

**NATIONAL SQUARE DANCE
CAMPERS ASSOCIATION,
INC.**

2020 ANNUAL REPORT



~~Wilson County Exposition Center
945 East Baddour Parkway
Lebanon, Tennessee~~

63rd Annual NSDCA International Camporee

IMPORTANT NOTICE

The NSDCA Board of Directors prepares this book annually. One copy is normally provided available for each chapter by request. One copy is also provided to each member unit attending the Camporee. Normally, while supplies last, a copy would be provided to individual members not in attendance at the Camporee. This year as a result of all COVID-19 required cancellations, since there was no Camporee, all normal conditions have been superseded and this Annual Report is available only online at www.nsdca.org. A digital copy in PDF format, or an annual Financial Report is available by request from any Board Member. Please refer to e-mails in your current issue of the NSDCA Times.

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NOMINATING COMMITTEE

and

NATIONAL BOARD ELECTIONS

Per the NSDCA By-Laws, any Board member may only serve one four year term, but may choose to be re-elected for a second term. The current Vice Presidents would have completed their four year term by the 2020 Camporee and chose to retire at that time. As a result of the COVID-19 virus, that was not to happen.

We had no Nominating Committee for the 2019-2020 year. However, the Board received a volunteer who would stand for election to take the place of retiring Vice Presidents, Tom and Pat Herscha. As in the previous year, Martha Zimmerman volunteered to return to the Board. She had previously served four years.

Since there was no general membership meeting, nor an election, Tom and Pat volunteered to extend their term through the Camporee in 2021. The Board discussed the possibility and voted to accept their offer.

At this time, we again are searching for two or three individuals to serve as a Nominating Committee for the 2020 – 2021 year. Their task will be to identify candidates to stand for election to the NSDCA National Board at the 2021 General Membership meeting. We will need one individual/couple to accept a three year term to fill the remaining term of Tom & Pat Herscha, and a second individual/couple to accept a full four year Board position.

We are asking all members to consider an opportunity to help your NSDCA in a short term capacity as a Nominating Committee member. Nominees should be identified before the end of this year. As such, this is essentially a six month commitment. Please let me know if you would consider helping us in this capacity. For more information, please contact any of the current Board members.

John & Dolly Ide
Presidents, NSDCA

WHO SHOULD BE A NOMINEE
FOR THE BOARD of DIRECTORS?

IS A LEADER - One who proceeds to be foremost in directing movement toward the right direction. (Webster definition)

BE FAMILIAR - With general operation of NSDCA, have a background of active participation in Chapter affairs, Provincial or State Camporee, or an International Camporee and experience with social, civic, or business organizations.

REQUIREMENTS - Must be willing to serve **FOUR YEARS** and to attend National Board Meetings at the International Camporee and on-line meetings or any special Meeting if/when called.

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS ANNUAL REPORTS

PRESIDENT

John & Dolly Ide

To all NSDCA Members:

By now, most of you have read or have heard that the 63rd NSDCA International Camporee that we had planned for Lebanon, TN was cancelled. We were all looking forward to lots of fun and dancing, and had some special surprises planned for everyone. It was not to be. Even now, late in the year special dancing events are being considered for cancellation to protect everyone from the virus outbreak.

Our sincere apologies for the necessary cancellation, but we did not want any of our members to become ill because of the Camporee. We are now finding out that there are probable reasonably safe ways for smaller groups to meet and dance, but not a large scale event like the Camporee.

After meeting with the Board, we decided not to start over and plan from the beginning, but to transfer most of what we had planned to the 2021 International Camporee to be held in Rayne, Louisiana, one week after the 70th NSDC in Jackson, MS. We chose Rayne for the site for several reasons: it's a great facility with lots of room and great air-conditioning; it's fairly convenient to get to from Jackson, MS; there are lots of fun and interesting sightseeing opportunities in the area; and it's easy to get to, right off LA Exit 87 on I-10.

We encouraged everyone to simply transfer their 63rd Camporee reservations to Rayne where we will now celebrate the new 63rd International Camporee. Because we missed 2020, we also have some extra things planned and included in the Camporee, such as a 4th of July Picnic and Celebration at the campground and the **RAYNE TRAIN** to get you from Jackson, MS to Rayne, LA. No, you can't put your camper on the train and ride, but you can join the **RAYNE TRAIN** (a planned week-long campout and dance event along the way.)For more information, check the flyer on page 12 or contact Susan Wolford – info on the flyer) You'll get to Rayne in time for the 4th celebration.

We will have more details about the 63rd International Camporee in the next Issue of the Times so there is no reason for you not to come. First, have fun in Jackson, MS from June 22nd to the 26th. Then take the **RAYNE TRAIN** to the 63rd Annual NSDCA Camporee in Rayne, LA beginning with the 4th of July until it ends on July 8th. Almost three weeks of fun and square dancing. One thing you may want to do, is coordinate with Susan Wolford about your registration days. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday night camp-

ing is included in your registration. Any additional days that you want to stay are \$25.00 per night. Because in Lebanon, the 4th of July celebration was after the Camporee, and in Rayne it's the weekend before so you will want to make sure to switch your extra days. Also, the extra days of camping on the **RAYNE TRAIN** will be your expense wherever you decide to stay.

We're all having dancing/camping withdrawal, so let's be sure to get together next year and make up for 2020.

Stay healthy and come to Rayne.

Dolly & John

VICE PRESIDENT

Tom & Pat Herscha

There have been some changes in our square dance/camping activities since our last Camporee in North Carolina. It was a very hard decision for the Board to make, to cancel the 2020 International Camporee due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Most chapters were only able to camp a few times this last year and are still waiting to have their first campout for the 2020 year. However, things appear to be looking up and hopefully we will all be together soon.

