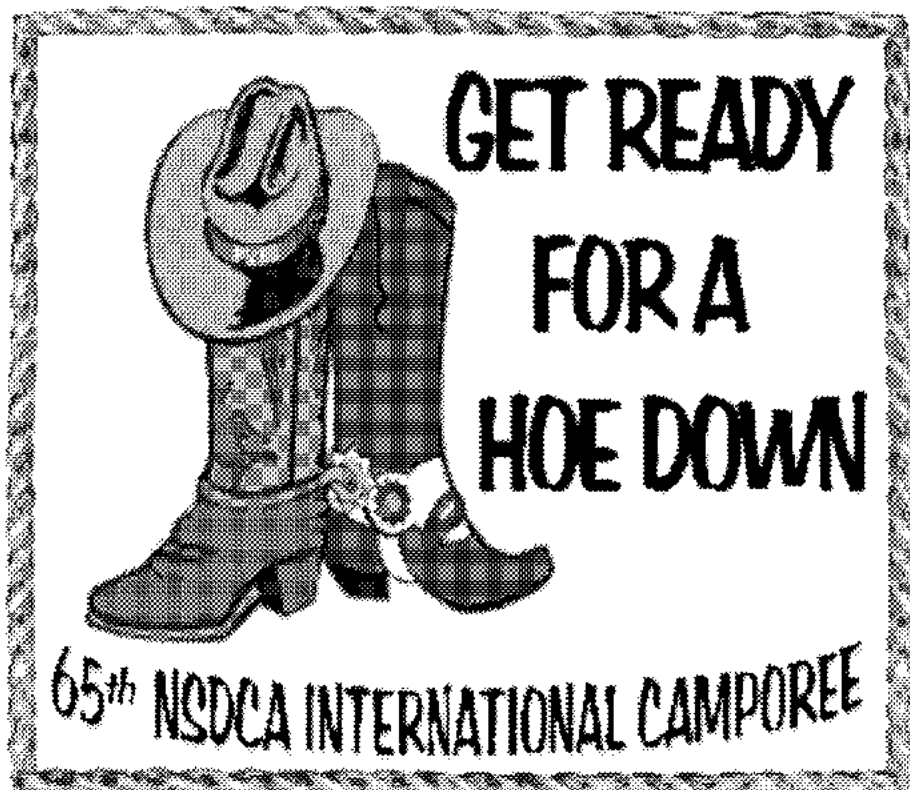


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BOARD, STAFF, REPS ANNUAL REPORTS

PRESIDENT

DOLLY & JOHN IDE

I can hardly wait. It's almost time to hit the road and aim for Tennessee for this year's Camporee. It's become one of our high spots each year as we get ready for our annual summer trips. It's always a busy time getting ready because we also need to prepare for several meetings at the Camporee, but our required preparation doesn't compare with that required by hosting Chapter 198, Crossfire Campers and their team. They deserve a lot of kudos because their preparation is to simply make the Camporee a fun event for everyone attending. We hope that when you read this, you're here in Tennessee with the rest of your friends. If you're not, you're missing a great Camporee.

As I said above, Dolly and I have to prepare for meetings with the NSDCA Staff and State, Area, Country, and Chapter Representatives, and of course our annual General Membership Meeting. We realize that meetings thrown in among lots of fun activities is not what anyone really wants to do, but as we all know, our membership continues to age and with that comes less frequent and less active participation. If you fall into any of the categories I just mentioned, we truly need you to spend a little time with us in one of the Tuesday meetings, and definitely the General Membership meeting on Thursday afternoon. One very important bit of business is the election of a replacement on the Board for Mary and Dave Bruun who have served faithfully as Secretary for the past eight years. Please be sure to attend the meeting and help us show them our gratitude. Also if you would consider standing for election to the Board, it's not too late but you have only two days to decide. If you'd consider it, please let any current Board member know.

The most important business of the General Meeting is to let you know everything that's going on, what we can do for you to make the NSDCA a great organization to belong to, and of course, what you can do for your NSDCA to make it even better. With your help and input, we can hopefully look forward to the 70th NSDCA International Camporee in ... ??? (help us find a place), in 2029. We can do it if we continue the fun. The last several Camporees have been attended by less than one hundred members/rigs but we still have many more members in nearly fifty chapters and we have money to spend, but we need you to help us decide what to spend it on, and volunteer a little of your time to help us staff those efforts. There's no reason we can't increase our membership between the 65th and 70th Camporee. Let's get it done and really celebrate in 2029.

Even as we hope for spectacular 70th annual Camporee, we still haven't been able to organize the 66th Camporee for 2024. We've been working with Michigan and Ontario hoping these two groups could join forces and host the next Camporee somewhere in southern Michigan, but finding a suitable location has proved somewhat difficult. If you, your chapter, your state or any combination thereof would like to host or help with any of the future Camporees, even the 66th next year, please get in touch with Dolly and I or any Board mem-

ber and we'll help you get it organized. It's not a lot of work but does require some planning.

We're anticipating many more years of great square dancing combined with the greatest social and relaxing activity ever invented, sitting around a campfire with friends. The NSDCA provides both, but we all need to invite our friends. We need to help them learn to square dance. We need to loan them a tent, if necessary, so they can attend, and we need to schedule our events being mindful of their work schedules. We need to be flexible and willing to help.

