### Spring City Squares Business Meeting February 4, 2025

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 pm by President Chuck Muecke.

### Acceptance of the November 5, 2024 Meeting Minutes:

The November 5, 2024 Meeting Minutes were approved with one minor revision; the Winter Picnic date is February 9, 2025 not February 12, 2025 as written in the first published Meeting Minutes, by all 12 members in attendance.

### Treasurer's Report: K. Thomas Lamb reports:

Beginning Register Balance (as of 11/1/2024): \$3805.82 Ending Register Balance (as of 1/31/2025): \$4770.42

The Treasurer's Report was approved as reported by all 12 members in attendance.

K. Thomas presented the club year summary for the period of 2/1/2024 - 1/31/2025

He pointed out that the club **saved almost \$4000.00 in expenses in this past year**, mostly due to our move to Mt. Calvery as a dance location, and we have only been dancing at Mt. Calvery since June of 2024, which is only 8 months!

Our new "paid" membership total for the club is 32.

We are still waiting for payment from one dancer and upon that payment our 2025 membership will total 33 members.

# **Committee Reports:**

**SEA/SDAW:** Wayne and Lucy Mattson report:

SEA: Wayne reported:

### The SEA Holiday Party - Potluck and Dance,

Thank you to all for attending and supported this dance, which was held on Sunday, January 5, 2025.

There were 50+ dancers in attendance.

Thanks to Spring City for hosting the dance at Mt. Calvery, this location worked out very well.

<u>SEA (Southeast Area – our area)</u>: will be hosting the SDAW Meeting in November of 2025. Wayne is currently working on securing a location for that meeting. Please watch for future announcements on this meeting and consider attending.

The 2025 Wisconsin Square and Round Dance Convention: There will be a registration dance on Sunday, February 16, 2025 at the Sweetheart Dance in Middleton. This is an opportunity to attend a dance and get pre-registered for the Convention at the same time. Remember, pre-registration fees are discounted for anyone registering before June 30, 2025.

### The 2026 Wisconsin Square and Round Dance Convention:

The Chairpersons for the 2026 Wisconsin Square and Round Dance Convention are Wayne and Elaine Irwin. The Youth Chairman is John Harten. Most of the other Committee positions are filled.

The 2026 convention registration form is almost complete.

Watch for "Early Bird" registration will be coming soon, watch for announcements.

**SDAW:** Wayne reported:

<u>The 2025 Wisconsin Square and Round Dance Convention</u>: Will be held will be held the 2<sup>nd</sup> weekend of August 8-10, 2025 at the Oshkosh Convention Center with the Mariott Hotel adjacent to the convention center. The colors will be Royal Blue and White.

There are 220 or so dancers already signed up.

Please consider pre-registering, pre-registration fees are discounted for anyone registering before June 30, 2025. Advanced registrations also help pay some of the upfront costs of the Convention.

Go to the Convention Website - wisquaredanceconvention.org - to register online and get all the update Convention information.

### **Caller Hall of Fame Discussion:**

The SDAW is in considering allowing recognition of Out of State Callers in addition to Wisconsin Callers.

### **Square Dance Hall of Fame Member – Memorial Medallion Discussion:**

Wayne stated, SDAW is discussing a possible Memorial Medallion which would be available for SDAW Square Dance Hall of Fame Members. This would be a medallion which would be placed on a SDAW Dancer Hall of Fame Members resting place memorial stone, crypt, or urn.

### **Square Dance Hall of Fame Nomination:**

Wayne reported: Nomination for SDAW Square Dancer Hall of Fame has been made for Steve and Jean Reifenberg. Seeing that Steve and Jean were long-time, very active members of Square Dancing in Wisconsin for most of their lives, this would be a wonderful honor to them if elected.

<u>The Next SDAW Meeting</u>: Will be held on, Sunday, May 4, 2025 at the Dodgeland School in Juneau, WI.

These are open meetings, they include a meeting in the morning, lunch (you need to sign up for the lunch) and dance in the afternoon. Watch for announcements.

### **Publicity:** Lori Chandler reported:

There is a change in Cuer for our March 1, 2025 dance. Ray Steinich is unable to cue so Mike Seurer will be the Caller and Cuer for that dance.

### A: New - Upcoming Special Theme Dances:

### Here are the newly scheduled upcoming special theme dances:

June 7, 2025 Hawaiian Luau Dance

Doug and Don Sprosty - Callers Doug Sprosty - Cuer

Dress in your festive Hawaiian themed outfits as we kick off summer with a Hawaiian Luau Dance.

