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Yellowstone Square-Dance Council

January 2010

The Yellowstone Square Dance Council met on December 6, 2009, 2 p.m. with 10 present. Minutes were read and approved. A thank-you for our participation at the Nile was read. Treasurer's Report was submitted and approved.

Committees:

Callers and Cuers: The Callers and Cuers want to thank everyone who attended the Christmas dance. Proceeds from the dance are going toward new hearing enhancement which will be standardized to the callerlab-recommended channel. The equipment will be kept on a locked box on the stage.

Improvement Board: Will talk to Metra about a new rear door, and also about rent. Their reason for raising rent so substantially was because of utility costs, and now those costs have gone down; perhaps that could be reflected in rental rates. We need to find a new cleaning company to come in once a month. The previous cleaner declined the job this year.

Insurance: All clubs have turned in their insurance money except Columbus.

Old Business:

State Festival: Rate sheets were handed out, receipts and ad copy sheets are forthcoming.

Volunteer's sign-ups: Larry Sperry will e-mail a list of jobs to be filled. There will be a Festival meeting in early February for the key people coordinating the Festival. The danglers are ready.

Beginners Session: The new beginner's session will begin January 14 with registration on the 14th and 21st. 30 basics will be taught in 5 weeks of free classes. After that dancers may begin learning mainstream and will be charged for lesson nights.

New Business:

New Year's Eve dance: Clubs are asked to bring "white elephant" gifts to be used as door prizes this year.

Council Visitations: Country Cut-Ups in May, 2010, depending on dancing schedule.

Dancer of the Month: January - Checkerboard Squares; February - Silhouettes; March - Challengers; April - Country Cut-Ups. May - a make-up month.

The updating of the Council Directory has been cancelled for this year.

The next Council meeting will be Sunday, March 7 at 2 p.m. in Cedar Hall. Anyone may attend.

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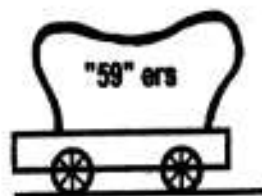
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**59'ers**

Hunter Keller – Caller, Larry Sperry – Cuer

Tuesday – 7:00 PM

Cedar Hall, Metra Park

President: Bob Hindley; Vice President: Dale Lyons; Secretary/Treasurer: Richard Espeland; Reporter: Zelma Dige; Hostess Chairman: Luci Farmer; and Council Representative, Dale Yowell.

Recent guests at our club were Bob and Linda Thompson. The following week, due to poor road conditions, there was a poor attendance and the dance was not held. A better attendance was gained the following week.

Many square dancers attended the 90th birthday celebration for former square dancer Cliff Thomsen. He and his wife Pat have been very active in the community. Most of their family members who came from far and near were present to help greet guests at the Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd. It was a pleasant afternoon of reminiscing and enjoying tasty desserts from the buffet. Congratulations, Cliff!

This reporter will be taking some time out from dancing to have cardio vascular surgery, so I may need club members to help gather news for the Grapevine. The deadline for emailing the news is the 20th of each month, and my address is zeljdige@msn.com.

Thank you.

Zelma

**Checkerboard Squares**

Hunter Keller – Caller

Monday – 7:00 PM

Cedar Hall, Metra Park

Hello Everyone!

Hope everybody had a great Christmas! Thank you to everyone who attended the Callers and Cuers Christmas Dance! It was a great time. Betty Moore has been a little under the weather lately. Susan and I made a trip up to the hospital to visit her. Hope she is feeling better soon! Speaking of the Sperry's, Larry, Susan and myself are headed to Laughlin, NV to a weekend with Ken Bower, Gary Shoemake, Marshall Flippo and Jerry Hagg on January 3rd! I couldn't pass up an opportunity for a vacation. Speaking of vacations, don't forget to register for the state festival and the Knothead Jamboree. If you need a flyer, I will get you a couple of copies! Also, I FINALLY, after almost 2 years, bought the material to make the banner. Hopefully that will be done in time to take it down for the year Ha ha ha... Congrats to Ralph Torrence for making the Gazette with his wonderful works of art! Ralph and Karen are also our Dancers of the Month! Thank you to them, and all the dancers, for making this club work so well! The club decided to take a night off, so we won't be dancing on the 4th of January. Hope everyone has a wonderful New Year and please be safe out in that wonderful white stuff we call snow!

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Hunter



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NEW YEAR



Ralph and Karen Torrence took lessons with the Star Allemanders at Shiloh Barn. Larry Faught taught the class. We graduated on March 5, 1970. This worked out good for us dancing with the Stars because Ralph worked for the Billings Gazette as Distribution Supervisor and his days off were Thursday and Friday. We danced with the stars until they disbanded. We have danced with the Chain Gang, A-1 Shufflers. We now dance with the Checkerboard Squares and Challengers. We took a crash course in round dancing with Dean and Jean Nelson and later danced with the Silhouettes. We both were born in Billings.

We met in the sixth grade at Jefferson which was a part of Lincoln Junior High. After graduation from Senior High, Ralph went in the Army. After Basic and a tour in Korea, we were married and lived a year in Louisiana. After that tour we returned home and he started his career with the Gazette.

We have one son and had a daughter who died of cancer. We have one grandson and 3 granddaughters.

Ralph's hobby is woodworking. It has become a self supporting hobby and I am his greatest critic.

By Karen Torrence

YSDC Dancing Calendar

Date	Time	Event	Featured Caller, Cuer	Location
Feb 27, 2010	7:30PM	Snowball Dance-Hoedowners	Hunter Keller, Larry & Susan Sperry	Cedar Hall, Metra, Billings, MT
May 8, 2010		Magic City Hoedown		Cedar Hall, Metra, Billings, MT

YSDC Clubs Weekly Schedule

Day	Time	Club	Location
Monday	7:00 PM	Checkerboard Squares	Metra Park, Cedar Hall
Tuesday	7:00 PM	Fifty-Niners	Metra Park, Cedar Hall (beginners at 7pm)
Wednesday	7:00 PM	Silhouettes RD	South Park Senior Center
Wednesday	7:00 PM	Country Cut-ups	Columbus High School, Columbus, MT
Friday	8:00 PM	Hoedowners	Central Christian Church
Saturday	7:00 PM	Challengers-Plus, A-1 (6:30pm A-1 Workshop)	Metra Park, Cedar Hall

Dances (State, Regional & National)

Date	Event	Location
Mar 27-29, 2010	Spring Fever	Riverton, WY
April 9-10, 2010	Spring Fever	Gillette, WY
May 21-22, 2010	Cowtown Hoedown	Sheridan, WY
May 28-31, 2010	Montana State Festival	Billings, MT
July 9-11, 2010	Plus Dancing on the Boulder	Big Timber, MT
June 23-26, 2010	59 th National Square Dance Convention	Louisville, Kentucky
Sep 3-6, 2010	Knothead Jamboree	West Yellowstone, MT
Oct 8-9, 2010	Aces & Eights Weekend	Deadwood, South Dakota
June 27-30, 2012	61 st National Square Dance Convention	Spokane, WA

Above subject to change

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