I'm sure that if we all pull together and share what we love, then the NSDCA will be here for the 70th Anniversary Camporee and beyond. We simply need to share our joys and fun with others.

Looking forward to the fun and dancing with you all in Tennessee. .

Dolly & John

VICE PRESIDENT

CHUCK & RUTH OSBORN

Wow, how has another year slipped by? Upon looking back, it has been a busy one for most of us. We have found most Chapters & Clubs are making their way back from shutdowns in new & exciting ways. We are saddened to hear some Chapters have not survived - either from aging out, relocating, difficulties with camping, health &/or family issues, etc. We are hopeful many members will continue camp dancing, even without a local Chapter. We would like to remind our membership they can become Members At Large, so they can still enjoy the benefits of our National Organization. As the VPs, we would then become their NSDCA contacts.

It does not seem necessary to remind our membership, but NSDCA is a membership-driven organization. We need everyone to help recruit and maintain our membership. Volunteer whenever possible. If we all do a little, there is nothing we cannot accomplish!

Our Chapter, Crossfire Campers 198, has taken on organizing this year's Camporee with lots of help from other Chapters. We hope everyone has a great time with lots of dancing, friendship, fun & eating. We are planning halls for both Beginners/Mainstream & Plus/Advanced with rounds & lines as well. Our Camporee is geared towards fun & socialization. There will be many new faces, & we pray everyone makes extra effort to help them feel part of our camping square family. We are doing a lot of community service during the Camporee. What better way to let people know we exist than to assist them!

We are still having difficulty keeping contact information current with our Chapters & Membership. Chapters should be completing Officer Contact forms after each election, even if officers remain the same, and mailing the form to the National Secretary. It would be great if everyone would print (in CAPITAL letters) their email address, so letters do not get confused with numbers. It is also important to be sure your Chapter contact person on the E-Tree forwards

any emails on to the Chapter membership.

We would like to thank Mary & David Bruun for serving as National Board Secretaries for several years. They are a wealth of information, & we pray they will stay involved in NSDCA, as we need them! We are looking forward to welcoming new National Board Members at the Camporee. As this goes to print, we have one nominee for the open position. If you are interested in nomination, please contact a Board member. The election will be held on Thursday afternoon during the annual meeting, but nominations may be entertained from the floor before the election is held. We have totally enjoyed being the National NSDCA VPs. Please consider volunteering for a Board or Staff position.

Praying for Good Health & Safe Travels until we see you across the Square & or Campfire.

Chuck "Ozzie " & Ruth Osborn

SECRETARY

DAVE & MARY BRUUN

Welcome to the 65th NSDCA Camporee being held in Lebanon, Tennessee hosted by Chapter 198, Crossfire Campers. We're sure they have MANY activities for us all to do besides dancing and camping. Tennessee is the Volunteer state and they have many different things for us to volunteer towards. Some really cute and creative ideas. Hope y'all join in with all the things they have planned for us. Fun, Fun, Fun!!!

We will be fulfilling our second 4-year term on the board. We have enjoyed working with the many members on the board since 2015 and members from every chapter. We have always said, "We are here to help, just ask". We hope you will welcome the new member/members to the board. Volunteering and volunteers are what it takes to make an organization like ours to continue.

This will be our final time to ask you to PLEASE use the forms on our NSDCA website (NSDCA.org). Make sure you contact our Membership Secretary, Kathy Nickel, with any change of address so you will get your TIMES magazine delivered to your correct address. Most important get your membership dues for 2024 to the post office box in Middleton, WI before December 31, 2023.

At this time, remember we are preparing this report in May, we are not sure where the 2024 NSDCA Camporee will be held. Maybe IT will be revealed in Lebanon. Surprise, Surprise, Surprise!! Make sure and attend the General Membership Meeting on Thursday afternoon, July 13. Your attendance is very important. Like the Federal Government, 'WE NEED YOU'.

Again, we would like to thank you, all the members, for allowing us to serve on the BOARD as your secretaries for the past 8 years. 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 Lebanon, Tennessee, all coming together to enjoy dancing and fellowship with friends. Always fun to meet up with longtime friends and meet new friends. Welcome to Lebanon. The committee has 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 gone to 3 of the 4 campouts for our chapter since the Camporee in Rockville last year. Although we missed one of our campouts, we were able to attend the Florida State Camporee in October. 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 65th International Camporee. We hope you enjoy all the fun activities and dancing that have been planned for you. Hope to see you across the square there.

Don & Susan Wolford

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MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

KATHY NICKEL

Hi Everyone, it has been another great year of camping and dancing with friends. I have thoroughly enjoyed working with so many of you with your NSDCA Membership needs. You make my job so much easier when we keep your Addresses updated and Renewals coming in on time. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns that I can help you with.

The Postal Service is quite strict on their rules, and I am gradually learning some of the ins and outs. I know it is important for you to get your Times Magazines and we try each quarter to make this happen, but the Postal Service does not always work the way it should. I have been sending some emails out to check on your winter addresses prior to mailing so that we can hopefully get the Times Magazine to you. Remember that we do use Bulk Mailing and the Postal Service will not forward our magazine. So be sure to let me know where

you are going to be for the winter months, and I can set this up in my database, so we send to the right location. It is really an easy task for me, and it saves time and money when sending out the Magazines.