We will be serving Root Beer Floats

July 19, 2025 USA Patriotic Dance

Curt Braffet – Caller Ray Steinich - Cuer

**God Bless the USA** 

Come dressed in your finest Patriotic Red, White and Blue outfits

August 2, 2025 Wisconsin State Fair Dance

Lincoln Siegmann - Caller Ruth Siegmann - Cuer

Come to the Wisconsin State Fair Dance dressed in your

favorite Wisconsin State Fair outfits.

Use your imagination on this one, you could maybe come dressed as your favorite state fair animal or maybe food or blue ribbon entry.

Whatever MOOVES you to dress up as is sure to make this a very INTERESTING

and Fun Dance!!

### B: Already Scheduled Theme Dances:

February 15, 2025 After Valentine's Day - Dress in Red Dance

Dave Crowley - Caller Doris Palmen - Cuer

Seeing this dance is after Valentine's Day, we have decided to "forget the heart"

and ask dancers to just Dress in Red.

We promise, the dance will still be just as Sweet.

March 15, 2025 St. Patrick's Day Dance

Doug and Don Sprosty - Callers Doug - Cuer

Luck of the Irish to ya! (even if you are not Irish)

You are invited to come Wearin' The Green in your Irish outfits and enjoy the

evening dancing with the Sprosty Brothers.

April, 2025 No Special Theme Dance

May 3, 2025 Spring City Squares 42nd Anniversary Ball – Blue Dance

Lincoln Siegmann – Caller Ruth Siegmann – Cuer

Come help Spring City Squares Celebrate our 42<sup>st</sup> Club Anniversary. We ask our Club Members to wear the Club Colors of Blue and White.

\*\*\* Don't forget - decorations for all of these theme dances are appreciated \*\*\*\*

We hope you will participate in the upcoming Theme Dances and have a great time!!!

If you have any questions about Club Communications or need to send something out to the Spring City Club Members, please contact Lori Chandler, contact information is on the last page of these minutes.

**Sunshine:** Marlene Pettit-Bott was not in attendance, however Jan Muecke reports:

November: 3 Birthday Cards – Eileen Martin, Marlene Pettit-Bott, Duane Atwater

December: 3 Birthday Cards – K. Thomas Lamb, Jan Muecke, Bill Beary

1 Thinking of You – Steve Reifenberg

January: 3 Birthday Cards – Chuck Muecke, Heather Miller, Kathy Thuemling

If you know of someone who needs a little Sunshine, please contact Marlene Pettit-Bott, her info is on the last page of these minutes.

Marlene needs to be informed if Sunshine needs to be passed along, if she is unaware of someone needing some Sunshine, she is unable to send some Sunshine to them.

Please notify Marlene Pettit-Bott or Lori Chandler if a member wishes information to be passed out or <u>NOT</u> be passed out to the club membership. We ask this to help protect the club members' privacy.

### Lessons: Chuck Muecke reports:

### **Spring City Square Dance Club Lessons:**

Chuck is thinking about what different levels of lessons may be available this fall. Possibly will continue square dance calls from SSD level up to Mainstream level.

Chuck did state there will be SDS Lessons in the Fall. Watch for information.

Contact Chuck Muecke, (phone number on the Contact Page) with any questions regarding Spring City Square Dance Club Lessons.

### Caller and Cuer Schedule: Angelo Rentas reports:

Angelo explained the "caller/cuer" scheduling and contact process.

The 2025 Caller and Cuer schedule is complete. 2026 scheduling is in process. 2027 scheduling will be started as soon as 2026 scheduling is completed.

### Food and Beverage: Joyce Stott and Lucy Mattson report: (Joyce Stott not in attendance)

Lucy Mattson stated: They have restocked, water, candy and chips.

### \*\*\*\*\* Food and Beverage Refreshment/Serving Schedule\*\*\*\*\*

The current Food and Beverage Refreshment/Serving Schedule has been sent via email and posted at dances. The current schedule goes through December 20, 2025.

Please make sure you check the schedule so you know when you are scheduled.

If you did not get the schedule - call Joyce Stott or Lucy Mattson and find out when you are scheduled.

### Food and Beverage Servers: PLEASE READ ALL OF THIS INFORMATION BELOW

**Before the dance:** Please arrive at the dance at 6:30 to set up the snacks and water.

**<u>During the dance</u>**: You need to check the snack table and water cooler making sure there are enough snacks and water available for our dancers, if not replenish them, as necessary.

<u>Just before or right after the dance</u>: Just before the dance ends or at the end of the dance, please report to the kitchen to put the snacks and water away in the storage bins and help put the bins in the storage area.

### **PLEASE: Make sure you:**

- 1) Look at the Food and Beverage Refreshment/Serving Schedule
- 2) Make a calendar note or reminder for yourself as to the date you are scheduled to serve. You will not be reminded.
- 3) Show up.
- 4) If you cannot serve on your scheduled date, follow the guidelines \*\*listed below\*\* and get a substitute server set up.

