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INC.**

**2022 ANNUAL REPORT
64TH NSDCA CAMPOREE**



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FOR THE BOARD of DIRECTORS?**

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DOLLY & JOHN IDE

As I write this, I know that it's the middle of May, 2022. That's significant in two ways. The first, being from Florida, that the normal temperatures are supposed to be in the 90s with winter well behind us. Since we left home on May 1st and are now in Gettysburg, PA, it's been close to freezing several nights. Winter should be over.

The other significance is that Dolly and I are coming to the end of our four years as Presidents of the NSDCA, and we could say that like winter, our time of volunteering should be over. We've seen a lot of changes in the NSDCA in these four years; only three Camporees because of Covid, a change in our Bylaws, a great update to our website thanks to Bob Summers and Ken Shacter, great improvements and features in the Times, expanding the hosting of the Camporee to several states or chapters instead of just one, the expanded and consistent E-Tree, etc.

One extremely positive achievement has been a total review and update of our Standing Rules, thanks to an extremely dedicated and hard-working Board, without whom it would not have been possible. The revised and approved (by the Board) Standing Rules are included in this annual report. They will also be published on our website and available upon request from our Board secretary.

Not all changes have been positive. The most significant is that we've continued to lose members, mostly because of age and health, we've had to increase the cost of our badges, we've not been able to find vendors that that can afford the expense of coming to a Camporee for the reduced customer base (we now have only 50 to 100 members attend our Camporee), and an increasing reluctance for members to volunteer for a number of NSDCA opportunities, including Board, Staff, and Rep responsibilities.

So considering the pros and cons and the current state of the NSDCA, and the possibilities of the future, Dolly and I would like to take the opportunity provided by our Bylaws to continue as Presidents of the NSDCA for another four years, if you all as members will accept us. We do feel that the NSDCA leadership should always be determined by its members, so if there is someone that would like to take our place on the Board, we will accept a nomination from the floor of the Annual Membership Meeting and accept the results of a duly conducted election and decisions of the members present.

Now, we thank you, the members, for allowing us to serve the NSDCA for the last four years and thank you for your help and sup-

port. We're looking forward to seeing everyone in Rockville, IN, for the 64th Annual International NSDCA Camporee and sharing a square with you. We hope ALL of you will be in attendance to enjoy what the dedicated Camporee team has brought together for you.

.Dolly & John

VICE PRESIDENT

CHUCK & RUTH OSBORN

Wow! It certainly is hard to believe it's been a year since we were dancing in Rayne, but it has been a busy year for the NSDCA Board. As new members of the Board, there have been so many procedures to learn.

One of the biggest lessons is how fast time is moving & how constant reinvention of processes is required. We have been working together to bring the Standing Rules current and think we've done a good job, as a team.

One area we still need to work on is "communication" from the Board, to the Area & State Reps, to the Chapters and finally to our members. While the E-Tree is a great idea, it requires everyone's participation to get news out to our membership. If one link fails, we lose the ability to share information.

Sharing what is happening with your Chapter through the Chats allows us all to keep in touch. The great outings and pictures are encouraging. It only takes a few minutes to share right on the website to get your information submitted.

If you reach out to someone with a concern and do not get an immediate response, please try again. Sometimes a response requires investigation through additional sources to verify & seek solutions. Sometimes, emails just get misplaced among additional threads.

PLEASE be sure all your contact information is current, including your email, phone and snail mail address. As the Vice Presidents, we have been tasked with being the link for Members At Large (MAL) & have found some difficulties with out of date contact information.

We are also looking at ways of saving money, which includes the insurance benefits your membership provides to see if we can do better. We are open to investigating any suggestions.

We would like to encourage everyone to support not only our NSDCA campouts but also Square Dancing at all avenues, before it's too late. If everyone steps up, we all win.

We are looking forward to seeing everyone and making new

friends at the 64th NSDCA Camporee in Rockville and the 71st NSDC in Evansville and wish you safe travels. Our Chapter 198 is also hard at work on the 65th Camporee in 2023 in Lebanon, TN, and are looking for volunteers!

Chuck "Ozzie " & Ruth Osborn

SECRETARY

DAVE & MARY BRUUN

On behalf of the Illinois NSDCA Association, the Bruun's welcome you all to the 64th Camporee in Rockville, Indiana (the Covered Bridge Capital of the World). Under the leadership of Al Fahsbender, Dan Hatfield and Chet Bowman plus their wives, with 6 chapters and all their members we give them credit for all the planning and hard work so you can have fun dancing & camping with all your friends. It takes people like this to work together for the betterment of our organization.

As always, our membership is declining, but we are very glad to have the new members that have joined us this year. We all need to work on new members each year. We are looking forward to going to Lebanon, Tennessee next year (July 11, 12 & 13, 2023) thanks to Chapter 198 stepping up for the planning and organizing so another Camporee will be held. They may need some help as their chapter is small, so extend any assistance to Ruth & Ozzie Osborn if you can. The Board will be looking for a group for planning the 2024 Camporee. Could that be you?

As this finishes our seventh year on the Board of Directors as secretaries, we look forward to our final year working with you all. Correspondence is very important for any organization to run smoothly. You can reach any board member by phone or email. Just check out the TIMES and the website NSDCA.org for all the forms needed for Membership Renewal, Change of Address, Chapter Officers Election, Insurance Forms, etc. or just any questions.

THANKS again for coming, enjoy your stay, hope to see you in a square.

Dave & Mary Bruun

TREASURER

DON & SUSAN WOLFORD

Here we are again, but this time in Rockville, Indiana, all coming together to enjoy dancing and fellowship with friends. Always fun to meet up with longtime friends and meet new friends. Welcome to Rockville. The Illinois and Indiana chapters have been working hard to

plan an experience that will be a long time memory of fun for you.

I hope that your chapter is back up and running full speed. Don and I have only gone to 2 campouts since the Camporee in Rayne last year. We didn't have our camper available, so we only attended during the day. It was fun and we enjoyed the fellowship and dancing.

If you have moved or if you now have a summer and winter address, please remember to send in your address update. We want to make sure you get every issue of the TIMES Magazine. You can go to our website: nsdca.org, then click on Forms & FAQ and you will see the "Change Address or Request Transfer" link. Click on it and you will be able to complete the form on your computer. Then you can print it and mail it to the address listed on the form. Remember, when going to the nsdca.org website, some of the forms have been updated and you may want to refresh the page so that you are seeing the latest forms.

Thank you for coming to the 64th International Camporee. We hope you enjoy all the fun activities and dancing that have been planned for you and look forward to dance with you in a square there.

Don & Susan Wolford

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

Hi, all. This has been a year of change and learning for me as I took on the NSDCA Membership Secretary position. I have enjoyed talking and working with many of you.

First off, I do want to express my Thanks to Roger Tipps for his many years of service as the Membership Secretary. I also want to express my Thanks to the NSDCA Board of Directors and to all of you (the Members) for your time, help and patience you showed me as I struggled through these first few months as the new kid on the block. It took me a little time to learn all the ins and outs but I hope I was still able to provide you with what you needed.

