

## WRADA MEETING MINUTES

July 21, 2025, Oak Park Place, Green Bay WI

Joint meeting called to order at 7:16 pm by WRADA President Karen Gulbrand

### DATES TO REMEMBER:

<b>2025</b>	August 8-10	65th Wisconsin Square & Round Dance Convention Oshkosh Convention Center, Oshkosh WI
	August 10	SDAW Meeting - Oshkosh Convention Center Oshkosh
	September 19	Fox Valley Squares 75th Anniversary – Sprosty’s calling
	October 20	Green Bay Squares 80th Anniversary – Rockland Town Hall
	November 02	SDAW Meeting – South East Area
<b>2026</b>	January 19	WRADA/WRACA Meeting
	January 25	SDAW Meeting – Wolf River Area
	June 24-27	75th Nat’l Square & Round Dance Conv. - Waco TX
	August 7-9	66th Wisconsin Square & Round Dance Convention, Sheraton Conv. Center, Brookfield
<b>2027</b>	June 23-26	76th Nat’l Square & Round Dance Conv. - Loveland, CO
	August 13-15	67th Wisconsin Square & Round Dance Convention UW Stevens Point, Stevens Point
<b>2028</b>	June 28-July 1	77th Nat’l Square & Round Dance Conv. – Daytona Beach, FL

### CONVENTION REPORTS:

2025 65th Wisconsin Convention– August 8-10, 2025

Co Chairmen: Mike & Michelle Seurer & Ellery & Karen Gulbrand. Guest Caller: Jack Pladdys

Guest Cuers: Pat & Joe Hilton. Theme: “Keep Square Dancing Alive in 2025”.

Colors: Royal Blue & White. Registration to date: 350.

90 Dinner Show guests will have their names checked off a list at the door, no tickets needed.

Mary & Lloyd Houle will collect the \$10 per dancer Trail’s End dance fee. These proceeds go to the Wolf River Area Callers and Dancers Associations.

Bucket Raffle items/baskets can be dropped off at Registration before Saturday noon.

Raffle will run Saturday afternoon with drawings in the evening. All items must be picked up on Saturday evening

Volunteers are needed for the Dance Floor installation, Hospitality Room, Registration, “New to You” booth & Bucket Raffle.

A” Flash Mob” Dance is planned for the Oshkosh Downtown Farmer’s Market Saturday Morning 10-10:30 am. Wear square dance clothing.

There will be professional videotaping during convention which will be used for square dance promotion. “Discover Oshkosh” will also be videotaping to use for their ads.

USDA - The \$2500 USDA scholarship went to a student from Wisconsin’s West Central Area this year. In 2026 there will be 3 scholarships given out in honor of USDA’S 20 year anniversary in the amounts of \$2500, \$1500, and \$1000. Only High school seniors or college freshmen are eligible.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR JOINT MEETING

Kettle Squares “Fun Night” is scheduled for September 6, 2025.

Romeos & Calicos is doing a Family Dance on September 6, 2025 at the Menasha Public Library from 1-3 pm.

### WRADA MEETING - Called to order at 7:46 pm

Present: Fox Valley Sq., Green Bay Sq., Kettle Sq., Romeos & Calicos, Twin City Sq. Green Bay Squares - 80th Anniversary is a potluck dinner on October 20<sup>th</sup>. (See their AD) Twin City Squares have the Sprosty’s on August 24th. No meal – just lots of snacks. Kettle Squares introduced their newest WRADA delegate, Tim Bartz.

### MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

MSP to approve as printed in Hoedown News.

### TREASURER’S REPORT

MSP to approve as presented.

### REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

Publicity: Delegates told how they promote to get new dancers.

Kettle Squares uses business cards, many yard signs and is putting together book of short bios of their dance participants.

Romeos uses flyer, and quarter page card distributed to Little Libraries, Rummage Sales, Kwik Trips, Doctor offices, Public Libraries, Brat Fries, Churches and this year Radio Spots on WEMI.

The delegates all agreed on the importance of making social connections with the new dancers. Getting to know more about them away from the square dance scene.

All agreed they miss the Packer concession income.

All Wolf River Area clubs were at the Heritage Hill Demonstration – 4 squares – good time.

### SDAW:

Here ‘Tis, Wisconsin’s official square dance publication must be renewed new dancers who get the first year free. Postal rates go up with fewer renewals.

Needed: a USDA Insurance “Coordinator” as soon as possible.

All fees, taxes, and license fees for the Convention have been paid.

There will be inductees into the Dancer and Caller Halls of Fame at Convention.

Out Of State Callers who regularly support Wisconsin Conventions and clubs will be presented a certificate and a badge at convention

The Memorial Medallion will be offered at SDAW expense to families of deceased Hall of Fame inductees in the future and offered as an option to family members of others who have passed previously at their own expense.

The Showcase of Ideas at National displayed the Wisconsin SD quilt and other educational and promotional items used in Wisconsin.

\$350 was donated to the USDA Scholarship Fund.

Videotaping at the 2025 Wisconsin Convention will be used for marketing Square Dance.

### OLD BUSINESS:

Wolf River Area DANCERS are responsible for the “Retail Sales Chairmanship” for the 2026 Convention in Brookfield.

### NEW BUSINESS: None

### BANNER REPORT:

Fox Valley Squares has Romeos & Calicos.

Kettle Squares has Fox Valley Squares, Green Bay Squares and Twin City Squares.

Twin City Squares has Kettle Squares.

MEETING ADJOURNED by MSP at 8:31. Next Meeting is October 20, 2025.

Submitted by Cal Stillson, secretary.