We would like to thank some special volunteers! David Lust and Sharon Schmidt agreed to be the North Central Area Representatives. Jerry and Pat Preston have retired from being Michigan State Representatives. We thank you so much for your many years of service in this capacity. Gary and Alberta Gunsell will be stepping into their vacated position. We appreciate all of our State and Area Representatives and are so grateful for your willingness to serve.

Park and Kathy Bierbower (Pennsylvania State Representatives) report that the Square Up Campers and Penn Dixie Campers kept to their regular schedule. They were able to have their 41st Annual Pennsylvania State Camporee near Milton, PA. They had 5 callers in attendance.

Alberta and Gary Gunsell (Michigan State Representatives) report that the Michigan State Camporee was held in Otisville, Michigan during July, 2019. Since they do not camp during the winter due to the snow and cold and the COVID-19 they have cancelled their upcoming July Camporee. They are excitedly making plans for 2021.

At the National Convention in Atlanta, GA last summer, the NSDCA was proudly represented and made a great effort to spread the word about our wonderful organization! We picked up quite a few members and were able to start a couple of new chapters. Thank you to all our dancers who volunteered to

man our display and chat with interested people.

We were scheduled to go off the board at the end of this fiscal year. The pandemic and the cancellation of our International Camporee made this difficult to happen since there could not be a general meeting and a vote on our replacement. Therefore, we have agreed to remain your Vice Presidents for one more year. The board has met several times via conference calls. We have found this to work well for us. We are hoping to have video meetings in the future.

Tom & Pat Herscha
Vice Presidents

SECRETARY

Dave & Mary Bruun

We missed seeing all of our square dancing friends this year in Lebanon, Tennessee but we will be looking forward to a bigger and better Camporee in Rayne, Louisiana next year., We have had to cancel several of our regular campouts this year as well. Both Dave and I feel that we (your NSDCA Board) choose to cancel this year's Camporee for the benefit of ALL DANCERS.

Without a camporee, we were not able to do all our annual business, so everything has been put on hold for the present time. However, PLEASE remember to continue to stick with us during this troubling time. We will still be publishing your regular TIMES, working with Chapter 149 Bayou Square-A-Rounds planning the 2021 Camporee in Rayne, Louisiana for July 6, 7, & 8, and of course, will always accept any new memberships plus your regular dues for next year.

Since we didn't have an election of officers this year, we will need to fill 2 positions...either an individual or couple to step up for election next year.. We are assuming that Martha Zimmerman will still be placing her name in for election, but we will need another one. Please consider, by helping the board out, as we will have a 3 year term and 4 year term vacancy.

We want to THANK YOU ALL for sticking with us during this pandemic, staying safe so we can all meet again in 2021.

Dave & Mary Bruun, NSDCA Secretary

TREASURER

Tom & Kathy Nickel

Summer has finally arrived; however, our dancing has not been happening. Our campgrounds have only been open with restrictions. All the dancing has

stopped in our area as we have no place to dance.

I hope everyone has stayed healthy. My health has been in a little turmoil with having eye surgery in May for a hole in the retina. I have not driven a car since May. Then in June I had hip replacement surgery, still no driving. I have been able to take walks with a cane. Both surgeries are showing improvement. Sorry we couldn't meet in Lebanon but are looking forward to traveling to Rayne LA, in 2021.

The board is looking for two people or two couples to step up to serve on the board. There is great reward in making decisions to keep our organization great. It is not a lot of work so treat yourself to the great rewards and working with people from our organization.

Wow. There are certainly a lot of people not getting their "TIMES" issue. As mail handler, we have had about a dozen people who have not received their issues as they come back to our P.O. box all for a fee. So everyone PLEASE make sure your address is correct.

Hoping to see many of you in Rayne, LA.

Tom & Kathy Nickel

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

Roger Tipps

This has been a very different spring with no camping and dancing. I just hope everyone is well and has a positive attitude for the future.

For the past year Chapter 112 in Canada had the most new members. We had about ½ of our chapters increase their membership. As I say year after year if you want to increase the dancers and campers in your chapter it just takes some effort on your part.

There is no change in NSDCA dues for this year. For a couple the dues are only \$20.00 and a single is \$12.50. Please send your renewals early and do not wait until December for the Christmas mail rush and delays.

During your at home time, please double check the mailing address for all the members of your chapter. We still have too many copies of the Times returned for bad addresses. If you spend part year at a different address, please make sure that the times at each address are correctly coordinated with your stay at each location.

As we grow older it is harder for some to write plainly and hard to read others writing. Please print or type the information for new members or membership changes.

If you are like me you are looking forward to the next camporee July 2021 in Louisiana. Make your travel plans to come early for the fireworks and to have time to tour the frog capital with all the building murals.

Let's plan our activities this coming year to put fun back into our great activity of camping and square dancing.

Travel safely and enjoy each other.

Roger

SOUTHEAST AREA REPRESENTATIVE Don & Susan Wolford

Although winter has left the building we find that we have not been able to leave the building! We are six months into 2020 and clubs are just now starting to be able to get out and camp. Even though there are only clandestine square dancings popping up, it's fun just to be able to meet up with friends and camp.

Alabama Chapter 152 had good times at their campouts through November 2019. The beginnings of 2020 caused the cancelling of many of their scheduled campouts. They are now improvising with Zoom Chats. Starting in June their campouts will be non-square dancing campouts with plenty of pot luck and campfires.

The North Carolina Camping Squares (Chapter #197) enjoyed their regular schedule of March through October campouts all of 2019 and, beginning in June 2020, their campouts are non-square dance camping at the KOA Campground in Lumberton, NC. They are good to go with hand sanitizer, pot luck meals outside and enjoying the company of friends.

The Crossfire Campers in Tennessee (Chapter 198) held a campout in October 2019 in Chattanooga, Tennessee and had a great turn out. Although there have not been any campouts since then, they are all looking forward to their campouts schedule in October this year.

At the end of 2019, we had a new chapter formed. They are called the Georgia-Lina Campers (Chapter 199) and encompass dancers in Georgia and South Carolina. They are still in the process of recruiting members. This process has slowed greatly with the pandemic.