I found during my learning process, that address changes, emails and phone number are not always submitted. Be sure to check over your new 2022 Membership lists and have each of your Members verify their information and then send me any changes. I want to challenge you this year to have all your Renewals in by December and submitted together as a Chapter. Getting your Renewals in on time and your Member's contact information updated will help ensure that your TIMES magazines can be delivered to you, and will make both of our jobs easier. One item I have been focused on, is working with our

Times printing vendor to identify where we are having issues with the delivery of the TIMES magazines. I have implemented some new processes and I hope we will see progress in improving this. Let me know if you still do not receive your magazine. Please feel free to reach out to me if you have questions about your Membership information or Times delivery.

I look forward to working with all of you again this coming year. Happy Camping and Dancing!

Kathy Nickel

WEBMASTER

BOB SUMMERS

This COVID thing has pretty much put a damper on dancing activity recently but the activity on the website has hardly diminished. On the surface, it may seem not; you'll only find an updated form or two added to the site and the same for camporee posters.

However the most active part of the website has always been the "campout information". While the number of campouts might have diminished a bit during COVID, the job of collecting and displaying the campout information has not.

Years ago, there would be a single PDF file of campouts on the website, with the information manually collected, massaged and updated by your NSDCA Times Editor, Ken Shacter. Now the tables are turned and campout information is now collected, massaged and updated by computer coding that forms the majority of those pages. There are more lines of coding associated with the campouts than the lines of information that you actually "see" on the website.

Ken is an integral part of the website. Although we have never met (yet), we've exchanged over almost 400 emails since January of this year alone -- that's about 3 emails each day. We're constantly adding features, finding and fixing bugs, and improving the site. Ken is often a "ideas" man and I'm the "Yah, But..." guy.

Over the past year, Ken figured that you "all" (I'm Canadian, remember, eh!) might like to have a link to a map for the campouts and proceeded to build a page where you could go to look up directions to a campground. And, as per usual, I said "great idea, BUT...why don't we do it this way".

So now the campouts page includes a link to a Google map for each campground that is listed. Ken has created datafile with over 200 campground entries based on past campground use ... with more being added as needed. For those who view the upcoming campouts on the

campouts page, you'll see the links there. For those who provide your chapter's campout information to the NSDCA, you now have a drop-down list to pick your campground from, complete with the address and link to the map.

Enjoy ... while we continue to keep busy.

Bob Summers

NSDCA TIMES EDITOR

KEN SHACTER

As I write this report, I have just wrapped up preparing the sixteenth issue of the NSDCA TIMES in my term as editor. I thank the Board members, State and Area Representatives, other Staff (with a special shout-out to Bill Baker) and all Chapter correspondents who have provided material for their individual columns, the Chats around the Campfire and Campout Schedule sections. I also thank webmaster Bob Summers for the support he's provided (and Bob's wife, Marguerite, for putting up with all the time Bob has spent on the website) from his redesigning the look of the site to updating the code that makes it all work, for uploading digital copies of the TIMES, to his work automating the campout submission process, and providing other useful additions for member use. I would be remiss if I did not also thank my wife, Carolyn, who puts up with me banging on the keys at all hours of the day and night, either dealing with the newsletter or the website, and also provides another set of eyes (and most of all, a brain) to double-check my initial proofing of the document. Lastly, a very special THANK YOU also goes to John and Dolly Ide for their continued support in suggesting items, providing graphic layout and proofing the TIMES issues I have edited.

As you can probably tell from the above paragraph, producing your newsletter is not the job of a single person. I welcome ideas for articles and articles written by our membership on topics that interest you – the more the merrier! There is more 'out there' than any one person can ever know about, so feel free to type something up and email it to NSDCAtimes@gmail.com; we will all benefit from your contribution. For reviews, let us know the good, the bad and the ugly. If writing about crafts, please include a picture or two of the finished product(s) and provide instructions/guidance on how to complete the project. As for games, a detailed description of the rules is a must, and please include drawings/pictures of any non-standard items that are used. And please remember my outstanding requests for biographies on your Chapter caller/cuer, for campout-friendly recipes, and the newest idea presented – Bill Baker's "Beautiful Basement" challenge.

Remember, you don't have to wait until the published deadline is

upon us to make a submission for the upcoming issue of the TIMES. The new process developed by webmaster Bob Summers for campout schedules will result in a faster turn-around of posting your information to the master list on the NSDCA.org website. In addition, the information will also be posted to a Google Map that shows all the campout's geographic locations across the US and Canada. There is absolutely no reason to wait until a new issue is imminent to provide this information, and for those of us who like to make long-range plans, knowing what is up-and-coming allows potential routes (with stops for square dance-related campouts) to be made well ahead of time. Additionally, if there is a change in plans (e.g., date or venue) also let us know so the website can be updated. Remember that Chats around the Campfire can also be provided early during the 'off season' if desired. Let others know what your Chapter is doing when you are not out camping and dancing. If you know of future events you wish to mention in addition to past events, please include those, too.

Speaking of the Chats section, did you know that the average rate of submission lately has been only about 33%, meaning two-thirds of our active chapters do not provide any details on their events. One of the things I like the best is reading about what other chapters are doing. Certainly there must be something to write about! Remember, the TIMES is **your** newsletter. It is the editor's job to assemble **your** contributions into a usable document that is distributed by the NSDCA. Without **your** help the newsletter will suffer. Thank you for providing interesting and meaningful content for all to read and enjoy.

Ken Shacter

NORTH-CENTRAL AREA REPRESENTATIVE

SHARON SCHMIDT AND DAVID LUST

Even though we won't be attending this year's Camporee, our Wisconsin activities are starting to pick up as dancing/camping is getting more active.

For the 2020 year, our first campout for Badger Rovers 031 was cancelled as I suspect many in MN and other places were as well. The campgrounds simply were not open. Slowly as things opened last summer we did some camping with the Milwaukee club (002) in June and they had members that joined our campout in September. The two campouts that Badger Rovers hosted were well attended - social distance activities were fun just the same!

Dancing for this last year went from no contact square dancing to slowly back to normal. Our Badger Rover group completed our first 2021 Campout May 14-16. We had six campsites with many local visi-

tors for the Saturday night dance. Two full squares with about six couples doing rounds. We completed the evening with a warm campfire as mother nature played havoc on our potluck and dance time!

As 2021 progressed and moved into 2022, we had more opportunities to dance and camp, and now wish everyone a fantastic time in Rockville as we look forward to the Camporee in Indiana.

Sharon Schmidt & David Lust

ILLINOIS STATE REPRESENTATIVE

LAWRENCE & RUTHANN SANDERS

It's not been a full year since we were appointed to the position of Illinois State Representative. During this past year Illinois's main focus has been on the 2022 NSDCA International Camporee. As the state officers and committee chairpersons have diligently worked to make this camporee a success, but it's the attendees who make it so. Thank you for being here.