Renewals are also very important. They should be submitted by the end of the year. Our insurance and just financial needs of the organization are dependent on the Renewals and the timing of that income. Let's try to get your Renewals in by end of December this year. Start now by letting your clubs know this deadline. It will make everything run that much smoother.

I am looking forward to another year of working with all of you and helping in any way I can. I miss not being able to attend and meet with all of you at the International Camporee this year, but I had prior family commitments. Hope everyone has another GREAT year of Camping and Dancing.

Kathy Nickel

There are probably plenty of people that think square dancing is dying off. But when you look closely at the actual data of how things are going, it tells a different story.

PUBLICITY & PUBLIC RELATIONS

BILL BAKER

Since the Covid times, the NSDCA has a great opportunity to really grow. There were more RV's of all types sold during those lock down months than any other time. Most of the RV dealers and manufacturers were swamped with demand and even old RV's jumped up in value.

What we have been seeing in the winter in Texas for square dance classes is a large growth in students of all ages wanting to learn something that ties together action and thinking. Our local campground started a class of 20 people and graduated 18, including a family with two boys ages 10 and 13. People at a campground for the winter normally have a RV of some type and this is the connection. Many want to use it year round and the NSDCA has just the plan for that, we just need to find those people.

Up north, where our brick and mortar dance clubs are, had larger than normal classes also, with some students driving more than 60 miles for the lessons. In Chicago land, they have been growing and creating new dance clubs with numbers of new dancers in the 100 range.

So, what does it take. I have had pretty good luck with a big smile, being ready to talk about square dancing, wearing your name badges with ribbons and past events hanging out for all to see. When in a campground talking about square dancing, print up flyers about when you are going square dancing, visit brick and mortar clubs in your NSDCA regalia, just be friendly. Don't be discouraged if the first talk doesn't work, invite them to a dance to watch. Our Texas group has grown several new members by converting watchers to dancers.

Other groups are also looking for good clean fun for the family. We stopped at a real nice building in a major city's park, the park manager was there and I commented that this room would hold 10 to 12 squares. He wanted to know what kind of squares and the next thing we know, he is working to get a square dance club put together with youth and their parents. He said that he had been looking for some activity to tie different ages together. I think the class will start in August.

Another group wanted a barn dance to go along with a themed party, next thing you know, they are having fun and now thinking of adding a square dance club.

Some magazines and periodicals have contacted me about square dancing and camping as a combined event, still working on finalizing it. The nice part, they reached out to us, so there must be some demand growing.

Loving an activity and the feeling that you get when doing that activity is just good for the whole body and soul. We would not be doing the right thing by keeping it to ourselves. Look around at your next dance and the look around the next time in a restaurant or other setting with lots of people. Which group is having the most fun? Dancers or Sitters?

Bill Baker

WEBMASTER

BOB SUMMERS

Well ... the glitz is off of the NSDCA website. It's no longer "new". It now relegated to a just another website for a bunch clubs and dancers, oops, er, ... and campers.

The Executive occasionally changes a form or two but 'though the form is new, it's called by the same name as before so that page "looks" like nothing changed.

We're blessed to have the NSDCA Times where Ken Shacter produces a magazine every few months ... so the "Times" web page grows each time to display the new issues.

And once a year we advertise our International Camporee and later post some pictures of the fun. That gives us a bit more of a dynamic flavour than we might have otherwise.

However where the website shows off it's stuff is in the display of all the campouts held by all of our chapters. Why. Because that's where YOU REAL-
LY SHINE. These campouts are not just "dances" but "happenings" where friends get together for an entire weekend and visitors are welcome to join in, where you share experiences around the campfire, laugh, dance and perhaps sing (well maybe I got a little carried away here). Regardless, the NSDCA website captures hundreds of these gatherings and displays your upcoming weekends and includes maps to help visitors find their way to you. We all desperately need this closeness after 2 years of Covid restrictions. Keep up the

good work.

Bob Summers

NSDCA TIMES EDITOR

KEN SHACTER

As I write this report, I have just wrapped up preparing the twentieth issue of the NSDCA *TIMES* in my term as editor. I thank the Board members, State and Area Representatives, other Staff and all Chapter correspondents who have provided material for their individual columns, the *Chats around the Campfire* and *Campout Schedule* sections. I again thank webmaster Bob Summers for the support he's provided and Bob's long-suffering wife, Marguerite, for putting up with all the time Bob spends tending to the website. 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 in the weeks leading up to the issue's deadline, either dealing with the newsletter or the website or returning emails and phone calls from members and correspondents. She 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 covers, and proofing the *TIMES* issues I have edited.

As you can tell from the above paragraph, producing your newsletter is not the job of a single person. We aren't kidding when we say this is a newsletter for and by the members of the NSDCA. If an article has a byline, the author is an NSDCA member unless explicitly stated otherwise. If there is no byline, the article was written or compiled by the Editor (an NSDCA member). Please contribute articles or pictures (everybody likes pictures) on any subject of interest to square dancers and campers. If it interests you, it probably interests others. We all will benefit from your contribution. For reviews let us know the good, the bad and the ugly. Reviews of campgrounds are always welcomed; many of us travel near your camping/dancing venues at times outside of when you are meeting – but may consider staying at a particular campground if convenient and well-reviewed. If writing about crafts that another can use on their campout, please include a picture or two of the finished product(s) and provide instructions and guidance on how to complete the project (remember, everyone loves pictures). 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. Also please remember my outstanding requests for biographies on your Chapter caller/cuer, for campout-friendly recipes, and Publicity Director Bill Baker's newest idea – “We tried this and it worked great!” The deadlines for each quarter's issue are posted in each issue, but there's no need to wait until the last minute to submit something.