We will miss not getting to see you in Lebanon, Tennessee in 2020 but look forward to going to Rayne, Louisiana for some outstanding camping and dancing in 2021. We are in the process of planning a "Rayne Train" to travel and dance in route from the 70th NSDC in Jackson, Mississippi to the 63rd NSDCA in Rayne, Louisiana.

Don & Susan Wolford

63rd NSDCA International Camporee



We are
Roaring
into 21



Come 'Dance' with us in Rayne, Louisiana

July 6 & 7 & 8

Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday



City of Rayne
RV Park
210 Frog Festival Dr.
Rayne, Louisiana 70578
737 Sites - 50 & 30 Amp available
Water, Sewer & Electric
Self-contained units only—No Tents
Great Local Hotels - for non-campers

Rayne is...the Frog Capital of the World

Louisiana's Official City of Murals
Nearby Crawfish & Rice Farms
Walking Track & Swimming Pool
Walking & Bicycle Tours & Tennis Courts



Trail-In Dance - Monday - July 5

It's gonna be.... **"Ribbit 'ing"**

NSDCA Board Hosting

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NSDCA .ORG for Registration forms & Information

SUNDAY KICK-OFF
PICNIC



1920's Theme Night



Dance & Camp with Friends on the way to the 2021 NSDCA Camporee



after Jackson, Ms. Get On The Rayne Train

RAYNE TRAIN Dancing & Camping Opportunities:

70th National Convention June 23—26

Camping at the Jackson MS. Fairgrounds



Opportunity #1 Tuesday, June 29 Yellow Rockers Dance in Pearl, MS

Area Camping Availability:

Remain at Jackson Fairgrounds (601) 961-4000 or move to another area campground, ie..LaFleur's Bluff State Park (601) 987-3923

Opportunity #2 Wednesday, June 30 Tammany Twirlers, Slidell, LA

Area Camping Availability: Many southern Louisiana campgrounds Such as Fontainebleau State Park, Mandeville, LA - reservations are all done thru reserveamerica.com (877) 226-7652—Info only

Opportunity #3 Thursday, July 1 Pistols 'N Petticoats, Picayune, MS

In that same general area, no need to move your camper.

Opportunity #4 Saturday, July 3 Tammany Twirlers, Slidell, LA

Same dance location as Opportunity #2

Rayne Civic Center Sunday, July 4 - City of Rayne RV Park

210 Frog Festival Dr. - Rayne LA 70578

NSDCA Fourth of July Picnic

July 6, 7 & 8

63rd NSDCA International Camporee

Rayne Train Contact: Susan Wolford (256) 673-0170



Important Info: Please make your own campground reservations as soon as possible...remember that summer is their peak camping season and they take reservations a year or more in advance. * NSDC & NSDCA will not be handling any campground fees along the way.

BMI/ASCAP LICENSE POLICY

Square Dance Callers and Cuers as well as all special events, in the United States, are now under a license ruling by BMI/ASCAP. Effective April 1, 1991, all Callers and Cuers must be licensed with BMI and ASCAP in order to call for your chapter. All events, such as a State/Provincial and International Camporee, must be licensed individually. A stiff fine may be imposed to the Caller/Cuer and to the chapter if not enforced. It is the responsibility of each Chapter to enforce this ruling.

REVIEW OF THE USE OF NSDCA REGISTERED MARKS

The legal NSDCA trade mark shown at the right has been registered with the US Patent Office since 1973. The NSDCA adopted the following recommendations in order to establish a graphic identifier for the NSDCA to be used on name tags, badges, and saleable items such as shirts, hats, etc. that would be proprietary fundraiser items for the NSDCA. :



- A. The current NSDCA Trademark registration is for the composite mark, that is that the mark encompasses both words and a graphic image, i.e. "National Square Dance Camper" and a log fire design will be renewed in 2020 and remain valid through 2024. The simpler "NSD Camper" and a log fire design was discontinued in 2007. We have no protection on the use of the log fire design alone, i.e., separate and apart from the words and initials which form part of our marks.
- B. The present NSDCA registration offers protection for the sale of glassware, jewelry, clothes, etc. if sale of said items is limited to membership in NSDCA, Inc. In order to maintain and control the protection of the marks sale of such items and the general use of the NSDCA marks must be pre-approved by the Board of Directors.
- C. Upon the sale of campers, trailers, motor homes, automobiles, etc. carrying the NSDCA marks all such marks shall be removed before the sale is completed. Decals can be removed rather easily by gently applying heat from a hair dryer.
- D. Whenever the NSDCA marks are incorporated into a design including chapter banners, make sure to use the entire mark including the small R in the circle.

NSDCA BLANKET LIABILITY INSURANCE

NSDCA has had blanket liability insurance coverage of all its activities since August 1, 1975. We are currently buying insurance through the Lawley Vivacqua LLC Agency and are insured with the Atlantic Casualty Insurance Company.

This insurance is issued in the name of the association, all its affiliated chapters, and includes all officers and directors, of either the association or any chapter while engaged in any activity on behalf of their group. The limit of the liability is \$1,000,000.00 per incident (\$2,000,000 aggregate) for either bodily injury or property damage or both when NSDCA is determined negligent.

This is however **NOT accident insurance**. It covers only injury or damage caused **accidentally or by negligence** of NSDCA or its chapters in the course of any activity. It will not necessarily pay for any injury that might happen. It has to have happened in such a way that NSDCA would be legally held responsible for the injury. The insurance company would investigate and defend a claim resulting from any accident, but the injured party will normally not receive a settlement unless it can be proven there was negligence or fault of the chapter(s) or association.

The policy is issued on a comprehensive liability form that covers all the activities of NSDCA or its chapters. This includes campouts, meetings, social affairs or any other type of an event, all of which are automatically insured. Specific questions should be referred to the company agent through whom the insurance is written.