Next year we as State representatives will continue to be available to the state chapters as they continue to strive to keep camping and dancing. If possible, we will add a new chapter or two to Illinois State Association and of course, NSDCA. Having a square dance caller seems to be the biggest problem currently facing our chapters as callers retire, move away, or go to meet their Redeemer. If there is a caller or two looking for a new chapter or interested in adding a chapter to their busy schedule, just look for a square dancer with an Illinois badge and let your interest be known. It's always great to have more than one caller/cuer in a chapter.

This may be brief but it sums up what's been going on in Illinois.

Sending Yellowrocks to all and wishing everyone safe travels.

Lawrence & Ruthann Sanders

PENNSYLVANIA REPRESENTATIVE

PARK & KATHY BIERBAUER

In the past year, the only square dancing clubs in Pennsylvania (with few exceptions) have been NSDCA clubs. The PA State Camporee is scheduled for June 4 – 6, with a record number of campers registering. We expect as we get into summer months, more clubs will enter a regular camping & dancing schedule.

Park and Kathy Bierbower

FLORIDA STATE REPRESENTATIVE*JOHN & MARY BURZO*

This past year was the Come-Back Year for the Florida NSDCA Clubs. Due to our great weather and unique winter schedules most of our clubs missed only one or two campouts during the lockdowns. With the national shut down beginning in March, we all were finishing up the year's schedule and closing down for the summer. In the fall a few of the clubs were able to meet, while adhering to the national guidelines for safely gathering. While we all had little to no dancing for many months, just like riding a bike it came back to us and Florida got back to camping and dancing. We were able to hold our annual State Camporee in October, though the numbers were down a bit. Bob and Barbara Rosenthal our chairmen put on a very haunting Halloween themed camporee with most of the Florida clubs present and dancing.

Florida struggles just as most chapters, with bringing in new members while our current hardworking members get older and are less able to carry the load. Several of our Florida callers and cuers are looking into the SSD along with other options and are working hard to find ways to attract and encourage young and old to give it a try. Another obstacle we are facing, which is not unique to Florida, is the increase in people camping which makes finding campgrounds with available space challenging.

With all that said, we feel that Florida is doing great and hope all you northern people will continue to come down during the fall, winter and spring months to help with filling our squares and building the very special friendships that this marvelous activity blesses us all with.

John & Mary Burzo

BMI & ASCAP LICENSE POLICY

Square Dance Callers and Cuers as well as all special events, in the United States, are now under license rulings 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 MARK

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.

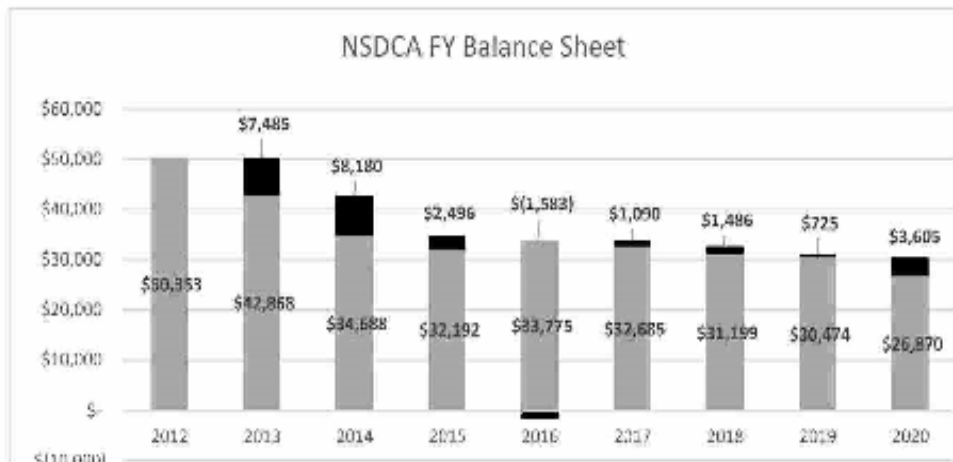
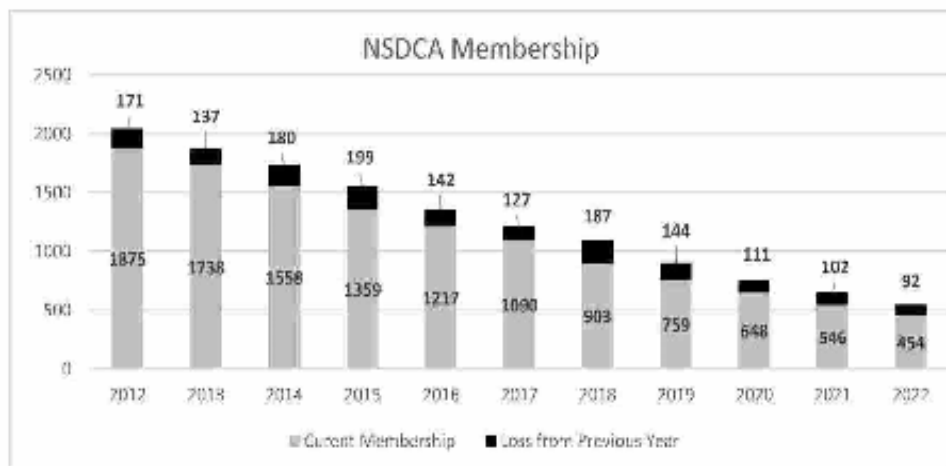
B. The present NSDCA registration offers protection for the sale of glassware, jewelry, clothes, etc. if sale of said items is limited to membership in NSDCA, Inc. In order to maintain and control the protection of the marks sale of such items and the general use of the NSDCA marks must be pre-approved 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 mark is incorporated into a design including chapter banners, make sure to use the entire mark including the small R in the circle.

2022 NSDCA Statistics

Year	Membership			FY	Balance Sheet		
	Current Members	Loss from Previous Year	%		End of Year Assets	Loss from Previous Year	%
2012	1875	171	8.7	2012	\$ 50,353		
2013	1738	137	7.3	2013	\$ 42,868	\$ 7,485	14.9
2014	1558	180	10.4	2014	\$ 34,688	\$ 8,180	19.1
2015	1359	199	12.8	2015	\$ 32,192	\$ 2,496	7.2
2016	1217	142	10.4	2016	\$ 33,775	\$ (1,583)	-4.9
2017	1090	127	10.4	2017	\$ 32,685	\$ 1,090	3.2
2018	903	187	17.2	2018	\$ 31,199	\$ 1,486	4.5
2019	759	144	15.9	2019	\$ 30,474	\$ 725	2.3
2020	648	111	14.6	2020	\$ 26,870	\$ 3,605	11.8
2021	546	102	15.7	2021	?	?	?
2022	454	92	16.8				



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NSDCA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Thursday July 8, 2021
Rayne, Louisiana

President John Ide called the 63rd NSDCA Camporee General Meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. by all reciting the Pledge of Allegiance followed by singing the American and Canadian Anthems. John gave an invocation followed by a moment of silence for all members, family, friends lost in the past 2 years.