I know I just mentioned this in the previous paragraph, but it's important: 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 web-based campout schedule submission process developed by webmaster Bob Summers has resulted in a faster turn-around of posting your information to the master list on the

NSDCA.org website. The information is also posted to a Google Map that shows all the campout geographic locations as well as the event date and associated chapter, which should come in handy for spotting a square dance camping event near you wherever you may be in the US or 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 planning, 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 campout plans (e.g., date or venue or cancelation) also let us know so the NSDCA 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 hovering around 33%, meaning two-thirds of our active chapters do not provide any details on their events. One of the things I liked the best about the *TIMES* before becoming editor was reading about what other chapters were doing, and that's still the case. There certainly 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

AREA/STATE REPRESENTATIVES

NORTH-CENTRAL AREA REPRESENTATIVE

SHARON SCHMIDT AND DAVID LUST

The only feedback I can report back on is my club. Nothing else given other than Wandering Wheels, Minnesota Chapter 068, is closed. I attached photos from our campout this past weekend. (Please see photos in the June issue of the NSDCA Times). As you can see we had a great turnout and also enjoyed several guests among us. Perfect weather lead to a dance Saturday night then our campfire.

We gather again in two weeks at Buffalo Lake. Several of us will head to the Illinois state camporee in June then July at the international camporee.

I am also working on a program for the Wisconsin state square and round dance convention in August. This program will cover what we (Badger Rov-ers) are all about. Hoping to attract new members!

Thank you! See everyone in Lebanon!

Sharon Schmidt & David Lust

ILLINOIS STATE REPRESENTATIVE

LAWRENCE & RUTHANN SANDERS

During the year leading up to the 2022 NSDCA International Camporee the state officers and committee chairpersons worked to make that camporee a success. And it was, thanks to all who attended.

In the year since it's been camping as usual. Each chapter making their own plans and having camping outs. In June Chapter 123, Swinging Travelers with John & Liz Hand General Chairpersons hosted the Illinois State annual Camporee at the Marshall Putnam Fair Grounds in Henry Illinois. Since this is being written a month before that event, you will have to wait until the September issue of the *NSDCA TIMES* for that report. We know the Election of Board of Directors was held and perhaps there are new State officers.

Of course, plans for the 2024 State camporee are in progress. Watch for detailed information and know you are always welcome to attend even if you are not an Illinois resident. Besides local events Chapter 014 members are busy helping the 2024 National Square Dance Convention committee work out the details for that event in WI.

Replacing a chapter square dance caller is a problem for a couple of our chapters but they are managing to keep camping and dancing seeking out locations with a local square dance. 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.

Of course, being Illinois and having weather not conducive to local winter camping our season is relatively short, but many NSDCA members hit the road for warmer climates so they can camp and or dance all year.

Although the pre-camporee registration deadline is fast approaching we (Sanders) still aren't sure if we'll be attending the International NSDCA Camporee - "Hoe Down Time in Tennessee 2023" July 11,12, 13, 2023. So using this media to say hello to all our long time and as well as our newer friends. We hope to see you but can't promise just yet but know for sure not seeing you will be OUR LOSS. ENJOY!

Sending Yellowrocks to all and wishing everyone safe travels to and from.

Lawrence & Ruthann Sanders

FLORIDA STATE REPRESENTATIVE*JOHN & MARY BURZO*

Hope you are all having a wonderful time at the 65 Annual International Camporee.

Florida square dancing is doing well. Our greatest hurdles are recruiting camper/dancers and convincing our aging bodies to that we want to keep camping and dancing! One of our Florida clubs is now meeting socially rather than dancing, which is testimony to friendships being the heart of our organization! Our State Camporee did well in October 2022 We had 45 rigs come out with 7 or 8 squares dancing all three evenings. Lots of workshops, games, and skits to enjoy.

We hope you are all well and enjoying lots of fun camping & dancing this summer. Yellow Rocks to all!

. John & Mary Burzo

MICHIGAN STATE REPRESENTATIVE *GARY & ALBERTA GUNSELL*

The year 2022 was a year of trying to get camping and dancing activities going full strength after the COVID pandemic.

State Camporee was held in Otisville, Michigan the last of June 2022. Chapter #121 hosted the event. There were three square dance callers and one cuer in attendance and two squares plus a couple extra for dancing. The group was kept busy with workshops, sports, crafts, evening dances and of course eating, whether it was a potluck or going out. It is always nice to work with the group that attends our State Camporee as they are always ready to help when needed. No matter how much planning is done there seem to be at least one item that slips by until the last moment and needs help getting done. Some Canadian dancers came to help with the fun.

Chapter #121 held campout/dances for May, June, August and September, along with the State Camporee in June. Some of the chapter visited Blythe, Ontario for the Camporee in August. A great time was had by all that attended. These outings also had a lot of great dancing, camp fires, games, crafts and new friends made and old ones rekindled.

