

WOLF RIVER AREA DANCER ASSOCIATION

Meeting Minutes - February 12, 2024

Oak Park Place, Green Bay, WI Hosts: Green Bay Squares

The WRADA Meeting was called to order by President, Karen Gulbrand at 7:05 pm

Dates To Remember

2024	April 15	WRACA/WRADA Meeting, Green Bay
	April 27	Kettle Squares 60th Anniversary Dance – Plymouth, WI
	April 28	Twin City Squares Spring Fling – Peshtigo, WI.
	May 5	SDAW Meeting/Jamboree - Pewaukee, WI
	June 26-29	73rd National Square & Round Dance Convention, Milwaukee, WI
	July 15	WRACA/WRADA Meeting
	August	SDAW Meeting/Jamboree - Wolf River Area
	August 23	Twin City Squares 60th Anniversary – Peshtigo
	September 20	Fox Valley Squares 74th Anniversary – Menasha, WI
	October 21	WRACA/WRADA Meeting
	November 3	SDAW Meeting/Jamboree – Wolf River Area
2025	January 20	WRACA/WRADA Meeting
	June 25 - 28	74th National Square & Round Dance Convention, Shreveport, LA
	August 8-10	65th Wisconsin Square & Round Dance Convention Oshkosh Convention Center, Oshkosh WI
2026	June 24-28	75th National Square & Round Dance Convention, Waco, Texas

Convention Reports

- 2024** 73rd National Square & Round Dance Convention, Milwaukee, WI
June 26 - 29. General Chairmen - Scott & Brenda Deal.
Registrations: 1845 dancers, 162 callers, 53 cuers, 7 line & 6 contra instructors. 6 dancers from Germany, 4 from Australia, 11 from Canada, 1 from Philippines & hopefully a group from China.
Hotels: Hyatt is full, Hilton is nearly full, and the Fairfield Inn is filling:
Be sure to say you are with the **73rd National & Round Dance Convention** to get their special rates.
Adoption Forms Available: To sponsor the Ghost Riders Band & to help sponsor hardwood flooring rental.
The Sweetheart Dance Fundraiser had 9 squares-about 90 dancers
- 2025** **65th Wisconsin Square & Round Dance Convention** August 8 - 10, 2025
Theme: “Keep Square Dancing Alive in 2025”. Colors: Royal Blue & White.
General Chairmen-Alvin Hammer & Lisa Reichenberger
Oshkosh Convention Center. Mariott reservations start August 7, 2024.
Guest Caller-Jack Pladdys, **Guest Cuer**-Pat & Joe Hilton.
Camping: Circle R Campground has special rates with 15 sites blocked so far. Make own reservations with Circle R.

2025 cont.

Thursday, August 7 Convention Dinner 5-7 pm. **Trail's In Dance** at 7:30.

Planning Friday morning bus tours to Oshkosh sites: e.g. The Paine, EAA, Museums, shopping.

Fund Raising: Seroogy's Coffees, Candy Bars and Raise Right gift cards-only Wisconsin businesses (ask your WRADA delegate for a list).

All Reservations: Say you are with the 65th Wisconsin Square & Round Dance Convention

SDAW REPORT- No caller/cuer scholarship application has been received.

Insurance: 9 clubs (264 dancers) have square dance insurance.

Hall of Fame: No applications received-dancer or caller.

Plaque given to Bernie & Carolyn Coulthurst for their many years of service.

By-Law change being considered to include alternate delegate eligibility to be officers. Proposal must be submitted in writing.

SDAW decided to support CALLERLAB Approved dance programs after a long SSD discussion.

“Here ‘Tis” and “Where To Dance” brochure need updated club information ASAP for time to publish and ready to distribute at the National Convention in Milwaukee in June. Send to Scott & Brenda Deal. <heretiswi@gmail.com>

USDA Report - United Square Dancers of America has 4 Areas; East, West, Central & Plains (Wisconsin's area) each overseen by a volunteer vice-president who report to the president and who are required to attend conventions/jamborees in their 11 - 13 states. VP's are hoping USDA can come up with a fair offer for some reimbursement for their travel expenses.

Applications: 3 Scholarship apps, 5 new affiliate apps received.

Education Sessions at National: 6 USDA Educations Session will be held at Milwaukee's National Convention.

USDA hosts Friday's National Convention Mainstream After-Party

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

MMS&C to approve with 2 corrections: **1.** WRADA President is Karen Gulbrand and Vice-President is Ellery Gulbrand **2.** 65th Wisconsin Square & Round Dance Convention's theme as “Keep Square Dancing Alive in 2025”.

TREASURER'S REPORT: MMS&C approved as discussed.

PUBLICITY - Wolf River Area Clubs reported New Dancers coming from: word of mouth, lawn signs and facebook.
Discussion followed clarifying what CALLERLAB & USDA do, dancer and club etiquette, incorporation, caller responsibilities, dancer graduations.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS -

All club WRADA dues have been received.

OTHER BUSINESS - Ghost Riders Band presence & costs for National Convention explained.

Alliant Energy will be contributing money to SDAW to be divided between the National Convention and the next Wisconsin Convention.

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm.

BANNER REPORT:

Kettle Squares has Green Bay Squares. **Twin City Squares** has Fox Valley Squares, Kettle Squares, Romeos & Calicos & Twin City Squares.