The Application Forms, for Insurance Certificates, are available from (NSDCA.org). There is no cost for a 'Proof of Insurance' Certificate and may be obtained by contacting:

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If the entity (land or building owner, municipality etc.) requires their name to be explicitly listed as an ADDITIONAL insured, there is an additional charge for each entity added and is to be paid by the requesting Chapter. This request has to be made thru the NSDCA Board.

NSDCA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, June 20, 2019

Maggie Valley, North Carolina

President, John Ide called the annual meeting of the NSDCA to order at 3:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all. An invocation by Kevin Cozad was followed by a moment of silence for all deceased members lost during the past year.

John welcomed everyone to the Camporee, noting 3 couples attending for the first time. Then he asked for all past Board/Staff/Reps to stand, any person who had ever served on the National Board, State Board, or Local Chapter or worked on a Camporee to stand. ALL that were having a good time to stand. Everyone was standing at this time. He thanked all callers, cuers and line dance callers. (Kevin Cozad, MC for the week, Bob Asp, Ted Kennedy, Tom Nickel, Tommy Russell, Kathy Nickel and Susan Wolford). A Special Thank You to Chapter 152, Campers & Dancers and to Pride Resort for a great week.

John then turned the meeting over to Vice President Tom Herscha for the introduction of the Board, Staff, Area Reps and State Reps. Board members: Tom & Pat Herscha, VP; John & Dolly Ide, President; Dave & Mary Bruun, Secretary; and Tom & Kathy Nickel, Treasurer. The following Staff members present were: Marilyn Kittle, Badge Maker; Karin Callender, Communications; Scott & Kay Reinhold, Historian; Roger Tipps, Membership Secretary; and Dave Seay, Webmaster. Not in attendance were: ARTS, Barbara Connelly; Clothing Vendor, Tom & Nancy Putsinger; Insignia, Larry & Paula Boone; Publicity, Bill & Kathy Baker; and Times Editor, Ken Shactor. Next Area Reps were introduced. Canada, Stan & Mary Smith*; Germany, Lutz & Brigitte Borowsky*; North East, Barbara Connelly*; North Central, David Lust & Sharon Schmidt (New); North West, Gaylord Madison*; South Central, Ted & Nancy Kennedy; South East, Don & Susan Wolford; South West is currently open; Florida State, John & Mary Burzo*; Illinois State, Barbara Perkins*; Michigan State, Jerry & Pat Preston*; and Pennsylvania State, Park & Kathy Bierbower. (* those not in attendance)

John stated that Park Bierbower would be our Parliamentarian for the day.

Minutes were printed in the Annual Report Book. John asked if there were any additions, corrections, deletions, amendments, etc. to the minutes. Seeing none, John declared the minutes as distributed and published to be official.

Treasurer's (preliminary) financial report was also printed. John explained the preliminary report being from June 1, 2018 thru April 30, 2019. Tom Nickel said the final month will be published in the Times. John asked for a motion to accept the treasurer's report. Kevin Cozad (152) made a motion to accept the treasurer's report as presented, seconded by Marty Golden (116). Susan Wolford (198) questioned the advance of \$250 for the 2020 Camporee. Tom explained that the \$250 was a deposit to the Fairgrounds in Lebanon, check written in April. The \$500 advance was in May and will show in the ending year report. Approved by a show of hands... with No nays. Report stands approved.

John asked Ralph Taylor (152), Nominating Chairperson to report on the 2019 nomination. After searching far and wide and twisting arms, Martha Zimmerman (128) came forward to run for the Board. However she is not available to stand for election now, as she is in the chapter that has a current board member. (By-Law Article IV, Board of Directors, Section 2, c.) John called for nominations from the floor to stand for election on the Board. Currently, the board is represented by Chapters 031, 123, 128 and 193. Any couple or single from any other chapter can hold an office. John asked a second time....silence...Ok for a third time, is there anyone in this group who would like to stand for election to the Board of Directors. Question arose as to what is involved in the position and what do they do. John explained the four positions: President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer. All four offices are then filled after the election. At last board meeting it was decided by seniority that each officer would take their office back, so therefore Secretary would be the one available. Viv Taylor (152) stated you can succeed yourself for four more years. Repeating the third appeal, is there anyone that would like to stand for nomination to the board....silent....John said "I have it therefore on good authority that if someone from this audience would like to nominate ...Mary and David Bruun...laughter and chuckles. Immediately, Viv Taylor (152) nominated Mary and Dave. Seconded by Kevin Cozad (152). John repeated that Dave & Mary have been nominated to stand for a second term for service on the Board of Directors. Mary stated that " We will not

let the association down, we will serve”. The cast of one vote came from Tom Herscha. John relied “Welcome back to the Board”.

AWARDS given by Tom & Pat Herscha: Certificates for New Chapters: Chapter 196 Wabash Valley Wheel Arounds--IN/IL 6/30/2016; Chapter 197 Camping Squares of North Carolina--NC 7/29/2018 and Chapter 198 Crossfire Campers--TN 2/1/2019. Most New Members certificate was given also to 198 Crossfire Campers with 18 new members with a total of 31. Anniversary certificates were given to the following Chapters: 25 Years: Riverside Gypsy Squares C-175 (mailed earlier). 40 Years: Camping Squares of Kansas 116--KS; Horseshoe Squares ‘N’ Wheels C-112 (mailed earlier). 45 Years: Mobile Squares 085--CO/NE; Hitch-N-Go 082--FL; River City Traveling Squares 076--IA; Trail ‘N’ Squares 075--IL; Keystone Rovers 074--PA/DE; Nebraska Camp ‘N’ Dancers 073--NE; Penn-York 070--NY/PA; Wandering Wheels 068--MN; Trade-By-Travelers 066--IL. 50 Years: Badger Rovers 031--WI.

