

- In response to a question, Jan Bitter explained how the KwikTrip discount card program works and fees for the program. Jan will also look into a minor KwikTrip fee discrepancy that was noted.
- Invoice received for \$406.80 from "Here 'Tis" for SDAW web site domain renewal (5 years), printing of "Where to Dance" brochure, and printing of conventions promotion tri-fold brochure.

*Pay invoice to "Here 'Tis"

Motion: Charlie Bitter Second: Wayne Irwin
 In Favor: All Opposed: None

*Approve Treasurer's Report (with clarification of \$9.00 fee discrepancy)

Motion: Sharon Albright Second: Ellery Gulbrand
 In Favor: All Opposed: None

Flag Foundation Brenda Deal

- Report will be submitted in January on a proposal for continuance or disposition of the Flag Foundation.

Historian Brenda Deal

- May need to pay for storage facility (climate controlled?) for historical materials in future. More information to follow.

Publicity Sharon Albright

- No publicity report now.
- Jan Bitter noted that we are looking for a permanent SDAW display board that was created some time ago to highlight the organization and other information about the Square Dance Association of WI.

Here 'Tis/"Where to Dance" Brenda Deal

- Next "Here 'Tis" edition will be out soon. Clubs, please consider having a "Here 'Tis" subscription dance, and ads and articles are always welcome.
- Please verify club information, to include a contact person, in the "Where to Dance" brochure.
- The "Where to Dance in Wisconsin" brochure is distributed mainly at national conventions, and also at some clubs. It is also available on the web site and information will also be published in area publications.

USDA Insurance Marilyn Kittle – Not present – No report.

Caller/Cuer Scholarship Karen Gulbrand

- No applications received. There is money available.
- Scholarship requirements and application forms are on the SDAW web site.

USDA Youth Dance Scholarship Ellery Gulbrand

- Two USDA education scholarships are available for seniors in High School or for college freshmen. Applicant can apply both years. Requirements are to submit an essay on how square dance has influenced their lives along with some personal recommendations. Forms on USDA **publications** website. Applications for 2020 due by Feb 1.

Convention Exec. Sec. Karen Gulbrand

- Briefcases were updated and distributed at the post-mortem
- Tax filing for 2019 convention due in January.

Dancer Hall of Fame

Scott Deal

- No applications received. Forms available on <http://www.sda-wi.org> website. Nominations due by Dec. 31

Caller Hall of Fame

Tom Nickel

- No applications received. Forms available on <http://www.sda-wi.org> website. Nominations due by Dec. 31

Webmaster

Scott Deal

- Tracy Nickel is now taking over as webmaster of <http://www.sda-wi.org> website.
- Thanks from all to Scott Deal for his years of prior work as webmaster.

Convention Reports

2020

Wolf River Area – Charlie Bitter

- 188 registered to date: 22 callers, 5 cuers, 150 dancers, 11 Youth.
- *Country Inn & Suites* hotel has changed ownership and will not honor the fee currently on the registration form. Price now is \$139.00 per night vs \$119.00. Call hotel directly for more information.
- Kwik Trip fund raising cards are available.
- Location: Horace Mann, North Fond du Lac School.
- Dates: August 15-16-17, 2020.
- Theme: "Set your Sights on 2020" - Colors Black & White
- Featured Caller: Caller couple, Jon Jones & Deborah-Carroll Jones, from Arlington, TX.
- Registration dance list is being updated.
- Corrected letterhead is available. (No postal mail addresses.)

2021

Southeast Area – Wayne & Lucy Mattson

- August 13-14-15, 2021 at the Sheraton Hotel & Conference Center in Brookfield - adjacent to Brookfield Square Mall at I-94 & Moorland Road.
- Theme : Tropical Island. Colors: Tropical Isle multi-colors – pastels.
- Featured callers will be Randy & DeeDee Dougherty.
- Post mortem meeting and tour date will be October 3rd, 2020.
- Some committee chair positions still need to be filled. Contact Wayne or Lucy if able to help.
- Registration forms to be approved at the January Convention Board meeting.

2022

NW Central Area - Terry Prust

- Nomination paperwork for General Chair is in progress. More information to follow.

Old Business

1. Statewide Publicity Initiative - Sharon Albright

- Sharon is researching what ideas have worked in other areas.

2. Shortened square dance teaching program – Sustainable Square Dance (SSD)

- No update.

3. Bid for 2024 National Convention to be held in Wisconsin – Karen Gulbrand

- "Intent to Bid" was presented in Atlanta. Bid packet to be presented in 2020 in Spokane, WA.
- Site explorations continue, now down to Milwaukee (the Wisconsin Center), and Green Bay. Site decision possible by the end of November.

- Scott requests letters of support and recommendation from clubs and areas. These will be included in the bid book of required documents. Sample letters are available. Submit by the end of 2019.
 - 2024 Committee needs legal consultation. Contact Scott with the name of a lawyer who may do some pro bono work, mainly contract review.
 - Also contact Scott or Brenda or Karen or Ellery if you are willing to assist in any way.
 - The National Executive (Convention) Committee [NEC] is the sponsoring organization. A 2024 Convention 501(c)(3) Corporation will be set up when the bid is approved.
4. Exhibition Group for state-wide promotion - Tracy Nickel has developed some marketing materials, including a Facebook link, to recruit interested dancers: <https://www.facebook.com/wicrossstrails>
5. Bernie Coulthurst is still seeking someone to assume duties of the message forwarding service he has been providing.

New Business

Election of Officers for 2020

Nominees for 2020 offices:

President	Ellery Gulbrand
Vice-President	Kathy Nickel
Secretary	Wayne Mattson
Treasurer	Charlie Bitter
Publicity	Sharon Schmidt & David Lust (will be delegates in 2020)

*Elect slate of officers as nominated

Motion : Charlie Bitter Second: Wayne Irwin
 In Favor: All Opposed: None

Announcements/Other

- There is a nice custom-built parade wagon for square dance available for sale at a reasonable price. Currently located in Berlin, WI. Pictures available. Contact Ellery Gulbrand if interested.
- Fox Valley Squares 70th anniversary dance: Sept 18th, 2020. DeeDee Dougherty calling.

Adjourn 11:35 am. Next meeting in Southwest Area – January 26, 2020 in Iron Ridge.
 Flyers available.

**Respectfully submitted,
 Lucy Mattson, Secretary**