John welcomed and thanked everyone in attendance. He then recognized all callers: Tom Nickel, Ted Kennedy, Ted Hughes, George Ferguson and Mike Gormley. Curers were: Kathy Nickel, Susan Wolford, Chuck Ryall and Jack Pointer. Applause for all. First time attendees were: Mike Gormley (000), Tom & Rita Biehn (193), Danny & Cheryl LaFleur (000), Gene Imus (107) and Lester & Mary Ann Smith (076).

Bill Baker will serve as our Parliamentarian for this meeting.

John introduced the board: Tom & Kathy Nickel, Treasurers (going off the board after 10 years of service); Dave & Mary Bruun, Secretaries; Tom & Pat Herscha, Vice Presidents (also leaving the board) and John & Dolly Ide, Presidents.

Staff Members: Ken & Carolyn Shacter*--Times Editor, Jim & Connie Guyll* --Badge Makers, Roger Tipps--Membership Secretary, Scott & Kay Reinhold --Historian, Bill & Kathy Baker -- Publicity (he was able to get Channel 3 out from Lafayette, LA for our opening night), Bob Summers* -- Webmaster from Canada unable to cross over the border.....DO NOT GO TO NSDCA.COM. It is NSDCA.org. He has done a nice job reworking it and it is very user friendly. Karin Callander* -- Communications and Barbara Connelly* -- ARTS.

Representatives: Stan & Mary Smith* -- Canadian Reps, Barbara Connelly* -- North East Area, David Lust & Sharon Schmidt* -- North Central, Gaylord & Shari Madison* -- North West, Ted & Nancy Kennedy -- South Central, Don & Susan Wolford -- South East, South West is OPEN. State Reps John & Mary Burzo* -- Florida, Lawrence & Ruthann Sanders* -- Illinois, Gary & Alberta Gunsell* -- Michigan and Park & Kathy Bierbower* -- Pennsylvania. * denotes persons not present

John asked for any of those who have previously served on the board, area reps, state reps or staff to please stand. Al & Charlene Fahsbender past Illinois State Reps were the only ones present.

John explained how the profit from this Camporee will be

split. 50% to the NSDCA treasury and the other will be split between all the Chapters with individuals helping. No money goes directly to any person but to their Chapter. Each person helping will get a share so money will be spread around to all Chapters.

Reports: Minutes were printed in the annual report book. John asked for any questions or corrections on the minutes. Cheri Arch (014) moved to approve the minutes as printed. Ron Imus (128) seconded the motion to approve the minutes. John asked for any discussion. Hearing none he called for a vote. All approved with “aye” as printed in the annual report book. No “nays” were recorded.

John stated that the Treasurer's report was also printed in the annual report book. He stated that the report is through May 31, 2021 which ended our fiscal year. Tricia Chartier (002) made a motion to accept the report as printed. Jack Pointer (149) seconded the motion. John again asked for any questions or comments on the treasurer's report. Hearing none he called for the vote. All approved with “aye” as printed in the annual report book. No “nays” were recorded.

Tom Nickel wanted to address the audience, but emotions got in the way. John stated that Tom had been a very faithful treasurer and can understand his sentiments as he would do anything for you, now realizing that his time as Treasurer is coming to an end. But not his service to the NSDCA as Tom has become our Registered Agent from Wisconsin, saving us over \$300 per year, plus will be staying on as our Mail Person. John thanked him for continuing to help in that capacity. Applause!!

Election for 2 new board members, being a 3 year and a 4 year term. Both Martha Zimmerman (128) and Chuck & Ruth Osborn (198) have previously been listed in the Times for election. John asked if there were any other nominations from the floor. Dan Hatfield (196) would like to nominate Don & Susan Wolford (000). Don stated that they have been to every Camporee since they joined and they will accept the nomination. After asking 3 times and receiving no other nominations from the floor, Don MacGregor (128) moved that the nominations be closed. Cherie Arch (014) seconded the motion. No further discussion, all those in favor to close the nominations by “aye”. No “nays” received, therefore John closed the nomination. Voting began for Osborn, Wolford and Zimmerman (last name only) Vote for only 2. Bill Baker will give out the ballots. Votes will be announced at the end of the meeting.

No new chapters have been formed in the past 2 years. Steve Hart from Georgia was here and will try to see what he can do to get one started there with the 6-8 members from Georgia.

AWARDS

Roger Tipps gave the award for the most new members to a chapter. In 2020 the award went to Horseshoe Squares 'N' Wheels (C-112) from Ontario & in 2021 the award was given to Mobile Squares (085) from Colorado.

2020 Anniversary Awards presented by Tom Herscha: Charter for Chapter 199; 55 Years: Chapter 001 Garden State Square Dance Campers & Chapter 002 Pine Tree; 40 Years: Chapter 119 Wandering Wonders, Chapter 121 Northwoods Stompers & Chapter 123 Swing-N-Travelers; 35 Years: Chapter 148 Rolling Squares; 20 Years: Chapter 185 Central RV Square Dancers.; 40 Years: Florida State Association.

2021 Anniversary Awards presented by Tom Herscha: 55 Years: Chapter 005 Rollaways, Chapter 007 Travel 'N' Squares & Chapter 010 Pioneer; 50 Years: Chapter 044 Illiana Square Wheelers; 45 Years: Chapter 095 Hobo Squares; 40 Years: Chapter 128 Square Wheels & Chapter C-130 Lakeshore Rolling Squares; 35 Years: Chapter 149 Bayou Square-A-Round & Chapter 152 Campers & Dancers; 30 Years: Chapter 170 Star City Squares; 25 Years: Chapter 179 Gateway Waggoneers & Chapter 181 Montshire Campin' Squares; 5 Years: Chapter 196 Wabash Valley Wheel Arounds; 40 Years: Pennsylvania State Association.

Plaques: Tom Herscha presented Dave Seay--Webmaster 2018-2020 (Ron Imus accepted it); Tom & Nancy Pustinger--Clothing Vendor 2015-2019 (John Ide took); Barb Perkins--Illinois State Rep 2009-2021 (Al Fahsbender accepted it); Jerry & Pat Preston--Michigan State Rep 2005-2020 (Sandy McIntire accepted); John Ide presented Tom & Pat Herscha--Vice President 2018-2021 and Tom & Kathy Nickel--Treasurer 2011-2021.

Sports Awards were given by Dave & Mary Bruun and their helpers Al & Charlene Fahsbender. Bean Bags: 1st Place Al Fahsbender (123) & Don Wolford (000); 2nd Place Ed France (149) & Charlene Fahsbender (123). Bocce Ball: 1st Place Kaitlyn Knutson (031) & Don Wolford (000). 2nd Place Don MacGregor (128) & Alice Richmond (196). Washer Toss: 1st Place Stephanie Esser (031) & Don Wolford (000). 2nd Place Don Gauck (196) & Kaitlyn Knutson (031).