Service Plaques were given to the following people by John: Marilyn Kittle, Badge Maker July 2006 thru June 2019; Chuck & Jane Winkenwerder, SE Area Rep 2013--2018; Larry & Paula Boone, Insignia June 2016--June 2019 and Bruce Morgan, Webmaster December 2012--December 2018.

Diane Connor reported on the Tower of Tabs--couldn’t stack to the ceiling, as they would have fallen over. 4th place went to Illinois Chapter 014 with 12.5#; 3rd place to Alabama Chapter 152 with 16.4#; 2nd place to Louisiana Chapter 149 with 18# and 1st place to Florida Chapter 128 with 109.2#. Other tabulation was Chapter 001 with 8.1#; Chapter 031 with 6.1#; Chapter 193 with 4.9#; Chapter 123 with 4.5#; Chapter 198 with .9 # and Chapter 045 with .2#. Two unidentified bags with 1.7# & .4# brought the grand total to 181.2#. (approx. 246,432 tabs) Tom Herscha thanked everyone for their hard work of collecting for Square Wheels Chapter 128.

Don Wolford reported on the games. All had a lot of fun with no rain outs. Bean Bags--1st place Dave Bruun & Jerry Dwenger; 2nd place Bob Asp & Don Wolford; 3rd place Tom Claar & Sharon Schmidt. Washer Toss--3rd place Dave Bruun & Tom Claar, 2nd place David Lust & Don Wolford, 1st place Sharon Schmidt & Mary Bruun. Shuffleboard--2nd place Dave Bruun & David

Lust; 1st place Mary Bruun & Jerry Dwenger. Horseshoes--2nd place Tom Nickel & David Lust; 1st place Joe Kakolowski & Don Wolford. Bocce Ball--3rd place Joe Kakolowski & Debra Howard; 2nd place David Lust & Jerry Dwenger; 1st place Dave Bruun & Sharon Schmidt. Mini Golf--3rd place Susan Schwartz & Paul Schwartz; 2nd place Barbara Rosenthal & Marilyn Scott; 1st place Sharon Schmidt & Debra Howard. Don again thanked everyone for participating.

No awards were given in regards to the Times lost camper. John will get in touch with Ken & Carolyn Shacter, Times Editor and will let everyone know through E-Tree and next issue of the Times.

Ralph Taylor, Camporee Chairman introduced his committee: Co-chairman, Rusty & Elizabeth Emmons; Registration, Susan & Don Wolford; Treasurer, Paula & Larry Boone; Parking, Tom & Diane Connor and Rusty & Elizabeth Emmons; After Party, Wilburn & Judy Hester and Larry & Paula Boone; Crafts, Neil & Doris Snider with helper Mary Pat Talton; Dance Program, Kevin & Tina Cozad; Rounds & Lines Program, Susan & Don Wolford; Door Prizes, Susan Holzhausen with helper Kaye Broglin; Games, Don Wolford; Meet & Greet, Jan & John Bloodworth; Program Book, Diane Connor; Sound, Kevin Cozad who gave credits to Ted Kennedy; Snooper, Diane Connor with helper Elizabeth Emmons; Tower of Tabs, Diane & Tom Connor; Welcome bags, Susan & Don Wolford. Other team members were Charles Muddiman, George & Cil Herndon, Galen Holshausen, Bob & Vera Graves, Charles & Debra Howard, Hank & Martha Sweetman, Roy Huddleston, and Priscilla Newton. Ralph said he couldn't have done it without his wife, Viv. Round of applause.

VP, Tom Herscha asked for each Area Rep and Staff to say a few words. Nancy Kennedy (149) South Central Area Rep lives in Alabama, her club is in LA and they are holding their own and trying to get more of their members to attend Camporee. Susan Wolford (198) South East Area Rep is excited about adding two chapters to that area, Chapter 197 in NC and Chapter 198 in TN with another interest in SC, so we're doing good. Pennsylvania Rep, Park & Kathy Bierbower replaced Jay & Jayne Neary last year. They reported PA is exploding with several new, young couples. Drawing members from a square dance club and now investing in camping. They are very pleased to be Reps from Pennsyl-

vania. Newest Reps for North Central Area are David Lust & Sharon Schmidt, who just accepted last night. They are members of Chapter 031, Badger Rovers. Club has just celebrated 50 years with 28 members. They are excited to be asked to serve. Knowing that three clubs are in Wisconsin, they have done as Pennsylvania and invite from regular square dance clubs. We enjoy the friendship and activities but still do a little square dancing. Looking forward to being part of this group actively and hoping to get other clubs growing from the North Central Area as well.

Staff Reports: Scott Reinhold, Historian wants everyone to enjoy the pictures, albums and digital frames. He will try to get more pictures on the frames tonight. Job well done. Roger Tipps, Membership Secretary wants each chapter to pick up their packet of membership information, as postage is very expensive when mailing. David Seay, Webmaster, is new to the position and had nothing to say. Marilyn Kittle, Badge Maker said they have enjoyed the past 14 years making badges for NSDCA. This a wonderful group. Her daughter, Connie Guyl, in Arkansas will be taking over the business, and will do as good of job, probably better. Since my husband, Si, passed away, I just couldn't keep up any more. So Thank You all. John reported that Karin Callander, Director of Communications was not present at the meeting but is in attendance this week and needs your help. Please help her out and let's make this thing work.

2020 Camporee Chairman, John Ide asked all those to stand that would be helping the board with next years event. Volunteers are still needed. 13 have already signed up at the \$10 Promotional with tonight being your last chance.

The Board has extended the \$10 promotional for New Members through next year. John asked for volunteers to help with the Showcase of Ideas in Atlanta, only one hour of your time. Board will be promoting NSDCA with the feather flags and balloons with NSDCA logo for each camper in the campground. Promotional small campers and fabric stick on NSDCA decals will be given at NSDC for the Showcase of Ideas table, along with other items to pick up.

