Gaunt/Denise Berens (note time)	New Year's Eve
Jan 5	Fri	Waggin' Wheelers	TBA	
Jan 6	Sat	Pueblo Pepper Steppers	TBA	
Jan 12	Fri	Pikes Peak Plus	TBA	
Jan 13	Sat	Monarch Mavericks	TBA	
Jan 19	Fri	Waggin' Wheelers	TBA	
Jan 20	Sat	Pueblo Pepper Steppers	Jeff Palmer/Denise Berens	
Jan 26	Fri	Pikes Peak Plus	TBA	
Jan 27	Sat	Monarch Mavericks	TBA	

CLUB	LOCATION	TIME	CALLER/ CUER	CONTACT
Monarch Mavericks	American Legion Hall 10th & H Sts, Salida	1:30-2:00 Plus 2:00-4:00 SSD Rounds between tips	Various callers Andrith Davis cueing	Andrith Davis 719-480-2809 monarch.mavericks@ yahoo.com
Pikes Peak Plus	International Dance Center 2422 Busch Ave Colorado Springs	Workshop 6:30 Plus 7:00-9:00	Hal Barnes	Janet Ruckdeschel 719-473-1848 pikespeakplus @outlook.com
Pueblo Pepper Steppers	First Congregational United Church of Christ 228 W. Evans, Pueblo	1:30 -2:00 Plus 2:00-4:00 SSD Rounds between tips	Various callers	Gene Berens 719-242-5568 PuebloPepperSteppers DanceClub@gmail. com
Waggin' Wheelers	International Dance Center 2422 Busch Ave Colorado Springs	Plus 6:45 p.m. SSD 7:30-9:00 2 rounds be- tween tips	Jeff Palmer	Dylan Clark (719)828-3919 wagginwheelers@gmail. com

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