

WRADA/WRACA MEETING MINUTES

July 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 PM

DATES TO REMEMBER

- 2026** August 7-9 66th Wisc Square & Round Dance Conv., Sheraton Conv Cntr, Brookfield
August 9 SDAW Meeting at Convention in Southeast Area
October 19 WRADA/WRACA Meeting Oak Park Place, Green Bay.
November 1 SDAW Meeting & Jamboree, Southwest Area
- 2027** January 18 WRADA/WRACA Meeting
January SDAW Meeting & Jamboree, Southeast Area
April 19 WRADA/WRACA Meeting
June 23-26 76th Nat'l Square & Round Dance Conv., Loveland, CO
July 19 WRADA/WRACA Meeting
August 13-15 67th Wisc Square & Round Dance Conv UW Stevens Point, Stevens Pt.
October 18 WRADA/WRACA Meeting
- 2028** June 28-July 1 77th Nat'l Square & Round Dance Conv., Daytona Beach, FL
2029 June 28-30 78th Nat'l Square & Round Dance Conv., Daytona Beach, FL

BANNER REPORT:

Fox Valley Squares has Fox Valley Squares.

Kettle Squares has Fox Valley Sqs., Kettle Sqs., Romeos & Calicos & Twin City Sqs.

CONVENTION REPORTS:

- 2026 66th 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.
-304 dancers are registered as of 7/1/26: 5 youth, 21 callers, 13 cuers,
25 First Time Convention Goers, 38 Wolf River Area Dancers, 60 Out-of-Staters.
-Vendor: Honey, Sewing, Be-Jeweled, "New To You" resale shop.
-Basket Raffle held on Saturday: no "theme". Donations requested from clubs/
individuals.
-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 Convention- August 13-15, Stevens Point will do a snake dance going through the
halls Saturday evening this year.
-After Party August 8, 2026 sponsored by 2027 Wisconsin Convention.
- 2027 67th Wisconsin Convention - August 13-15, 2027** - UW Stevens Point.
Myron & Stacy Hollatz, General Chairmen. Theme: "Aloha". Colors: Any Floral Print.
Guest Caller: Andy Allemao from California.
Registration forms are available, look for them at Convention.
Fundraising will start after Saturday's "Closing Ceremonies" this year.
- The 2027 Kick-Off dance will be October 26 with Jason Raleigh from Ohio calling.
- 2028 68th Wisconsin Convention - August 18-20, 2028** Marriot West, Middleton.
General Chairmen: Peggy Weisensel Chavey & Stephanie Esser.
Theme: "Roll Out The Red Carpet". Colors: Red, Black & Gold
- SDAW** - Karen Gulbrand reported from the May meeting.
-Here 'Tis last print issue will be the Fall magazine there after by digital subscription.
-Dancer Hall of Fame award will be represented at the State Convention
-Caller Hall of Fame will not have and award this year.
-The Marketing Video made at the 2025 Wisconsin Convention is available on the SDAW
website (sda.wi.org and wisquaredanceconvention.org)
-2027 Convention- August 13-15, Stevens Point will do a snake dance going through the
halls Saturday evening this year.

-Caller/Cuer Scholarship Committee presented an update of the form: Amount of scholarship
and how often applications can be submitted, where the money comes from, and what type
of Caller/Cuer schools qualify as "Certified" are being worked on.

-A motion was passed to take sections of the marketing video and make it TV-ready . Area
clubs would provide the money required by the station.

-Wisconsin Email Listings has 142 dancers receiving messages.

-Next Meeting – August 9, 2026 at Convention.

USDA - Two Wisconsin students received scholarships: Elizabeth Herdt & Martin Gruetzmacher.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR JOINT MEETING: none

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Time: 7:09

***** WRADA MEETING *****

CALL TO ORDER: Karen Gulbrand, President

Time: 7:10

ROLL CALL & CLUB ANNOUNCEMENTS: Cal Stillson, Secretary

Present were Pres. K. Gulbrand, VP. E. Gulbrand, Sec'y. C. Stillson, Treas. P. Agnew
Plans for Fall Fun Dances:

Fox Valley Squares – P. Agnew: Looking into ads in local newspaper. Flyers for little
libraries.

Fun Nights 9/11 & 9/19 Fundraisers: Brat Fry 8/30, Culvers 8/31

Romeos & Calicos – J. Albrecht, J. Stillson: Checking out radio ads. Flyers & cards for
bulletin boards, little libraries, offices etc., yard signs. Fun Days 9/13 & 9/20.

9/12 1pm Family Dance at Menasha Public Library.

Kettle Squares - T. Bartz, P. Vandehei: Yard signs, posters, business cards.

9/02 Sheboygan Public Library Demo. Fun Night 9/12

Twin City Squares – J. Lobeck: TCS will be a caller-run club by Amanda Herdt in
September.

7/26/26 Butch Danielski's last dance at TCS. 9/13 Fun Night-lessons start.

Green Bay Squares was Absent

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING: Cal Stillson, Secretary.

Motion to accept as printed in Hoedown News by JS. Second by JL. Motion PASSED

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

The revised report from April 20th and the current report were presented.

Motion to accept both reports by JL Second by JA Motion PASSED.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

STATE CONVENTION – See report in Joint Meeting Notes

PUBLICITY & DISCUSSIONS – See RollCall/Announcements

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

OLD BUSINESS: WRACA paid for half of Convention Booklet full page color ad.

NEW BUSINESS:

-Two clubs, in arrears, received an invoice from WRACA to pay the \$20 2026 website listing
fee. Discussion followed on future club payments. It was suggested WRADA pay for all 5
clubs in the future and apply surplus convention funds to that purpose; each club is still
responsible for getting their own listings in to WRACA by their deadline.

Motion was made to start in 2027 for WRADA to pay the \$100 fee for WRADA club
websites listings to WRACA by JS. Second by T. Bartz. Motion PASSED.

-The convention schedule will be printed and available online. A request was made for
each dancer to receive a schedule, not just one per couple.

*"New To You" resale sets up Thursday a.m. at 10:30 at Convention. VOLUNTEER, Come
Anytime.*

ADJOURNMENT: Motion: TB Second: PA

Pass: Yes TIME: 7:58pm

Submitted by Cal Stillson, WRADA Secretary