New Business: Last year By-laws were addressed but the Board decided to hold off from looking them over again and working on the Standing Rules which are really outdated. For example: If a Chapter decides to Limit their membership, they can

apply to the board to do so. Laughter. Board will be working on these. All of the by-laws and standing rules are on line, if you want to send any comments to any of the members, please do so.

Donna Seay (128) had previously checked By-laws and questioned Article XI, Section 4. It states that “the National Board can decide the number of members needed to form a chapter”. She feels this section needs to be a little more specific as to what constitutes a chapter. She wants the language and wording to be put out for consideration and thought. John asked if Donna would like to put that in a motion, which she did. Jack Henry (153) seconded. After discussion, our parliamentarian asked for clarification on the motion. Donna restated her motion to read “ I am asking the Board to form a committee to look at By-Law Article XI, section 4 for next year to clarify how many members are needed to form a chapter”. John called for a vote by a show of hands and the guys definitely have it.

Ted Kennedy (149) Could you give people an opportunity to respond to likes and dislikes before the next camporee, to help next years committee? John replied, last year there was a questionnaire and only 12-15 responded. We then placed it on the website. Most responded they would go up to 1,000 miles and didn't care if we were at a campground or a fairground as long as the facilities were nice. John said, after being on there for a year, we had very little response and not very much useful information, so the Board decided to have it removed. Ted said he didn't know it was on the web and wondered how many others were aware of it being there. John replied, the reminder was in the Times. We will look at that. Tom Herscha said 30,931 checked the website. Marian Hatfield (196) maybe a suggestion box for likes, dislikes or comments at the dance tonight.

Other volunteers needed: 1) Someone to check website accuracy and get back to a Board member with concerns. 2) Facebook, anyone that uses it regularly, we need YOU. 3) Nominating chair for next year.... . We will try again. 4) Insignia position needed, items for sale (feather flags \$170 prepaid ordering and sent to your home, belt buckles, patches,etc. 4) We need a South West Area Rep (New Mexico, Arizona, California, Nevada & Utah) Board has decided to sell Washer Toss Board set-- 5 at \$5 each & Bean Bag Board set 1 at \$5.

Anything else from the floor. Nancy Kennedy (149) question,

“Is there a dress code for the NSDCA Camporee at night?” Square dance attire is to be worn at all functions unless announced ahead of time (3 regular dances). That includes your NSDCA badge. Mary Bruun (123) in years past, the Board waved the dress code in Pennsylvania in 2011 and Illinois 2006 due to extreme heat and no air conditioned buildings. John: Please use your common sense.

John: You are a great group to work with. Could I entertain for a motion to adjourn. Dan Hatfield (196) moved to adjourn with several unknown people for the second. Adjourned at 5:02 p.m.

NOTE: 97 people signed in for being present at the meeting. 68 member units camping plus 11 in apt, cabins, fifth wheel camper, & park models. Total 79.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Bruun, NSDCA Secretary

**By-Laws
of
THE NATIONAL SQUARE DANCE
CAMPERS ASSOCIATION, INC.**

Article I

Name

The name of this non-profit, non-stock association shall be the "National Square Dance Campers Association, Inc." (NSDCA).

Article II

Object

The objective of the Association shall be to provide an opportunity for and to encourage those interested in square dancing and camping to:

- a) Combine these two activities for mutual enjoyment.
- b) Permit each member the opportunity of sharing in the responsibility of membership.
- c) Promote interest in square dancing and camping.
- d) Promote Square Dance Camporees as may be decided upon by the membership.

Article III

Membership

Section 1. Membership is open to adult couples and single individuals (hereafter referred to as member units) who have completed a prescribed course in square dancing or clearly demonstrate the equivalent ability in established square dance clubs and who at regular vacation intervals reside at a vacation site, as in a woods, forest, seashore, et cetera, in a tent, trailer, motor home, van or other temporary shelter, not to include temporary residence in a motel, hotel, tourist room, or other organized facilities catering principally to transient travelers and

vacationers and which normally furnish bedding, sanitary facilities, controlled air, and other refinements of normal day-to-day living. Membership is primarily through chapters. Those not affiliated with a chapter shall be Members At Large (MAL).

Section 2. Joining NSDCA

- a) All persons applying for membership must complete an official membership application form.
- b) Membership application forms shall be available from the NSDCA.org website, officers at the International Camporee, State/Provincial/Country and Chapter Association meetings, other Camporees, the NSDCA Secretary, and such other places as the Board of Directors (hereafter referred to as the Board for simplicity) may select.
- c) Membership shall be indicated by a current membership card.
- d) Any application submitted during the week before or during the International Camporee of the NSDCA shall not become effective until the close of the Camporee. Membership dues received with such applications shall be valid for the remainder of the current and following calendar year.

Section 3. No member of this association shall use the membership in any form to promote personal benefit.

Section 4. Membership year shall be January 1 to December 31.

Article IV

Board of Directors

Section 1. The administration of the affairs of this organization shall be the responsibility of the Board. They shall be protected by indemnity recourse as a result of any lawful actions while representing the association.

Section 2. Composition

- a) The Board shall consist of those members in good standing, elected as officers in any combination of single/couples, which provides from 4 to 8 people.
- b) Board members shall be elected for a four-year term and may succeed themselves no more than once. Succession is subject to an election and a Board member must be re-elected in order to fulfill a second four-year term.
- c) In the event of a vacancy on the Board as a result of a resignation, death, etc., the Board shall appoint an NSDCA member in good standing to the vacated position for the remainder of the term of the vacated position. An appointment to the Board of two years or more shall constitute one full term. At no time may any one chapter be represented on the Board by more than one officer position.
- d) No member of the Board may be compensated for services performed as a member of the Board.

Section 3. Duties

- a) It shall be the duty of the Board to establish policy and rules of procedure and practice for the promotion and expansion of the Association, subject to the approval of or amendment by the membership at the Annual Meeting.
- b) Elect the officers of the Association.
- c) Fill the unexpired term of any vacancy.
- d) Determine the time and place of the Annual Meeting.
- e) Oversee the Officers, staff, and all committees.
- f) Shall provide to interested chapters a copy of the current procedure for bidding for a Camporee.