### Food and Beverage Refreshment/Serving Information:

**Important Note:** You will see a change in the serving schedule, there will only be 1 individual or 1 couple scheduled per dance. This has been done because there is less work involved now in serving.

<u>Lucy Mattson</u> is the contact for the Food and Beverage Refreshment/Serving Schedule and will be making out the Food and Beverage Refreshment/Serving Schedule. She will give the schedule to Lori Chandler, Publicity Chairperson, to distribute.

<u>Joyce Stott</u> will be purchasing the packaged snacks, bottled water and any necessary supplies and be reimbursed by the club for the purchases by the Club Treasurer.

Joyce will make sure there is an adequate supply of these items for the dances, however, let's all help her out and if you are serving at a dance and notice if there are any items in need for the next dance, contact Joyce and let her know of the need.

### \*\*ALL SERVERS ARE REQUIRED TO\*\*

- 1) Bring a bag of ice (one bag is sufficient, so if there are 2 individuals, one must bring the bag of ice, please communicate with each other on this duty)
- 2) **Arrive by 6:30 pm** to set up the snacks and cooler with ice and water bottles. If you are able to help take down tables and chairs, your help with this is also appreciated. Again, there are usually a number of other dancers there to assist with tables and chairs.
- 3) **To remain after the end of the dance at 9:30 pm,** to put away the remaining snacks and water bottles and if you are able, assist with returning tables and chairs to their original positions. Once again there are usually a number of other dancers that remain after a dance to help reset the tables and chairs.
- 4) Since the scheduled servers are only required to provide ice, servers will no longer be admitted to the dance for free, you will be required to pay at the door for attendance.

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# IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO DO YOUR FOOD AND BEVERAGE REFRESHMENT/SERVING ASSIGNMENT ON YOUR SCHEDULED DATE:

### 1) YOU MUST GET YOUR OWN SUBSTITUTE.

You also must make sure that you tell either your substitute server(s) or the other assigned server(s) to bring the Ice.

### 2) YOU MUST CONTACT AND INFORM

Lucy Mattson or Joyce Stott as to whom you are getting as a substitute, so they are aware and know that any and all gaps are covered.

### Historian (Club Website and Facebook): Kathie Rentas reports:

### **Club Books**:

Club Book Volume #4 is now finished, this is the last of the Club Books, Volumes 1, 2, 3 and 4. All of the Club History, pictures and digital copies of the scrap book articles are now a flash drive and a DVD. All original physical copies of pictures and scrap books have been destroyed.

Kathie wanted to share with the club, the site she used to create the Club Books is called Printerpix, you can find this site on the web at <a href="www.printerpix.com">www.printerpix.com</a>. Along with the use of this website and Groupon coupons, Kathie was able to create these wonderful books at an amazing savings. Kathie had 2 copies of all 4 Club Books made up and without the savings through the website and Groupon, these books would have cost the club \$687.00 to make. However, Kathie was able to get this project done for \$144.88.

The 12 members in attendance voted and approved to reimburse Kathie, \$144.88 for the cost of the Club Books.

Thank you, Kathie, for your hard work on the Club Book(s) and Scrap Book and for saving us a huge cost in getting the job completed. This is such a special way to retain the heritage of Spring City Squares.

### **Club Website and Facebook Updates:**

Angelo has been updating the Club Website and Kathie has been updating the Club Facebook Page.

Kathie would like the membership to know, the club Facebook Page is <u>Waukesha Spring City Square Dancers</u> Please do not get this mixed up with the old Spring City Squares Facebook page.

She also encourages you, if you use Facebook, to join our Facebook Page, simply ask to join.

If you have not used Facebook before, maybe you would like to consider doing so and joining our Facebook Page.

### **Old Business:**

Jan Muecke read a message from the Reifenberg's "thank you for the generous donation your club has made in honor of our parents, it is heartwarming to see that they have touched so many lives."

Also mentioned a reminder of the upcoming Spring City Squares Winter Picnic which will be held February 9, 2025.

### A: Regarding Spring City Squares Suggestion Box:

A brief discussion was brought up regarding the suggestions from the Suggestion Box received and discussed at our last meeting in November 2024. In this February 2025 meeting we discussed how we might be able to address and get some dancer input, membership and outside club dancers on the submitted suggestions.

To begin this process, the 12 members in attendance agreed that we would start by doing a "survey" at some of our upcoming dances, asking dancers to provide answers to some basic questions, such as do you dance – SSD? Mainstream? Plus? Answers we receive from the dancers will hopefully help the club to determine what format of dance calling our club will do at our dances going forward.

Please keep in mind though it is ultimately up to the club membership how we would like our dances to be structured, only our membership can make any final decisions to decide that.