Chapters #005 and #007 in Michigan are currently not holding campouts due to health issues and other problems. I am hoping that they will be able to get back together in 2023.

Michigan's camping season is short due to weather so the Chapters try and cram as much as they can into the short season. If you are out traveling and would like to stop in at one of the camping events or State Camporee we leave the light on and all are welcome. Hope to see you at a campout somewhere in the USA.

Happy camping,

Gary & Alberta Gunsell

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.

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.

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:

Nancy Lougheed, Account Manager
Lawley, LLC,
361 Delaware Avenue
Buffalo, NY 14202

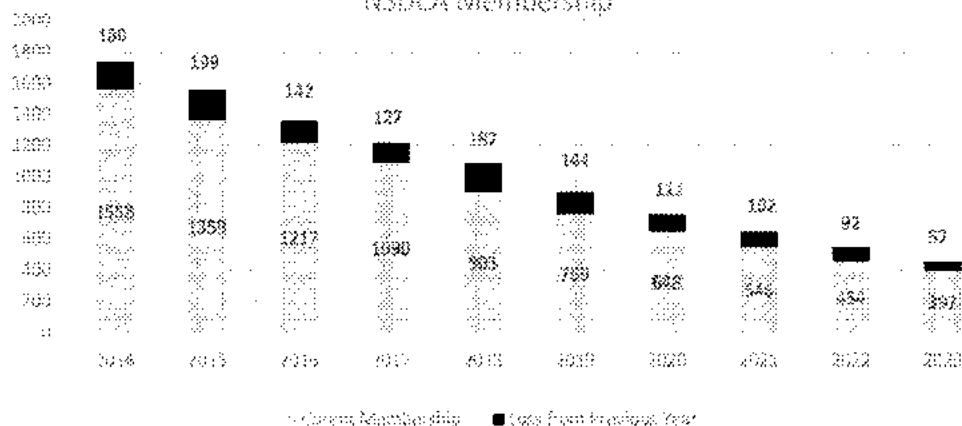
NEW Email/Phone: Nancy Lougheed,
nlougheed@lawleyinsurance.com
716-849-8609, Fax (716) 849-8291 or office 716-819-8618

If the entity (land or building owner, municipality etc.) requires their name to be explicitly listed as an **ADDITIONAL** insured, the additional insured can be added at no charge by simply requesting the addition when requesting the Certificate from, Lawley.

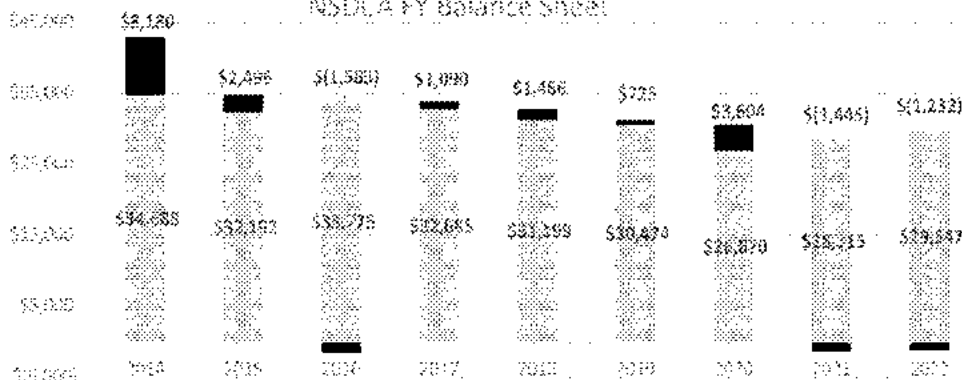
2022 NSDCA Statistics

Year	Current	Loss from		FY	End of Year	Loss from	
	Members	Previous	%			Assets	Previous
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	\$ 3,604	11.8
2021	546	102	15.7	2021	\$ 28,315	\$ (1,445)	-5.4
2022	454	92	16.8	2022	\$ 29,547	\$ (1,232)	-4.4
2023	397	57	12.6				

NSDCA Membership



NSDCA FY Balance Sheet



NSDCA FY22 ANNUAL FINANCIAL ASSETS REPORT June 1 2022 - May 31 2023
Statement of Assets and Liabilities - Modified Cash Basis

<u>Current Assets</u>	<u>FY-2022</u>	<u>FY-2023</u>
Checking Account	\$ 5,452.31	\$ 7,182.36
Money Market - Savings	\$ 21,862.79	\$ 21,864.95
Advance - 64th Camporee	\$ 500.00	
Advance - 65th Camporee	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
Total Liabilities and Fund Balance	\$28,315.10	\$ 29,547.31
Beginning of Year	\$ 27,869.50	\$ 28,315.10
Gain(Loss) - Modified Cash Basis	\$ 445.60	\$ 1,232.21

Revenues

Badges	\$ 491.00	\$ 779.00
Camporee	\$ 2,498.56	\$ 2,702.38
Dues - New Members	\$ 218.50	\$ 295.00
Dues - Renewal	\$ 8,012.50	\$ 6,880.00
TIMES Ads	\$ -	\$ -
Interest	\$ 2.17	\$ -
Miscellaneous	\$ 14.50	\$ 25.00
Total Revenues Collected	\$11,237.23	\$ 10,681.38