Also, on behalf of our Times editor, Ken Shacter, who couldn't be with us, John presented the Lost Camper award to Chapter 123 Swing-N-Travelers for 2019, 2020 and 2021. They had a total of 50 entries for 2021.

Tom Herscha reported that a total of 337.46# pull tabs will be going to the Shriner's Hospital. The break down being 12th place Chapter 196 Wabash Valley Wheel Arounds with 1.12#; 11th place Chapter 031

Badger Rovers with 2.20#; 10th place Chapter 181 Montshire Campin' Squares with 7.32# (wanted tabs to be counted so they sent them to Tom at a cost of \$25.00); 9th place Chapter 001 Garden State Square Dance Campers with 9.80#; 8th place Chapter 123 Swing-N-Travelers with 9.90#; 7th place Chapter 193 Florida Roadrunners with 11.80#; 6th place Chapter 152 Campers & Dancers 12.24#; 5th place Chapter 018 Sunshine State Pioneers with 12.50#; 4th place Chapter 076 River City Traveling Squares with 19.06#; 3rd place Chapter 198 Crossfire Campers with 22.16#; 2nd place Chapter 149 Bayou Square-A-Rounds with 31.04# and 1st Place Chapter 128 Square Wheels with 198.32#. Don MacGregor & Paul Scott accepted the award since they were the major dumpster divers. Applause!!

Don MacGregor didn't know how much the tabs were worth, so he made a motion that the NSDCA board increase the donation up to \$500. Ted Kennedy (149) seconded the motion. Discussion followed: Cheri Arch (014) questioned if there was a fund already for something like that. John stated nothing specifically for a general charity like this, only memorials for active board members. There isn't a surplus of funds for items like this, most NSDCA expenses are for Times, insurance, etc. Bill Baker called for the question as there is a motion & second on the floor. Dolly Ide (193) stated she could put out a donation jar at tonight's dance to help fund this. Tricia Chartier (002) asked if we had enough money to fund this? John explained that some of the funds could come from the profit of the Boards share. Question was raised as to how much the tabs are worth? Tom Herscha thought maybe \$350 dollars so maybe the motion should be amended. Marian Hatfield (196) stated that no matter what we decide, we should have a donation jar at this time. John said there seems to be too many suggestions so he will table this motion at this time and it will become old business in 2022 in Rockville IN. Other ways to supplement funds were mentioned. Bill Baker stated there needs to be a motion to TABLE the motion. Ted Kennedy (149) moved that we table the motion at this time, seconded by Tricia Chartier (002). Motion carried as only 7 opposed of the 66 members in attendance. Dolly wants to place a donation jar out for the dance tonight and will publish an article in the Times.

Staff Reports: Roger Tipps, Membership Secretary, asked for each chapter rep to pick up their membership list and double check for accuracy. Scott Reinhold, Historian, is still requesting photos from the 2016 Camporee in Amana, Iowa. Send pictures to his personal email address scott.reinhold@comcast.net Ted & Nancy Kennedy, South Central Reps had no comments. Don & Susan Wolford, South East Reps also had no comments.

2022 Camporee remarks from Dan Hatfield (196): Have only twenty 50 amp spots on the grounds and only 9 left...first come, first serve.

Camping will open on Sunday at noon, June 12 and close on June 19th at noon. There are 3 water stations, a nice shower house and one dump station. There will be maps in the ditty bags for covered bridge routes and restaurants. Trails End dance will be on Monday June 13th with meet & greet before that dance. Please sign up as soon as possible. Any questions, see me after the meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

In 2018 some By-Laws were approved, in 2019 Article XI, Section 4 was questioned for review. John read the current By-Law in regards to forming Chapters. Since Park Bierbower (021), chairman of the committee, was not in attendance Secretary Mary Bruun (123) read the proposed By-Laws changes as listed in the annual report book. As the secretary of the Board of the NSDCA, I move that we accept these changes. Cherie Arch (014) second the motion. Questions or comments. Roger Tipps (193) said this will make it harder to start a chapter, it needs to be more tolerant and he encourages you to vote against it. John stated that in previous years, a few chapters had started with one couple and ended up folding in less than 3 years. Marian Hatfield (196) questioned the amount of members for current chapters membership (c). John explained that they would fall under the grandfather clause. Mary again stated that ALL new chapters #200 going forwards would have to go by this new proposal. Sandy McIntire (018) good reason for the amendment but we need to focus on getting new members at this point. Don MacGregor (128) stated the facts of being a social camping club or a square dance camping club which came up a few years ago. You have to make that decision. Bill Baker called for the vote by reminding John it had to pass by 2/3 majority. John asked for those in favor to raise their hand. With only 7 votes, it did not pass.

Results of the Election: Election judges Bill & Kathy Baker (123) and Deb & Wayne Miller (128) tallied the votes. John announced the new board members will be Chuck & Ruth Osborn and Don & Susan Wolford. There will be a meeting later to determine positions and years.

Camporee results: Today we have 40 RV's still on site. Total registered were 44 and 1 in a hotel. 66 members signed in for the meeting. John thanked all that did have faith in coming to support our Camporee. For those who put in their efforts, they deserve a round of applause. Applause!! A special recognition to the decorating crew for a fabulous job!! Ruth Osborn & Lolly Atkinson (128) Ruth wants to give Gail LaRue (128) a special thanks for donating many of the items even though she wasn't able to attend. Volunteers are what it takes. Thanks to the following people: Treasurer/Registration -- Susan Wolford; Wagonmaster -- Roger Tipps; Maintenance Helpers -- Tom Herscha & Tom Biehn (193); Snooper -- Pat Herscha, Sherry MacGreg-

or & Alicia King (all 128); 4th of July Picnic -- Jack Pointer; Welcome Bags -- Jack Pointer; Meet & Greet -- Ruth & Chuck Osborn; Games - - Dave & Mary Bruun; Tuesday Night After Party -- Ron & Linda Imus and the campfire; Wednesday Night After Party -- Dan & Marian Hatfield; Dance Program Coordinators -- Tom & Kathy Nickel; Sound System Equipment -- Ted Kennedy; Photographer -- Scott Reinhold; Coffee & Water -- Trucy & Steve Rogers (153) and Tom & Rita Biehn (193); Pop Tabs Chairperson -- Tom Herscha; Publicity -- Bill Baker and Program Book -- Dolly Ide.

Please register for Evansville for the 71st NSDC. John says that will give you no excuse for not first attending the 64th NSDCA Camporee in Rockville on June 14, 15 & 16.

Don't forget the raffle for the blanket & pillow, belt buckles, etc., for sale tonight.

Tom Nickel pleaded for all to have the correct address on file with Roger Tipps as it cost the association \$2.48 a copy for returned ones and \$.63 for change of address. If anyone is wanting an old Times, they are for the taking over on the table by the kitchen.

Susan Wolford encouraged everyone to post pictures to the newly created NSDCA Facebook page.

Ted Kennedy reminded everyone to sign the card for Tommy Russell before the night is over and he will send it to him.

After the dance tonight, all tables & chairs need to be put away.

