

## WRADA/WRACA MEETING MINUTES

April 20, 2026 7:00 p.m. - Oak Park Place, Green Bay, WI, Host: Green Bay Squares

### JOINT MEETING

CALL TO ORDER: WRADA PRESIDENT- Karen Gulbrand

TIME: 7:09 P M

### DATES TO REMEMBER

- 2026** April 26 Twin City Squares - Spring Fling - Sprosty's calling.  
May 3 SDAW Meeting & Jamboree, Central NW Area  
June 24-27 75th National Square & Round Dance Conv., Waco, TX  
July 20 WRADA/WRACA Meeting  
August 7-9 66<sup>th</sup> Wisconsin Sq & Rnd Dance Conv. Sheraton Conv Cntr, Brookfield  
August 9 SDAW Meeting at Convention - Southeast Area  
Oct 19 WRADA/WRACA Meeting  
Nov 1 SDAW Meeting & Jamboree, Southwest Area
- 2027** January 31 SDAW Meeting & Jamboree, Southeast Area  
June 23-26 76th National Sq & Rnd Dance Conv., Loveland, CO  
Aug 13-15 67th Wisconsin Sq & Rnd Dance Conv at UW Stevens Point, Stevens Pt
- 2028** June 28-July 1 - 77th National Sq & Rnd Dance Conv, Daytona Beach, FL

### BANNER REPORT:

Fox Valley Squares has Green Bay Squares, Green Bay Squares has Kettle Squares.  
Kettle Squares has Fox Valley Squares, Romeos & Calicos, Twin City Squares.  
Romeos & Calicos has none. Twin City Square has none.

### CONVENTION REPORTS:

- 2026 66<sup>th</sup> Wisconsin Convention - August 7-9** - Sheraton Convention Center, Brookfield  
Wayne & Elaine Irwin, General Chairmen. Theme: "Get Your Kicks in 2026".  
Colors: Banana Yellow & Peacock Blue - Guest Caller: DeeDee Dougherty-Lottie.  
\*217 dancers are registered.  
\*Vendor Area will repeat the "New To You" Resale Shop. Most items are priced under \$15. Set-up and take-down **volunteers are needed** to help Karen and Ellery with this shop and helping the other vendors move in and out.  
\* Fund raisers include, Seroogy's chocolate bars, Kwik Trip cards, Soup and Cookie mix jars, and Milwaukee National Square Dance Convention Cookbooks.  
\*The convention will start with "Opening Ceremonies" at 6 pm on Friday and end with "Closing Ceremonies" on Saturday at 6 pm. Both ceremonies should be an hour or less.
- 2027 67<sup>th</sup> Wisconsin Convention - August 13-15, 2027** - UW Stevens Point. Myron & Stacy Hollatz, General Chairmen. Theme: "Aloha". Colors: Any Floral Print.  
Guest Caller: Andy Allemao  
\*Pre-registration for 2027 is available for those registered for the 2026 convention.  
\* The 2027 Kick-Off dance will be October 26 with Jason Raleigh from Ohio calling.

**SDAW** - Karen Gulbrand reported from the February meeting.

\*"Where to Dance in Wisconsin" brochure being updated.

\*"Here 'Tis" is going digital.

\*SDAW website is updated and includes a link to the marketing video made from the 2025 Wisconsin Convention.

\*The Wisconsin information Email site is up and running. Dancers must submit their email addresses to receive notices. It will remain operating under SDAW even if the current person running it steps away.

\*2028 Wisconsin State Convention Chairmen are Stephanie Essers & Peggy Weisensel Chavey. Theme "Roll out the Red Carpet". Colors are Black, Red & Gold. No location yet.

\*SDAW By law changes setting new times was passed: Meet & Greet 9-9:30, SDAW meeting 9:30-11. WDLCC Meeting 11-12:30, Lunch 12:45-1:30, Dance 1:30-4:00.

\*SDAW By law change to allow alternate delegates to vote was passed.

\*Marketing video from the 2025 convention is linked on the SDAW website.

\*Full Page Color ad for Convention Souvenir Booklet was approved

\*SDAW approved a \$350 donation to USDA's Youth Scholarship fund.

**USDA**- No Report

### ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR JOINT MEETING:

1. Hoedown News Paper Publication will end with Winter Issue.
2. Twin Cities' SPRING FLING Reduced Fees are \$13 per person for lunch and dance. \$8 for dance only, \$5 for lunch only. Bring a dish to pass for potluck .

### ADJOURN JOINT MEETING

Time: 7:09

### \*\*\*\*\* WRADA MEETING \*\*\*\*\*

**CALL TO ORDER:** Karen Gulbrand, President

Time: 7:10

**ROLL CALL & CLUB ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Cal Stillson, Secretary

**Present** were Fox Valley Squares - Green Bay Squares – Romeos & Calico -

Twin City Squares announced they will become a Caller-Run Club effective August 24, 2026 - Amanda Herdy will be the caller. AND Spring Fling fees have been reduced.

**Absent** was Kettle Squares

**MINUTES OF LAST MEETING:** Cal Stillson, Secretary.

A few highlights were read from Hoedown News.

**TREASURER'S REPORT & APPROVAL TO PAY BILLS:** Petie Agnew,

**MOTION** was made to approve the report pending updated revisions. **SECONDED & PASSED**

### REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

**STATE CONVENTION** – *See report in Joint Meeting Notes*

### PUBLICITY & DISCUSSIONS

What issues are involved in transitioning from a Dancer-run club to a Caller-run club?

Does music, current or familiar, affect dancer attendance?

How does the new Mainstream & Plus programs affect callers' teaching?

**SDAW:** *See report in Joint Meeting Notes.* Next meeting is May 3, 2026.

### OLD BUSINESS:

"Showcase of Ideas" Chairmen for the 2027 Stevens Point Convention will be Ellery & Karen Gulbrand.

### NEW BUSINESS:

**MOTION was made for** WRADA to take a full page color ad in the 2026 Wisconsin State Convention booklet. **SECONDED AND PASSED.** WRACA will be asked if they would like to share the space and cost.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Motion: DV Second: JS Pass: Yes **TIME:** 8:14pm

Submitted by Cal Stillson, WRADA Secretary