Expenses

Badge + Shipping Cost	\$ 515.66	\$ 558.60
Insurance - Liability/Bonding	\$ 3,259.97	\$ 2,647.48
Postage/Shipping	\$ -	\$ 150.06
Membership Expenses		
Overpayments Refund	\$ -	\$ -
Rent - Storage Space	\$ -	\$ -
Supplies & Postage	\$ 180.30	\$ -
NSDCA TIMES		
Postage/Printing	\$ 3,913.05	\$ 3,770.76
Promotion by NSDCA		
Printing & Materials*	\$ 1,561.42	\$ 1,611.39
Various Reps/Staff/Directors		
Office Equipment (Flags & Recpt Reader)	\$ 481.93	\$ -
Staff Supplies	\$ 215.74	\$ -
Rep/Staff Expense	\$ -	\$ 214.99
Website Expense (Go Daddy)*	\$ 113.57	\$ -
Miscellaneous		
Licenses & Permits**	\$ 550.00	\$ 498.05
Total Expenses	\$10,791.63	\$9,451.33

*Website Expense Included in License & Permits

**Includes ASCAP License, BMI License, Website Expense & PO Box Permit

NSDCA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Thursday June 16, 2022

Rockville, Indiana

President John Ide called the 64th NSDCA Camporee General Membership Meeting to order at 1:04 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance and then singing the American and Canadian Anthems. John gave an invocation followed with a moment of silence for all members, family, and friends lost this past year.

John welcomed and thanked everyone in attendance. He asked all First Attendees to stand (total of 10 stood), all that have been to a Camporee at least 5 times, more than 10 times, those that have served on the Board of Directors or helped with a Camporee. He asked those who were having a good time to stand, by this time most were standing. He recognized Ruthann and Lawrence Sanders for attending most Camporees since 1974 who are also the Illinois Area Reps. He recognized all 7 callers: Bob Asp, Tom Nickel, Lottie Buckbee, Mike Gormley, George Ferguson, and Bob Furr (Jim Davis not in attendance). Two Cuers: Kathy Nickel and Susan Wolford.

John announced that Bill Baker will be our parliamentarian for today's meeting. Then he introduced the BOD: Don & Susan Wolford, Treasurers; Chuck & Ruth Osborn, Vice Presidents; John & Dolly Ide, Presidents; and Dave & Mary Bruun, Secretaries. STAFF in alphabetical order: Bill & Kathy Baker, Publicity; Karin Callender*, Communications; Barb Connelly*, ARTS; Jim & Connie Guyll*, Badge Maker; Kathy Nickel, Membership Secretary; Tom Nickel, Mail Person; Scott & Kay Reinhold*, Historian; Ken & Carolyn Shacter*, Times Editor; Bob Summers*, Webmaster. REPS: Stan & Mary Smith*, Canada; Barb Connelly*, North East; 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: Florida, John & Mary Burzo*, Pennsylvania, Park & Kathy Bierbower (had to leave earlier), Illinois, Lawrence & Ruthann Sanders and Michigan, Gary & Alberta Gunsell. (* indicates NOT present).

Reports (Minutes & Finance) John asked if everyone had read the minutes in the Annual Report Book given out earlier this week. He asked if there were any additions or corrections. Having none, Dan Hatfield (196) moved to accept the minutes as printed. Seconded by Cheri Arch (014). Accepted by all. John then asked if there were any questions on the Treasurer's Report that was inserted loosely in the Annual Report Book because the report had to be printed before our yearly ending date of May 31, 2022. Having none, Dan Hatfield moved to accept as written

and file the report for audit. Seconded by Cheri Arch (014). All approved. Membership Secretary, Kathy Nickel reported that we have 458 members with a couple from early registration at the Camporee. We're hoping to get more members at the NSDC in Evansville, IN next week. She stated that the 9 digit zip code is very important. If you don't receive your Times, please contact her as the USPS won't forward Bulk mail.

At this time, the election of a Board member was turned over to Bill Baker. John & Dolly Ide stated at a previous board meeting that they would serve again if re-elected. See Mary's notes from the desk of the Secretaries NSDCA Times, March 2022 - May 2022. Bill proceeded with placing them in nomination and asking three times, if there were any other nominations from the floor. Hearing none, by acclamation, John & Dolly Ide will stay on the board.

AWARDS

Kathy Nickel reported there was a three-way tie for the chapter with the most new members. Each of the following Chapters had 4 new members: Mobile Squares* (085), Campers & Dancers (152) and Wabash Valley Wheel Arouns (196).

Chuck & Ruth Osborn presented the Anniversary Awards: 20 Years: C-187 Northern Lights Squares*. 35 Years: 153 Strawberry Travelers. 45 Years: 106 Square-Up Campers*. 50 Years: 045 Penn-Dixie Square Campers*. 55 Years: 021 Roving Squares*, 018 Sunshine State Pioneers and 014 Blackhawk Crosstrailers. (* indicates that awards will be mailed by Mary)

Kathy Nickel presented Roger Tipps' service plaque to John & Dolly Ide since he belongs to their chapter and wasn't present for his plaque. It read: For 22 Years of Service as Membership Secretary (1999-2021). Mary Bruun videoed everyone telling him "Thank You Roger" which was then sent to him.