Both Dan Hatfield and Tom Herscha made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:55 pm. Several seconds!!!!

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Bruun, Secretary

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:

Kristen Jaboson, Account Manager
Lawley Vivacqua Scheff, LLC,
504 John James Audubon Parkway Suite 302
Amherst, NY 14228

**NEW Email/Phone: kjacobson@lawleyinsurance.com
716-849-8618, Fax (866) 211-4683 or office 716-636-5800 line.**

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.

**By-Laws
of
THE NATIONAL SQUARE DANCE
CAMPER'S ASSOCIATION, INC.**

Article I

Name

The name of this not 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 members) 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, or 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 ten 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 Corporate

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 JIMLS.
- 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 NSLCA shall be known as NSLCA TIMES. The Editor shall:

- a) Gather and, with Board approval, arrange for publication and distribution of the NSLCA TIMES four (4) issues a year (Spring, Summer, Fall, Winter)
- b) Sell advertising in the NSLCA 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 camping 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 1.
- c) Any member who has not renewed for the current year will be removed from the membership file as of March 1 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 county 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.

NSDCA STANDING RULES

The following Standing Rules of the National Square Dance Campers Association, Inc. are governing rules (motions) that do not conflict with the bylaws but expand the governing base of the organization. Document Adopted 07/99

ADVERTISING IN TIMES

1. Rates for ads and in the TIMES are set by the Editor and approved by the Board of Directors.
2. A 10% discount shall be given commercial or non-member advertisers who place an ad in four (4) consecutive issues.
3. All ads shall be prepaid directly to the TIMES Editor who shall forward monies to the NSDCA Treasurer.
4. State organizations (chartered or not), province, and all chapters may place a free full-page once each year. A second, and subsequent ads the same year will be 50% and 25% off respectively.

HADGES/BADGE MAKER

1. The Badge Maker Reports to the NSDCA Secretary.
2. The Official NSDCA badge shall be for members, their minor children or grandchildren only.
3. All badge orders must be processed through the Membership Secretary to verify membership.
4. Badges shall be worn by all NSDCA members at all official NSDCA functions.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

1. New member dues are established by the BOD.
2. The BOD is required to meet annually with Area, State and Chapter Representatives and all Staff members at the annual International Camporee.
3. The effectiveness of the Badge maker, Membership Secretary and TIMES Editor shall be reviewed annually.
4. All Job Descriptions shall be reviewed annually and updated as required.

5. These Standing Rules shall be reviewed annually and/or maintained current.
6. A BOD member shall be appointed to serve as a Camporee Liaison by the BOD for every Camporee.
7. The BOD shall provide for alternate Camporee hosting in the event that no State, Area or Chapter assumes the task.
8. BOD members may serve at the State/Provincial or Chapter level simultaneously but shall not be allowed to serve as an NSDCA staff member or representative.
9. BOD members may serve as a Camporee general chairperson.
10. The BOD shall approve any general member questionnaires before distribution.
11. The BOD shall prepare and make available for distribution to all members, an NSDCA Annual Report identified with the year of distribution and the number of the Camporee.
12. The NSDCA Bylaws, Standing Rules, and all official governing documents shall be reviewed and maintained by the BOD at least every three years.

BYLAWS

1. NSDCA By-Laws shall be published annually in the International Camporee Annual Report and posted on the NSDCA Website. The By-Laws shall be provided to any member on request.
2. A standardized version of the NSDCA By-Laws (Chapter format) shall be included in Chapter formation kits. Upon adoption by the chapter, a signed copy shall be retained by the Chapter and a copy submitted to the NSDCA Secretary.

CAMPOREE

1. It is recommended that all International Camporees be held during the third full week of July. However, attempts should be made to avoid conflicting with other major square dance conventions (i.e. the Canadian National).

3. Chapters showing interest in bidding for a Camporee shall be sent the bid packet and a copy of current guidelines.
3. On-site visits to possible Camporee sites shall be made before bid accepted and announced to the NSDCA membership.
4. All raffles shall be pre-approved by BOD. Raffles for the benefit of an individual chapter are prohibited.
5. The NSDCA VP shall preside over the exchange of NSDCA Camporee equipment at the end of each Camporee.
6. Non-NSDCA members may attend a Camporee with payment of a registration surcharge equivalent to, and in addition to the annual NSDCA renewal membership fee.
7. All dancers attending evening Camporee dances shall dress in appropriate square dance attire unless specifically excused by the BOD for reasons of extreme heat, cold, etc.

CHAPTERS

1. Shall keep copies of all original papers/materials pertaining to the Chapter so future officers can refer to them.
2. Shall keep copy of all membership applications and renewals sent in.
3. Shall have an Employer Identification Number (EIN) to use on the bank accounts rather than using an individual member's Social Security number.
4. Shall send an Election of Officers Form (Form V-C) to NSDCA Secretary following any changes.
5. Shall send changes in chapter by-laws to NSDCA Secretary.
6. USA Chapters are to provide an IRS Form 1099 Misc. to any person being paid \$600 or more annually by the Chapter.
7. Shall be declared inactive when the BOD is advised by officers of that chapter or if the Association receives no membership renewals in the name of that chapter during a period of three years.
8. To reactivate a chapter, there must be at least one member of the previous active chapter.

CHARTERS

1. Vice President shall assign date of Charter the time the Charter is issued. The Membership Secretary shall determine the next open Charter number from membership data base. Chapter numbers of disbanded chapters shall not be reassigned.
2. The name, number, location, etc. should not be changed once the Charter has been issued, however, a chapter may change the chapter name if they present an acceptable reason to the NSDCA Board of Directors. A new charter called a reissued charter shall carry the original date of charter as well as the date of the reissued charter.
3. Replacement charter shall only be issued after six months of date of request after present officers have exhausted all possibilities of finding the old one.
4. A \$25.00 fee will be charged for all reissued or replacement charters.
5. All replacement charters should be a copy of the original charters with the exception of BOD signatures. Replacement charter to be dated same as original and plainly marked "REPLACEMENT CHARTER".

DOCUMENT & RECORDS RETENTION AND DESTRUCTION

1. Tbd
2. Tbd

DUES & FEES

1. For the Fiscal year 2021, new membership for couples has been set at \$10, single membership at \$5.00. (BOD Meeting 9/30/21)
2. Annual renewal of Dues has been set at \$20.00 for couples, \$10.00 for singles.
3. Membership badge charges have been increased to \$10 for safety pin attachments, and \$13.00 for magnetic attachments. BOD Mtg. 09/30/21)

EQUIPMENT

1. The Vice President is responsible for the acquisition and distribution of NSDCA equipment and/or property, and the transfer of such items between concluding and incoming Camporee staff.
2. The Treasurer shall maintain an updated inventory of NSDCA equipment and/or property.
3. All NSDCA equipment shall be plainly and permanently marked.

FINANCIAL

1. All funds shall be submitted in US currency.
2. The BOD shall review NSDCA financial records annually and provide for an annual independent financial reconciliation.
3. NSDCA Treasurer shall audit Camporee records.

