

## WRADA MEETING MINUTES

January 26, 2026, Oak Park Place, Green Bay WI

Meeting call to order at 7:02 pm by WRADA President, Karen Gulbrand

### DATES TO REMEMBER

<b>2026</b>	April 20	WRADA/WRACA Meeting, Oak Park Place, Green Bay WI
	April 26	TWIN CITY SQUARE'S SPRING FLING - Potluck 1 pm, Sprosty's calling
	May 3	SDAW Meeting & Jamboree, Central Northwest Area in Woodruff
	June 24-27	75th Nat'l Square & Round Dance Conv., Waco, TX
	July 20	WRADA/WRACA Meeting
	August 7-9	66 <sup>th</sup> Wis. Sq & Rnd Dance Conv, Sheraton Conv Cntr, Brookfield, WI
	August 9	SDAW Meeting at Convention in Southeast Area
	October 19	WRADA/WRACA Meeting
	November	SDAW Meeting & Jamboree, Southwest Area
<b>2027</b>	January	SDAW Meeting & Jamboree, Southeast Area
	June 23-26	76th Nat'l Square & Round Dance Conv., Loveland, CO
	August 13-15	67th Wis Sq & Rnd Dance Conv, UW Stevens Point, Stevens Point, WI
<b>2028</b>	June 28-July 1	77th Nat'l Square & Round Dance Conv, Daytona Beach, FL

### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

**2026** 66<sup>TH</sup> WISCONSIN CONVENTION - AUGUST 7-9 - Sheraton Convention Center, Brookfield, WI

Wayne & Elaine Irwin, General Chairmen. Theme: "Get Your Kicks in 2026".

Colors: Peacock Blue & Banana Yellow. Guest Caller: DeeDee Dougherty-Lottie.

Registration as of early January is 173.

Fundraisers are: Jars of Soup Mix and Cookie Mix, Kwik Trip cards, Seroogy's candy bars.

Retail Sales is Chairmen are the Gulbrands:

There will be a "New To You" square dance clothing resale booth and a Honey products booth so far. Booths are \$50 for 10'x10', \$75 for 12'x12', including an 8' table and 2 chairs.

Products other than square dance related can be discussed with Karen & Ellery for inclusion.

**2027** 67<sup>TH</sup> WISCONSIN CONVENTION - AUGUST 13-15 - UW Stevens Point.

Myron & Stacy Hollatz, General Chairmen. Theme: "Aloha". Colors: Any Bight Floral Print.

Guest Caller: Andy Allemao. Mascot: Turtle.

The Budget and Registration form have been approved.

**SDAW** Karen Gulbrand - The cancelled January Meeting/Jamboree was rescheduled for February 7-2026 with a Meeting & Lunch only at Mt Olive Lutheran Church, Suamico, WI

May 3, 2026 is the next Meeting and Jamboree in Woodruff, WI.

### USDA -

1. Wisconsin insurance coordinator is still needed. No travel is required but availability during renewal period is essential (end of the year). Karen thanked all 10 Wisconsin clubs using USDA insurance for helping to get the last minute renewal done in a timely manner. 265 Wisconsin dancers are insured.
2. USDA SCHOLARSHIPS: Only for 2026 is the application deadline moved to March 1<sup>st</sup>.

### THREE Scholarships are being given in celebration of USDA's 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary:

\$2500 by USDA & NEC (National Convention Executive Committee), \$2500 by USDA and \$2000 by USDA. They are available to High School Seniors and First Year Advanced Education Students (college, trade school, technical school, e.g.). Applications can be found on USDA'S website.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR JOINT MEETING:

1. Hoedown News Publication - 2-3 more issues will likely be printed this year, in 2027 it will be found online.
2. The clubs remarked that their treasurer's would like to have some sort of invoice from WRACA for the \$20 fee for online club listings stating the subscription period and how and whom to remit their payment.

**Joint Meeting adjourned at 7:35pm**

### WRADA MEETING

Called to order by President Karen Gulbrand at 7:29pm

**Present were:** Treasurer Petie Agnew and Secretary Cal Stillson, Fox Valley Sqs, Green Bay Sqs and Romeos & Calicos. Twin City Sqs called in their information, Kettle Sqs absent.

**MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:** MSP to approve as printed in Hoedown News.

**TREASURERS REPORT:** MSP to approve as presented.

The 2025 Wis Conv presented a portion of the surplus. **Clubs were reminded to pay \$15 SDAW dues to WRADA for WRADA to forward. Dues were due December 31, 2025.**

The result of a banking discussion; non profit checking accounts do not earn interest;

### REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

#### PUBLICITY:

Clubs shared information on experiences with home school groups, YMCA contacts and finding empty nesters

#### SDAW:

The cancelled January meeting/jamboree was rescheduled for a Meeting & Lunch only on Saturday February 7, 2026 at Mt Olive Lutheran Church in Suamico (Green Bay area).

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#### OLD BUSINESS:

A "Showcase of Ideas" Committee Chairman is needed for the 2027 Wis. Convention in Stevens Point. The Committee contacts square & round dance organizations offering them a table to display their organizations activities and reports this number to the Convention Planning Meeting.

At convention they see that the tables are labeled and covered. A briefcase is provided with guidelines and previous convention notes.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

1. There was a long discussion on how the clubs will use and represent their level of dancing once the new Callerlab Mainstream list takes effect in September. Clubs present thought their listings would not change much.
2. Dancers who wish to receive state-wide flyers and square and round dance info need to get their email address to the new distributor of square dance information by going to [sda-wi.org](mailto:sda-wi.org). Look for "Club Flyers Now Online" button to enter your details.

#### BANNER REPORT:

Kettle Squares has Fox Valley Squares, Green Bay Squares and Romeos & Calicos.

Twin City Squares has Kettle Squares and Twin City Squares

No banners at Fox Valley Squares, Green Bay Squares or Romeos & Calicos.

**MEETING ADJOURNED:** MSP to adjourn at 8:38. Next Meeting is April 20, 2026.

Submitted by Cal Stillson, Secretary.