Sports Awards were given by Dave & Mary Bruun and their helpers Al & Charlene Fahsbender. Bean Bags: 1st Place, Sharon Schmidt (031) & Don Wolford (153); 2nd Place Joy Vlad (123) & Jerry Dwenger (000). Washer Toss: Sharon Schmidt (031) & Ron Mayer (123) 2nd Place, Naomi Mills (123) & Don Wolford (153). Bocce Ball: 1st Place, Janet Bowman (123) & Lester Smith (076); 2nd Place, Sue Mayer (123) & David Lust (031). Golf: 1st Place Bob Asp (014) ; 2nd Place Tom Herscha (128). Horseshoes: 1st Place, David Lust (031) & Don Wolford (153); 2nd Place: Tom Nickel (031) & Lois Whitehead (196). Scramble Fun: 1st Place Larry Cleary (196) and 2nd Place Tie to Chapter 031 Tom Nickel and Sharon Schmidt.

Judy Boutelle announced the tab results: the total of 118.6 pounds

were turned in by 8 chapters with the following results. .8# Chapter 076; 1# Chapter 196; 4.8# Chapter 152; 7.8# Chapter 068; 16.6 # Chapter 014; 16.8# Chapter 193; 21# Chapter 123 and 49.8# Chapter 128. Tom Herscha accepted the trophy for his chapter, the Square Wheels from Florida.

In the absence of Times Editor, Ken Shacter, John presented the Lost Camper trophy to Chapter 123, Swing-N-Travelers. They had the most correct answers for 2022. Their president, Chet Bowman, accepted the traveling trophy.

Al Fahsbender, Chairman for the 2022 Camporee gave a report on this year's event. A total of 64 registered units came from 21 chapters, 15 states with the farthest coming from California (Ernie & Linda Ellis). If you haven't paid Kerry for your extra nights camping, please see him as soon as the meeting is over. He thanked the following chairmen: Alice & Kerry Richmond (Registration & Treasurer), Dan & Marian Hatfield (Facilities/Maintenance/After Party), Chet Bowman (Over all Activities), Barb Perkins & Shari Millard (Welcome Bags), Sue Mayer (Door Prizes), Bill & Kathy Baker (Publicity/After Party), Bob Asp (Sound System/Dance Programer). (At this time, Al thanked all the callers and cuers as without them, we could have never been able to dance.) Cinda Asp, Sally Foley, & Marie Berridge (Crafts), Ed Nightingale, Jim Mills, Mike Thomann, Mike Holzhausen & Jerry Rozelle (Parking), Ruthann & Lawrence Sanders & Cheri Arch (Snooper), Dave & Mary Bruun (Games), John Heiger & Jamie Wahl (Security), and Don & Ruth Gauck, Diane Wahl (Hospitality). Thanks to all the others that lent a hand when asked to do something. A Big Thank You to everyone attending.

2023 Camporee Chairmen, Chuck & Ruth Osborn stated that plans are coming along, possible wine tour but need at least 10 people for a small group. Chapter 198 is very small and will accept volunteers, so please see either one of them. Early registration through this evening's Camporee, every person will be given a \$5.00 discount. Ribbons will be given with your registration tonight. There will be a Sunday evening (July 9) dance sponsored by The Wilson County Squares & Chapter 198 Crossfire Campers and a special dance on Saturday evening (July 15) with the Barnlofters & Chapter 198 Crossfire Campers (these two dances are NOT part of the Camporee).

NEW BUSINESS

The By-Laws have not been changed. However the BOD has worked since last August on revising the Standing Rules. They hadn't been looked over in several years and some rules don't apply anymore. Please look them over in the Annual Report Book that everyone should have

gotten. If any changes, please contact any of the officers. John explained the insurance which also has an explanation in the Annual Report Book.

Bob Summers, our webmaster, has been doing a great job. Please use the nsdca.org site for renewals, applications for new members, change of address, election of officers, etc.

Membership and Badge cost was addressed. The BOD had to increase the badge cost only because of postage going up. Membership cost will be the same as in the past. After discussion, Bob Roos (198) moved to accept the board's decision of raising the amount due to postage cost. Seconded by Mike Gormley (153). Therefore renewals will be \$20.00 per couple, \$10.00 per single. New Applications will be \$10.00 per couple, \$5.00 per single. Badges will be \$10.00 with a pin backing or \$13.00 for a magnetic backing. It passed unanimously.

Volunteers are always needed. Joy Vlad volunteered to become our FaceBook Web Editor. Thank You, Joy. Southwest Area Rep is still open. 2023 Camporee in Lebanon, TN can use many volunteers...see Ruth or Chuck Osborn. John & Dolly Ide are needing volunteers for the Showcase of Ideas on Thursday at 11:30 and Saturday at 2:00 at the NSDC in Evansville, IN next week. Larry & Paula Cleary could use volunteers at the campground there also.

Insignia Items are still for sale at tonight's dance, see John or Dolly. Feather Flags (can be ordered) @ \$180.00, NSDCA Bags @ \$10.00, Small Flags @ \$2.00, Large Patches @ \$2.00 and Small Patches @ \$.50. John again reminded everyone about the new members' prices of \$10.00 per couple and \$5.00 for a single.