HISTORIAN

1. Reports to President
2. Gather and assemble in an organized way pictures and other material pertaining to NSDCA for the preservation of NSDCA history.
3. Shall be keeper of all NSDCA historical material.
4. Shall display some historical data at each International Camporee. If historian cannot be present at the Camporee, someone else should set up the display.

INSURANCE

1. NSDCA shall carry 1) blanket liability insurance to cover all venues used by any valid chapter, 2) liability coverage for officer of the BOD, and 3) theft and embezzlement of funds.
2. An explanation of NSDCA blanket liability insurance shall be updated and published annually.
3. An explanation of NSDCA blanket liability insurance shall be placed in the membership packets and chapter formation kits.
4. Insurance policies shall be kept on file with the Treasurer.

MAIL PERSON

1. Reports to the Secretary.
2. Shall collect and send mail to Secretary weekly.
3. Shall be reimbursed for all NSDCA related postage/mail expenses.

MEMBERSHIPS

1. The membership year shall be from January to December.
2. New Membership applications dated after the Camporee shall be for the coming membership year.
3. Each new member shall receive an NSDCA decal.
4. Membership guidelines shall be distributed to chapters at the Camporee and mailed to members not in attendance.
5. Membership held in more than one chapter shall be known as Associate Membership.
6. A member may be considered a member in good standing in the NSDCA while not holding membership in any chapter. They shall be identified as a Member At Large (MAL) and assigned to Chapter 000.
7. An Associate Member may not hold office or vote in the associate chapter.
8. All active members in good standing attending an Annual Meeting are eligible to vote at such meeting.
9. Members not in good standing (Dues not paid within 90 days of the beginning of the membership year) will not receive the TIMES.

MEMORIALS

1. Upon the death of any ACTIVELY SERVING NSDCA personnel (Director, Representative, or Staff member), there shall be a memorial contribution made from the NSDCA Treasury to the entity of choice as requested by the family of the deceased.
2. The amount is not to exceed \$100.00 and is left to the discretion of the BOD.

NOMINATIONS/ELECTION

It is recommended that Nominating Committee be named from those people who have attended at least two of the last three Camporees, including current Camporee.

2. Nominees' picture and a brief biography shall be published in the TIMES immediately before the election.
3. Campaigning for BOD positions shall not be permitted.
4. Nominations for BOD positions may also be accepted from the floor of the assembly.
5. BOD election shall be conducted at the annual General Membership Meeting held at the annual International Camporee. Any current member may cast one vote. No proxy ballot will be permitted.
6. Election results (names of winners – not vote count) to be published in the first issue of TIMES following election (Sept).

PRESIDENT [Also see Job Description and Bylaws]

1. Shall act as liaison between BOD and Historian, Publicity Chairman, Showcase of Ideas, TIMES Editor, Nominating Committee, Tabulation Committee and other unassigned appointed committee(s).
2. Shall be an authorized signer on all bank accounts.
3. Shall ensure that an application for the Showcase of Ideas booth at the National Convention has been submitted. A copy is to be sent to the NSDCA Showcase representative.
4. Shall arrange time and place (other than Camporee) of all meetings of BOD.
5. Shall send Agenda to BOD before any meeting.
6. Shall be responsible for preparing the Annual Report Book for printing and getting it to the Camporee for distribution.
7. Shall obtain BOD concurrence before submitting names and bios of BOD nominees, to the TIMES Spring issue.
8. All nominees shall have completed an application, provided a personal biography with a photo, and have assured their consent to be nominated.

9. Shall convey election results to candidates, BOB, Area/State Representatives, & Staff as soon as possible after receiving results.
10. Shall be aware of Registered Mark Renewal dates & arrange for or otherwise ensure timely renewal of Trademark registration.

PUBLICITY CHAIRMAN

1. Publicity chairperson reports to the President.
2. All Press releases shall be approved by the President.
3. NSDCA may use commercial advertising for promotion, as directed or approved by the BOB.
4. NSDCA shall send Press Release materials in an effort to obtain free advertising.
5. Display booths and/or square dance demonstrations at RV shows, fairs, etc., shall be encouraged.
6. There is no restriction on the maximum number of Press releases, sent by electronic means, as long as no additional cost is incurred.

REGISTERED MARK (TRADEMARK [Logo])

1. Trademark Registration #4469026, S/N R5819712 [National Square Dance Campers with fire logs] will expire August 20, 2030. NSDCA must commence renewal application in August 2029.
2. Detailed records and copies of documentation of the Registered Mark shall be retained by the President and Treasurer.
3. Legal and Proper Use of NSDCA, Inc. Registered Mark shall be included in the Chapter and State/Provincial Formation Kits and membership packets.
4. Wording (National Square Dance Camper) may be used on badges.
5. Chapters shall be allowed to use the **complete authorized and** registered mark on stationary and banners without seeking pre-approval from BOB.

6. When the Registered Mark is to be incorporated within a design on banners, shirts, etc. a written request to do so, including a drawing or picture, must be submitted to the BOD. Original request shall be returned to Chapter with approval or disapproval within 30 days of being stamped received by Secretary.
7. Any use of, duplication, or rendering of the Trademark must include the "R" identifying the graphic as duly registered and proprietary.
8. The BOD may give authorization to imprint the approved NSDCA logo-trademark to other contractors to allow chapters to purchase jackets, shirts, etc.

REIMBURSEMENT - BOD, STAFF, AREA REPS

1. Reimbursement for expenses incurred in performance of assigned duties shall be as follows:
 - a) Postage – full amount of receipt
 - b) Miscellaneous – with approval – full amount of receipt
2. Request for reimbursement shall be submitted as soon as possible but not later than the fifteenth (15th) day of August, November, February or May, the quarter during which the expense was incurred.

REPRESENTATIVES

1. There shall be six (6) Area Representatives (AR) NE (North-East), SE (South-East), NC (North-Central), SC (South-Central), NW (North-West), and Canada.
2. There shall be a State Representative (SR) for each State Organization.
3. Candidates for a replacement AR/SR shall be solicited from the chapters in that area.
4. Candidates for AR/SR shall be submitted by the included-covered Chapters for approval by the BOD before appointment.
5. Appointments shall be for one year at a time. There is no limit to the number of reappointments of an AR/SR.
6. Attendance at the International Camporee shall be strongly encouraged. This is an important phase of their position.

and is the only time they can meet with the BOD and the other Reps.

7. Representatives should:

- a) Submit a quarterly report, (15th of each January, April, July and October) to the NSDCA TIMES. It should include any chapter, state, or area campouts or meetings they have attended, including activities promoting NSDCA membership.
- b) Contact MAL members in their areas with information about chapters near where MAL resides and encourage participation in an established Chapter.
- c) Follow up chapter formation inquiries.
- d) Keep informed of chapters with little or no activity and give assistance wherever possible.
- e) Keep a supply of brochures. (Chapters may request them from Reps.)
- f) Inform the Membership Secretary how many copies of the TIMES they want to receive. (Suggest a limit of 5. If more are needed, approval from the BOD is required.)