#### **New Business:**

### **New Business From The Floor:**

# A: NOMINATIONS AND ELECTION OF CLUB OFFICER POSITIONS; Club President, Vice-President, Treasurer and Secretary:

Per our discussion at the meeting:

### **Currently 2024 Club Officers are:**

Chuck and Jan – Co-Presidents Angelo Rentas - Vice President K. Thomas Lamb - Treasurer Steve Reifenberg - Secretary

# There was a call from Club President, Chuck Muecke, for anyone who would like to put their name in for nomination to the following positions:

<u>Club President</u> - No other member(s) requested nomination for the Club President position, therefore Chuck and Jan Muecke stated they would continue as Club Co-Presidents. Their Nomination was accepted by all 12 members in attendance and all 12 members voted unanimously for Chuck and Jan Muecke to be the 2025 Club Co-Presidents.

<u>Club Vice- President</u> - No other member(s) requested nomination for the Club Vice-President position, Angelo Rentas stated he would continue as Club Vice-President His Nomination was accepted by all 12 members in attendance and all 12 members voted unanimously for Angelo Rentas to be the 2025 Club Vice-President.

<u>Club Treasurer</u> - No other member(s) requested nomination for the Club Treasurer position, K. Thomas Lamb stated he would continue as Club Treasurer. His Nomination was accepted by all 12 members in attendance and all 12 members voted unanimously for K. Thomas Lamb to be the 2025 Club Treasurer.

<u>Club Secretary</u> - Vivienne Botsch requested to be nominated for the Club Secretary position, no other member(s) requested nomination for the Club Secretary position. Her Nomination was accepted by all 12 members in attendance and all 12 members voted unanimously for Vivienne Botsch to be the 2025 Club Treasurer.

#### So your 2025 Club Officers are:

Chuck and Jan – Co-Presidents Angelo Rentas - Vice President K. Thomas Lamb - Treasurer Vivienne Botsch - Secretary

### **B:** APPOINTMENTS FOR COMMITTEE CHAIR POSITIONS:

There was a discussion regarding the Committee Chair Positions and if all of the current Committee Chairpersons were willing to continue in their current position.

All the Committee Chairpersons in attendance are willing to continue as the Committee Chairperson for their committee.

As for Chairpersons not in attendance, Kathy Thuemling did make a phone call to:

Marlene Pettit-Bott - Marlene stated that she would continue as the Sunshine Committee Chairperson and Kathy Thuemling agreed to be her back-up if needed.

Joyce Stott - Joyce stated that she would continue as the SEA/SDAW Committee Chairperson. Wayne and Lucy Mattson will be the SEA/SDAW Alternate Chairpersons – assisting Joyce when and if necessary.

### C: Club Best Wishes for the 2025 Wisconsin Square Dance Convention Booklet:

Kathy Thuemling has volunteered to submit the Spring City Squares Club Best Wishes page for the 2025 Wisconsin State Square Dance Convention Booklet. She will be asking for your participation at upcoming dances.

# One final note: Please we need your help

Once again, Chuck has requested, if you are able to come to the dance early (by 6:15 – 6:30) and help take down a few tables it would be greatly appreciated. These tables are quite a bit heavier than the tables at our previous location and the more help we can get for this task, the better.

# And as always:

It is very appreciated if the Spring City Club Members would stay after the dance and help reset up the tables and chairs.

The more helpers involved, the guicker the job gets done.

Thank you to the dedicated members who consistently come early and stay late to help with the take down and set back up tasks.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting, it was seconded and approved by all 12 members in attendance. The meeting was adjourned at 8:46 pm.

Next Meeting: the next meeting will be <u>Tuesday</u>, May 6, 2025 @ 7:00 pm

Kirkland Crossings, Clancy Room 700 Quinlan Dr, Pewaukee WI 53072 USE THE MAIN ENTRANCE – SOMEONE WILL LET YOU IN

An announcement, in advance of the meeting, will be announced at dances and sent out via email (as well as via phone calls when and if necessary)

The Spring City Squares Business Meeting is where <u>YOU</u>, the Club Member, can not only voice your opinion on important Club issues but also cast your vote on those issues.

Many of the issues we vote on at a meeting affect you the Club Membership directly, whether it be election of Club Officers, Club Dues, Club Dance Prices or just fun stuff like Club Events.

Please, consider how important these issues are to you and plan on attending our next business meeting. We appreciate your attendance at the business meetings.

Spring City Club Business Meetings are always announced well in advance.

Meetings are held 4 times a year in February, May, August and November and are normally held on the Tuesday after our 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday Square Dance of those months.

All the Spring City Squares Officers and Committee Chairpersons
Wish you and your families a Happy and Blessed Easter and wonderful Spring (when it gets here)
God Bless

Submitted by: Kathy Thuemling – Interim Club Secretary

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