Section 4. Meetings

- a) Meetings of the Board shall be called by the President of the Board at his/her discretion or when requested to do so by three (3) members of the Board.

- b) A majority of Board positions at a scheduled Board meeting shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.
- c) Decisions shall be by concurrence of the majority of members present and voting.
- d) Except for the position of President, each position shall have two votes on all matters pertaining to the Association. The position of President shall have one vote and may vote only in the case of a tie.

Article V

Officers

Section 1. President

- a) Shall preside at all meetings of the Association and Board.
- b) Prepare and distribute an annual report of the state of the Association to all members attending the Annual Meeting. A copy shall also be sent to all Area and State/Provincial Representatives and chapters not represented at the Annual Meeting as well as any member requesting a copy. The report shall include, but not be limited to, reports from the officers and staff, financial statement, current by-laws, recommended by-laws changes, liability insurance explanation, and minutes of the last annual meeting.
- c) Arrange for the bonding of President and Treasurer of the Association, the current International Camporee Chairman and Treasurer, and the next International Camporee Chairman and Treasurer immediately after their assumption of their office.
- d) Shall arrange for an audit of all financial records or appoint an auditing committee to perform the audit prior to the end of each fiscal year. The audit need not be performed by a licensed book-keeper or professional accountant but may be performed by a three-member auditing committee consisting of members in good standing, excluding all Board members and their immediate families.

- e) Shall be an ex-officio member of all committees.

Section 2. Vice President

- a) Shall perform the duties of the president in his/her absence.
- b) Keep a sufficient supply of materials for Area, State/Provincial Representatives.
- c) Provide information and ideas to Area, State/Provincial Representatives to increase chapters and members.
- d) Perform such other duties as prescribed by the Board.

Section 3. Secretary

- a) Shall compose and keep a record of the minutes of all meetings of the Association and Board.
- b) Provide a copy of these minutes to all members of the Board within forty-five (45) days of the meetings.
- c) Provide copies of meeting minutes to any active member when requested.
- d) Perform such other duties as prescribed by the Board.

Section 4. Treasurer

- a) Shall have custody of all funds and property of the Association.
- b) Deposit all funds of the Association in a bank in a city designated by the Board.
- c) All withdrawals of funds shall be on checks or orders signed by the Treasurer or President or as authorized by the Board. Approved expenses incurred by any member in the performance of assigned duties shall be reimbursed.
- d) Maintain an inventory list of all NSDCA owned equipment or property and provide an annual report of that equipment or property, its location and state of repair.
- e) Co-operate with the appointed auditing committee or other agency by providing the requested Association financial records for review. The results of that audit shall be documented in a signed and dated audit statement provided by the auditing entity.

- f) Prepare and submit to the Board, an annual detailed financial report covering the period from the previous year June 1 to the immediate past May 31, fifteen (15) days prior to the annual General Membership Meeting.
- g) Make available the detailed financial report at the annual Membership Meeting to any member requesting that information
- h) Prepare and submit a summary statement of the financial condition of the Association to be published in the Annual Report.
- i) Provide other financial details of the Association to any member requesting such details.
- j) Perform such other duties as prescribed by the Board.

Article VI

Meetings

Section 1. Annual Meeting

- a) Shall be held at the annual International Camporee at such time and place as selected by the Board. Notice of the Annual Meeting shall be published in the Spring issue of the TIMES.
- b) Any member of NSDCA may attend the Annual Meeting.
- c) The Board shall prepare and make available, an agenda for the transaction of business to be conducted at the Annual General Meeting, not later than thirty days prior to the meeting
- d) Any active member may, in writing or in person, request the Board to bring up for discussion at the Annual Meeting, any matter in which he/she may be interested. Items for discussion may be raised from the floor if in keeping with the business at hand.
- e) Active members in attendance at the Annual Meeting of the Association shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

Section 2. Special Meetings

The Board may call meetings for the furtherance of the objectives of the Association at stated times or at their discretion as needed. The purpose(s) of the meeting shall be included with the meeting notice. Only the item(s) for which the meeting was called as established in the meeting notice shall be discussed.

Article VII

National Staff

All members of the National Staff shall be appointed by the Board to serve at their pleasure. They shall receive instructions and information from the liaison officer appointed by the Board.

Section 1. Publications

The official publication of NSDCA shall be known as NSDCA TIMES. The Editor shall:

- a) Gather and, with Board approval, arrange for publication and distribution of the NSDCA TIMES four (4) issues a year. (Spring, Summer, Fall, Winter).
- b) Sell advertising in the NSDCA TIMES at rates and allowances determined by the Board. All funds from sales of advertising must be accounted for to the Treasurer.

Section 2. Insignia

- a) Order insignia merchandise, with Board approval, and sell to members and chapters, the merchandise with the Association emblem displayed on it.
- b) Keep a continuing record of inventory and sales to be presented to the Board annually, or whenever requested to do so by them. All funds from sales shall be accounted for to the Treasurer.

Section 3. Membership

- a) Receive membership dues or proof of membership dues payment from the Board Secretary, or dues from chapters

and members. All funds received shall be accounted for to the Treasurer.

- b) Maintain a current chapter and membership list using a computer database contracted or approved by the Board.
- c) Arrange the distribution of membership lists as indicated in the job description and as instructed by the Board.

Section 4. Showcase of Ideas

- a) Arrange for the setting up and the displaying of NSDCA materials at the National Square Dance Convention and the International Camporee each year.
- b) Set up NSDCA display at any other appropriate times and/or events.

Section 5. Historian

Gather and assemble in an organized way, pictures and other material pertaining to NSDCA for the preservation of NSDCA history.