SECRETARY - [Also see Job Description and By-laws]

1. Shall act as liaison between BOD and Badge Maker, Mail Person, and Membership Secretary and other unassigned appointed committee(s).
2. Shall maintain file of all Chapter By-laws, roster and all other important papers.
3. Shall open all mail, record, and distribute to BOD members and other appropriate person(s) as required.
4. Shall stamp all mail "Received", the day received.
5. Shall maintain a record of all mail received for a period of twenty-four months.
6. Shall record all meetings. Recordings shall be kept one fiscal year or until minutes are approved whichever is later.
7. Shall send "draft" copy of minutes of all meetings to BOD within 45 days of meeting for additions or corrections.

8. Shall provide Sign In Sheet for attendance meetings during the International Camporee.
9. Shall be responsible for the Association Seal.

SHOWCASE OF IDEAS - Chairperson

Shall report to President.

1. Shall submit application for the booth at National Convention (unless done by NSDCA President). Copy to be sent to the President (or when submitted by the President shall be sent to NSDCA Showcase of Ideas Representative).
2. Shall request (In time to be received no later than May 1st) a quantity of TIMES issues, brochures, etc. for distribution at convention (Quantities within reason at the discretion of Showcase rep.)
3. Shall annually obtain from the Membership secretary an updated listing of active chapters.
4. Shall turn over to NSDCA VP the names and addresses of all persons who at National Convention indicated an interest in NSDCA or who asked for further information. Follow up to these inquiries shall be by the Area or State Representatives.

STATE/PROVINCIAL ASSOCIATIONS

1. There are currently four State Associations (Florida, Pennsylvania, Illinois, Michigan) and no Provincial Associations.
2. Any State/Provincial Association shall have a minimum (4) currently paid-up active chapters of the NSDCA, Inc., in the particular State/Provincial Association.
3. An original charter will be issued at no charge upon request after the NSDCA Secretary receives:
 - a. The application request.
 - b. A roster of all charter chapters.
 - c. The signed Association By-laws.
4. The NSDCA, Inc. will in no case be held liable for any indebtedness or act of a State/Provincial Association or its officers or its members.

5. All State/Provincial Association should have a checking account through which all Association monies are handled. Checks can be deposited to an account by mail, so it is recommended that the account be maintained at one bank (rather than changing banks when Treasurer changes). It is also recommended that two people (not husband and wife) be authorized to write checks even if only one person normally handles finances.
6. The Officers should arrange for an inventory of State/Provincial Association property and records each year.

TIMES and TIMES EDITOR

1. The TIMES Editor reports to the President.
2. The TIMES shall be issued four (4) times per year.
3. BOD shall establish distribution dates of each issue.
4. The Editor shall determine and publish deadline dates for submitting materials.
5. The NSDCA official mailing address shall appear on TIMES Masthead (not Printer or Editor's address).
6. The BOD shall establish the TIMES subscription rate.
7. The address, phone number, and E-mail address (when available) of BOD members, Area and State/Province Representatives, and Staff shall appear in each issue of the TIMES.
8. In recognition of Wisconsin Chapter 002, the camper-trailer-caravan graphic shall be included at the bottom of every TIMES front cover.
9. A change of address form shall be printed in each issue of the TIMES.
10. TIMES advertising fees shall be collected by the Editor and sent to the Treasurer.
11. Every TIMES issue will include:
 - a) a registration form for the next Camporee (full size centerfold) and an NSDCA Membership Application.

- b) a listing of all NSDCA Chapters identifying the Chapter name, Chapter number, Chapter contact, contact information, and approximate geographic center of the chapter.
- c) a calendar of Chapter campouts providing information of the location, dates, contacts, etc.
- d) a chapter activity section to include individual chapter reports or *Chats Around the Campfire*
- e) the Lost Cauper Search.
- f) Non-NSDCA Camping and Square Dance activities may be included only if space is available.
- g) No-charge reciprocal ads with organizations such as (as the NSDC, FANSDC, etc.). The coordination of such reciprocal ads shall be the responsibility of the TIMLS Editor.
- h) In addition to the items of #11, each calendar defined issue shall include:
 - i) The Spring (March 1) issue shall include:
 - (1) Photograph and biography of BOO nominees.
 - (2) Objectives of NSDCA.
 - ii) The Summer (June 1) issue shall include:
 - (1) Pertinent and/or relevant information for the summer International Camporee.
 - (2) Date and times of Chapter Representatives and Annual Membership Meetings.
 - (3) Explanation of Insurance coverage.
 - iii) The Fall (September 1) issue shall include:
 - (1) Election results
 - (2) Picture of the "new" BOO
 - (3) Summary of Annual Reports from the International Camporee, if space available
 - (4) Pictures from the International Camporee
 - iv) The Winter (December 1) issue shall include:
 - (1) Description of Proper Use of Registered Marks (Trademark)
 - (2) A map depicting the area corresponding to each Representative
 - (3) Associate membership rules.

TREASURER [also see Job Descriptions and Bylaws]

1. The Treasurers shall have joint signature authority on all bank accounts with the President.
2. The Treasurer shall maintain accurate and current financial records (check books, check ledgers, deposit statements, etc.) using commercially available computer applications (Excel, Quicken, or as approved by the BOD) and provide access to the application to the President and others as the BOD may designate.
3. The Treasurer shall keep the BOD continually (monthly or more often if required) advised of the NSDCA financial state.
4. The Treasurer shall be responsible for all NSDCA corporate reporting and licensing to state, federal and other agencies. (IRS, state of Wisconsin, ASCAP, BMI, etc.).
5. All NSDCA obligations shall be made by check only. Cash transactions shall not be allowed.

VENDORS

1. All vendors at any Camporee or other NSDCA event must be approved by the NSDCA BOD.
2. The Camporee Chairman shall determine the number of vendors at any Camporee.
3. All vendors conducting business at any Camporee shall pay for a Camporee registration and all any camping spaces occupied.

VICE PRESIDENT [also see Job Descriptions and Bylaws]

1. Other than assuming the Presidents duties in the event the President cannot represent the NSDCA. The VP's primary duties are to encourage new memberships and chapter formation.
2. The VP shall act as liaison between the BOD and State/Area Representatives and Webmaster.
3. The VP shall be responsible for maintaining, issuing and cancelling chapter Charters.
4. The VP shall be responsible for and ensure all Website information is accurate and current.

5. The VP shall be responsible for coordinating all MVL members and encouraging their joining local chapters if available.
6. The VP will coordinate the exchange of NSDCA property and equipment between outgoing and incoming Camporee Teams and Staff and update the Equipment and Property inventory maintained by the Treasurer.

WEBMASTER

1. Reports to Vice President
2. Shall make changes as requested by the BOD.
3. Webmaster to provide NSDCA President the password and instruction as to how to make changes to the web site.
4. President shall access the Website ONLY in an emergency.

BY-LAWS

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STANDING RULES

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