

The Wilde Bunch Board Meeting July 13, 2024
Zoom Meeting July 15, 2024
Call to Order At 10:00 AM by President James Ferguson

Attendees: James Ferguson: President, Maryellen Ampersand: Vice President, Darlene Blackwell: Secretary, Lise Brooks: Treasurer, Jack Denvir: Class Director, Susan Moore: Member at Large, Adam Olivieri: Past President

Review Minutes: The minutes for June 15, 2024 were sent via email to the entire Board by Darlene Blackwell.

Motion: by Adam Olivieri accept the June Minutes

Second: by Lise Brooks **Motion Accepted:** (Unanimous)

Treasurer's Report June 2024 - Lise Brooks reported there was one exception for the Celebration of Life for Scott as a separate item to determine cost for that event. Eventually those items will be put under supplies and food due to space. There was a bigger negative than usual. We will have extra money in July because some members pay semi-annually. Overall the club is in good shape.

Lise Brooks asked for verification that Rich Stewart and Joni Michels will be paid equal to what Kris Jensen receives. James Ferguson verified that they will all be paid \$30 per hour.

Motion: by Darlene Blackwell to accept the June 2024 Treasurer's Report

Second: by James Ferguson **Motion Accepted:** (Unanimous)

James Ferguson/IAGSDC: (International Association Gay Square Dance Clubs) One thing learned at the IAGSDC Convention there was not any hand sanitizer. We should be sure to have hand sanitizer readily available. This also goes for Chase the Chile. Several of the attendees did get COVID.

James Ferguson said he made his presentation and Albuquerque will be the site of the 2027 IAGSDC Convention. James Ferguson wants to schedule a meeting so plans can be made for this IAGSDC Convention in 2027. The meeting will be for all those interested in helping providing suggestions for the convention. Adam Olivieri will be checking with the ASDC Board to find out if there is a fee to use the facility before the Monday night dance. James Ferguson hopes the meeting can be held on the 8/22/24 before the Dance 5:30pm - 6:30pm. Lise Brooks suggested that Kris Jensen be invited because she called at the last one and she will have a good amount of input.

Chase the Chile: James Ferguson: reminded everyone that we must be sure we have readily available hand sanitizer. Touching base with Aldo availability on all the tables, by the front desk and in the kitchen. **Susan Moore** also reminded us to use the sanitizer entering the kitchen for anyone who handles and prepare food. James Ferguson stated if we do not have enough on hand he will donate some he has at home.

CTC/Maryellen Ampersand: Reported she is touching base with all leaders. Checking with Aldo about the silent auction/raffle. Dion's is the caterer chosen and reservations for the amount of food needed will be made when she has a better idea of how many will be there.

Raffle Quilt: Maryellen Ampersand says she it's up to Lorraine to choose the color for the raffle tickets for the Quilt. Adam Olivieri will bring the Quilt to the club so that we can start selling raffle tickets in advance of the dance. The raffle ticket will be selected on Saturday night (which is typical). Price of the raffle ticket is \$5.

ASDC: Adam Olivieri: Reminder that we need to be diligent about the trash and don't forget the recycle. Adam Olivieri will provide a Thank You Card for ASDC Board in appreciation of their opening the hall for Scott Amspoker's Celebration of Life. All Board members should sign.

Also make sure the doors by the caller's stand are secure before we leave. Jack stated that every Monday and Tuesday he makes a point of checking those doors. Jack will also take care of the Recycle. All Board members stated they know and have followed this procedure. Air Conditioning was not working in Rest Rooms and Kitchen.

Retention: Jack Denvir: Club Retention has been previously tabled until after CTC. As far as the Class Retention goes he noted that he is doing some homework this weekend to check on the students that didn't show up last week. We had six absences last week, 2 of which were excused. There was 4 young men who did not showed up. Jack Denvir will try to contact them this weekend. He will phone and send emails to see if there is a problem.

Joni Michels did a very good job filling in for Kris Jensen on short notice. The club needs to be patient with the challenges we are facing right now. It is due to the shortage of Callers in the area. Rich Stewart is doing the Tuesday A Dance.

James Ferguson will reach out to Joni Michels for Monday in case Kris Jensen is still recuperating.

James Ferguson advised that during his time at IAGSDC Convention there are changes coming to the titles of Mainstream and SSD. We need to be more active in searching for Callers for multitude of reasons.

CTC SSD: James Ferguson, Susan Moore, Adam Olivieri and Jack Denvir. James Ferguson advised that refreshing the joint friendship with the Rainbeaus of Colorado is something he wants looked into.

Susan Moore: Reported she had spoken to someone while at IAGSDC Convention from Colorado. She was asked if SSD folks could register for CTC.

James Ferguson reported that the whole organization of dance levels is being revised and we will see that next year. Mainstream and SSD will go away. There will be new titles concerning Levels of Square Dance.

Adam Olivieri: Adam Olivieri said he had a conversation with Kris Jensen regarding SSD. They concluded that everyone is moving to SSD. We are odd because we are still doing Mainstream. For CTC we will combine SSD and Mainstream. If there are SSD - it will be called. If there are no SSD dancers then Mainstream will be called. It is very easy to figure out - the Caller will ask for SSD dancers to raise their hand. That is how it was done at CTC 2022 and it worked well. On the schedule it will be listed as SSD/Mainstream. Adam will send this information the next email blast. Adam will advise the outreach person in Colorado with this information.

Jack Denvir: Badge "Dangles" will be ordered from C&J. The more we order the better price. Adam Olivieri will email C&J and Jack Denvir the design. Jack Denvir will provide the prices to Adam Olivieri so he can order the dangles.

Amateur Callers: James Ferguson will be discussing the amateur callers night with Kris Jensen. So far we have Lorraine Pratt, Tim K, and Mike Noltting.

Next meeting: August 10, 2024 via Zoom at 10am

Motion to Adjourn by James Ferguson

Second: Darlene Blackwell **Motion Accepted:** (Unanimous)

Meeting adjourned at 10:49 am

Respectfully submitted

Darlene Blackwell