

NCASDLA ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES, JUNE 9, 2018

The Olive Garden (8133 Leesburg Pike (Rte 7), Vienna, VA 22182) was just opening when NCASDLA arrived for its 11 am meeting. President Tom Sellner reported that he went to the Panhandlers Appreciation Dance honoring Rich Steadman in Charles Town, WV. Because our scheduled June 3 Jamboree/annual meeting was in direct conflict, we had cancelled our dance and meeting. Tom reported that Rich was very appreciative and thanked us for canceling our events, and that the Panhandlers had 6 to 7 squares, despite the rain and rising waters that caused many to stay home.

NCASDLA'S annual meeting started at 11:35 while we were still waiting to order.

Attending: Steve and Viia Lucius, Phyllis and Mac McCall, Dick Otis, Tom Sellner, Chris Stacy, Betsy and Al Taylor.

The Minutes for the June 4, 2017 Annual Meeting were unanimously approved (Mac made motion, Dick seconded it). The Minutes for the May 2, 2018 NCASDLA/Executive Committee Meeting held at Vicino's in Silver Spring, MD were unanimously approved (Chris made the motion, Steve seconded it).

The treasurer, Al Taylor, reported that we had \$22,371.54 at the beginning of the fiscal year (July 1, 2017) and, as of the beginning of the June 9, 2018 annual meeting, we had income of \$3,340, and expenses of \$2,123.94, without including in expenses the amount owed to callers for use of their equipment at the WASCA Festival. Without these expenses we had a net gain of \$1,216.06, and a closing balance of \$23, 587.60. A motion was made by Mac and seconded by Steve to accept the report and it passed unanimously. Al also handed out copies of the Feb 25, 1957 confirmation by the U.S. Treasury Department that we qualify as a 501 (c) (6) organization.

While Al Taylor gave his membership report, food was ordered and served. Betsy announced that Jerry Wilson, affiliated member, died this spring of cancer. Jerry had been at last year's June Jamboree/annual meeting. Al handed out a directory, up to date as of the beginning of the meeting, and reported we had 11 dues-paying members and two lifetime members. He provided a bar chart showing the membership declining from 24 regular members and 5 lifetime members in 2012, dropping more than halfway to its current level. Several callers suggested names for new members, asking if they had been approached. Al asked them to approach the proposed caller members and said if they were interested, let Al know their contact information and he will send a new members application form and kit to them. There was also discussion of former members who have stopped paying dues.

Mac McCall, member of the Board of Directors, which served as the Nominating Committee, presented the names of candidates for officers for NCASDLA for 2018 -2019 (term of office July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019).

President	Steve Lucius
Vice President	Chris Stacy

Treasurer Al Taylor
Secretary Betsy Taylor

And Board of Directors:

Pete Kasper
Tom Sellner
Jim Wass

Mac made the motion to accept the candidates recommended by the Nominating Committee, and it was seconded by Betsy. It was unanimously approved. There was a discussion as to who would have the 2 and 3 year terms. Tom volunteered for the 3 year term and it was approved, so the Board will be

Jim Wass	2019
Pete Kasper	2020
Tom Sellner	2021

Under Agenda item (2), discuss and decide whether NCASDLA should dissolve or find another way to continue more minimally, Mac argued there should be no changes in NCASDLA, except more input from total membership, and gaining help from ALL square dancing “leaders”. Mac said that he and Phyllis will head the Education Committee and will schedule an education session with John Kincaid in November about the new tax laws and how callers will need to deal with them. A top priority is a proposal to work on Marketing. As reported in the minutes from our May 2, 2018 meeting, “Jim Wass would like to present an education session on use of the manual (Callerlab Marketing Manual) with a slide show prepared by Marketing Committee Chairman Mike Hogan. He suggests doing this in the fall in anticipation of next year’s recruiting effort”. Tom Sellner has a copy of the Manual and would like to work with Jim on a Marketing effort. Tom said he will continue to work with Baltimore and their class level series efforts.

Betsy presented a paper she wrote called NCASDLA Needs a Will. She explained the fact that because our paid membership is down to 10 paid and 2 lifetime members, and many of our members have died or are in bad health, there is a need to have a robust discussion and perhaps plans, for what will happen to NCASDLA and its assets such as money, records, archives and equipment when we can no longer operate at a minimal level. If we were to dissolve, what does this mean as far as our 501 (c) (6) tax status: what are we allowed to do with our assets? She proposed we spend the next year preparing to dissolve so that if/when such a time comes, we will have settled what is the best way to dispose of our assets to best serve the entire square/round dance community. Once we have prepared and made decisions while we are still capable of making rational, informed decisions, we can get on with improving NCASDLA and making it more viable.

Chris suggested there should be a notarized document where all assets are located (equipment, vinyl records, archives).

Betsy also explained that Tom, Betsy and Al are the only ones who can write checks. Tom made a motion and Mac seconded it that 2 more names should be added to the list of those who can sign checks. The motion passed.

The third item for the agenda was to be whether we should spend NCASDLA money to send one or more dues paying NCASDLA callers to the Callerlab convention. Instead, Mac made a motion that each year NCASDLA vote to pay the Callerlab dues (up to \$250) of one NCASDLA dues paying member (a different one each year) so they can go to the Callerlab convention to be a liaison for NCASDLA. The motion was seconded by Steve. After some discussion, the motion was tabled to be taken up at the next regular meeting of NCASDLA.

Under the fourth agenda item, Tom reported that there is an agreement with Larry Winegard and the Shenandoah Valley Callers Council for a joint dance on the 4th Saturday in January, 2019, with the following weekend for a snow date, but this is subject to finding a venue.

Under new business, Dick Otis explained that he has a Hilton 300B turn table which he would be willing to sell to NCASDLA for \$400 for Bruce Mitchell to use in Sounding the WASCA Festival. Bruce is interested. NCASDLA will approve this purchase, providing it is checked out to be in good shape by someone like Billy Harrison.

Chris Stacy made a motion that NCASDLA thank the outgoing officers for their services. Tom added that Al and Betsy Taylor deserved special thanks for 10 years of dedicated service.

Tom gave a brief speech about the need for more square dance leaders.

A motion to adjourn was made by Mac, seconded by Viiia. The meeting adjourned at 1:45.

Flyers for the September 23, 2018 Booster Dance and for the December 9, 2018 Toys for Homeless and Needy Children Dance were distributed by Tom Sellner.

Submitted by Betsy Taylor, Recording Secretary, NCASDLA