Section 6 Chapter, State, Province, Area or Country Representatives

- a) Shall be the contact person for chapters and members in an assigned area, as determined by the Board.
- b) Promote and provide information to members and prospective members concerning membership and new chapter formation procedures.
- c) Have a supply of all promotional brochures and materials for distribution to chapters, members, and appropriate gatherings.

Article VIII

Committees

Section 1. International Camporee

- a) Each annual International Camporee shall have a separate committee.

- b) The Board shall appoint a liaison to represent the Board on the Committee. The liaison shall be in accordance with NSDCA International Camporee Guidelines.
- c) Hosting chapter(s), Camporee General chairpersons, and liaison shall follow the "INTERNATIONAL CAMPOREE GUIDELINES" for putting on the Camporee.
- d) No person involved shall be compensated for his/her services.

Section 2. Amendment Review Committee

- a) Shall be composed of a member of the Board, a past member of the Board, a State/Area Representative, and an active Chapter Representative or Contact.
- b) The Board shall appoint a chairman for the committee.
- c) May propose amendments to the By-laws.
- d) Shall review all amendment proposals and present their interpretation of the proposal to the Board.
- e) The chairman of the committee should represent the Board in presenting amendment proposals to the membership.
- f) Members of the committee shall be appointed by the Board.

Section 3. Other Committees

- a) May be appointed by the President, or Vice-President in the absence of the President, with the advice and consent of the Board as are deemed advisable to further the interests of the Association and its members.
- b) Shall be provided with appropriate duties.
- c) Shall have such power and authority, as the Board shall deem advisable.

Article IX

Nominations and Elections

Section 1. Procedure for Nomination

- a) The President of the Board shall, prior to the Annual Meeting, appoint a nominating committee of no less than three (3) member units of demonstrated active interest in NSDCA, Inc. affairs and shall provide them with full instructions.
- b) The chairman of the Nominating Committee (appointed by the President of the Board) shall submit to the President of the Board, no later than January 5 of the following year, no less than two (2) member unit nominees to fill the one vacancy on the Board. Each name submitted shall be accompanied by a biography, a statement of qualifications of the nominee, a statement of acceptance of the nomination signed by the nominee, and a picture of the nominee.
- c) Any member of the Association may be nominated from the membership at-large by submitting the documents mentioned above to the nominating committee by December 15. Nominations of members of chapters who will have a current representation on the Board cannot be accepted.

Section 2. Election

- a) Election of members to the Board shall be conducted at the annual General Membership Meeting at the annual Camporee.
- b) Voting may be conducted with any suitable means approved by the membership present, including a voice vote, show of hands, paper ballot, etc.

Section 3. Assumption of Office

The newly elected Board members will take office following their election and immediately after the close of the Annual Camporee.

Article X

Dues

Section 1. Shall be established as recommended by the Board with the approval of the membership in attendance at the Annual Meeting.

Section 2.

The Board, with the approval of the membership in attendance at the Annual Meeting shall establish the price of membership badge(s).

Section 3. Membership Validation

- a) Dues shall be payable by January 1. Badges shall be paid for when ordered.
- b) Any member in arrears of payment after February 1 shall be notified in writing that they will be removed from active membership status unless dues and other fees are received by March 15.
- c) Any member who has not renewed for the current year will be removed from the membership file as of March 15 and they will no longer receive issues of the *Times*.

Section 4. Reinstatement

- a) A member who pays all dues in arrears before the current annual International Camporee shall be reinstated without penalty.
- b) A member who has not paid their current year dues before the annual International Camporee shall be required to register for the Camporee as a non-member.

Article XI

Chapters and Associations

Section 1.

- a) NSDCA is empowered and authorized to issue charters to chapters, state, provincial or country associations composed

of square dance campers who are eligible for membership pursuant to the By-Laws of NSDCA.

- b) All members of such chapter, state, provincial, or country associations shall be members of NSDCA.

Section 2. The term "chapter" shall mean an organized unit in and for the cities, towns, counties, or any subdivision of the states of the United States or the provinces of Canada, or other countries.

Section 3. The term "state, provincial, or country association" shall mean an organized unit of at least four (4) chapters organized in and for the region for which it is chartered.

Section 4.

- a) The number of members needed to form a chapter shall be determined by the Board.
- b) The minimum to retain a chapter shall be determined by the Board of Directors.

Section 5. Subject to these By-Laws, the Board of the NSDCA is authorized and empowered to promulgate rules and regulations:

- a) Governing the admission of chapters and state, provincial, or country associations.
- b) The suspension, cancellation, and termination of charters.
- c) The Board may amend such rules and regulations, as it deems necessary.

Section 6. The By-Laws of and the Names of chapters and state, provincial, or country associations shall be subject to the approval of the Board.

Article XII

Parliamentary Authority

The current edition of Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised shall be the parliamentary

authority of NSDCA.

Article XIII

Amendments

Section 1. These By-laws may be amended at any annual meeting of the Association by a vote of two-thirds of the members present, providing that notice setting forth the proposed amendment shall have been published in the NSDCA TIMES or mailed to all active members at least thirty (30) days prior to the date of such meeting.

Section 2. Any member of NSDCA in good standing may propose an amendment to these By-laws.

Section 3. Proposed amendments shall be presented to the amendment committee for their review and interpretation (Ref. Article VIII Section 2c). Said committee may propose amendments (Ref. Article VIII, Section 2d).

Section 4. All proposals shall be submitted to the Board, who shall review them and make a recommendation of approval, disapproval or amendment.

Section 5. Any amendment to a previously published proposal shall require a ninety per cent (90%) affirmative vote of the membership present and voting.

Section 6. These By-laws shall be reviewed in their entirety at least once every ten (10) years.

Article XIV

Dissolution

Upon dissolution, all assets of the Corporation shall become the property of the Cancer Society, divided proportionally per Membership between the American and Canadian Cancer Societies, and no assets shall be distributed to any member of the Corporation.

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