John thanked the Illinois State Association which has both Illinois & Indiana Chapters for all the fun and fellowship during this Camporee. A Thank You to all the Callers and Cuers and all members of all chapters for coming.

Tom Herscha (128) raised the question if the NSDCA was going to match the amount of donations for the Shriners from the NSDCA treasury as done last year. After discussion, Bill Baker (123) moved that NSDCA treasurer match up to \$500 from tonight's donations for the Shriners this year. Seconded by Debbie Miller (128). All were in agreement.

Bill Baker (123) moved to adjourn the meeting at 2:29 p.m. Seconded by Tom Herscha. NOTE: Total attendance at the meeting was 81.

Mary Bruun, NSDCA Secretary

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

Article I

Name

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

Article II

Object

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

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

Article III

Membership

Section 1. Membership

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

primarily through chapters. Those not affiliated with a chapter shall be Members At Large (MAL).

Section 2. Joining NSDCA

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

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

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

Article IV

Board of Directors

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

Section 2. Composition

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.

- a) 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.

- b) In the event of a vacancy on the Board as a result of a resignation, death, etc., the Board shall appoint an NSDCA member in good standing to the vacated position for the remainder of the term of the vacated position. An appointment to the Board of two years or more shall constitute one full term. At no time may any one chapter be represented on the Board by more than one officer position.
- c) No member of the Board may be compensated for services performed as a member of the Board.

Section 3. Duties

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

Section 4. Meetings

- a) Meetings of the Board shall be called by the President of the Board at his/her discretion or when requested to do so by three (3) members of the Board.
- b) A majority of Board positions at a scheduled Board meeting shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.
- c) Decisions shall be by concurrence of the majority of members present and voting.
- d) Except for the position of President, each position shall have two votes on all matters pertaining to the Association. The position of President shall have one vote and may vote only in the case of a tie.

Article V

Officers

Section 1. President

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

Section 2. Vice President

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

Section 3. Secretary

- a) Shall compose and keep a record of the minutes of all meetings of the Association and Board.

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

Section 4. Treasurer

- a) Shall have custody of all funds and property of the Association.
- b) Deposit all funds of the Association in a bank in a city designated by the Board.
- c) All withdrawals of funds shall be on checks or orders signed by the Treasurer or President or as authorized by the Board. Approved expenses incurred by any member in the performance of assigned duties shall be reimbursed.
- d) Maintain an inventory list of all NSDCA owned equipment or property and provide an annual report of that equipment or property, its location and state of repair.
- e) Co-operate with the appointed auditing committee or other agency by providing the requested Association financial records for review. The results of that audit shall be documented in a signed and dated audit statement provided by the auditing entity.
- f) Prepare and submit to the Board, an annual detailed financial report covering the period from the previous year June 1 to the immediate past May 31, fifteen (15) days prior to the annual General Membership Meeting.
- g) Make available the detailed financial report at the annual Membership Meeting to any member requesting that information
- h) Prepare and submit a summary statement of the financial condition of the Association to be published in the Annual Report.
- i) Provide other financial details of the Association to any member requesting such details.
- j) Perform such other duties as prescribed by the Board.

Article VI

Meetings

Section 1. Annual Meeting

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

Section 2. Special Meetings

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

Article VII

National Staff

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

Section 1. Publications

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

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

Section 2. Insignia

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

Section 3. Membership

- a) Receive membership dues or proof of membership dues payment from the Board Secretary, or dues from chapters and members. All funds received shall be accounted for to the Treasurer.
- b) Maintain a current chapter and membership list using a computer database contracted or approved by the Board.
- c) Arrange the distribution of membership lists as indicated in the job description and as instructed by the Board.

Section 4. Showcase of Ideas

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

Section 5. Historian

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

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

- a) Shall be the contact person for chapters and members in an assigned area, as determined by the Board.

- b) Promote and provide information to members and prospective members concerning membership and new chapter formation procedures.
- c) Have a supply of all promotional brochures and materials for distribution to chapters, members, and appropriate gatherings.

Article VIII

Committees

Section 1. International Camporee

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

Section 2. Amendment Review Committee

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

Section 3. Other Committees

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

- c) Shall have such power and authority, as the Board shall deem advisable.

Article IX

Nominations and Elections

Section 1. Procedure for Nomination

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

Section 2. Election

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

Section 3. Assumption of Office

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

Article X

Dues

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

Section 2. The Board, with the approval of the membership in attendance at the Annual Meeting shall establish the price of membership badge(s).

Section 3. Membership Validation

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

Section 4. Reinstatement

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

Article XI

Chapters and Associations

Section 1.

- a) NSDCA is empowered and authorized to issue charters to chapters, state, provincial or country associations composed of square dance campers who are eligible for membership pursuant to the By-Laws of NSDCA.
- b) All members of such chapter, state, provincial, or country associations shall be members of NSDCA.

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

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

Section 4.

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

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

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

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

Article XII

Parliamentary Authority

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

Article XIII

Amendments

Section 1. These By-laws may be amended at any annual meeting of the Association by a vote of two-thirds of the members present, providing that notice setting forth the proposed amendment shall

have been published in the NSDCA TIMES or mailed to all active members at least thirty (30) days prior to the date of such meeting.

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

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

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

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

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

Article XIV

Dissolution

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

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