

H I S T O R Y

of

OHIO STATE CORPORATION OF SQUARE AND ROUND DANCE CLUBS

The First Buckeye State Convention was held in Columbus on January 10, 1959.

A Luncheon Meeting was held at the Neil House at 11:00 A.M. with the idea of forming the Ohio State Corporation of Square and Round Dance Clubs.

The following people were in attendance: Stan Ballmer of Columbus, Bob Kuhn from Columbus, Doc & Mrs. Stelzer from Lima, Me. & Mrs. Jolley from Parma, Mr. & Mrs. Gene Quint from Cleveland, Peter Callahan from Bedford, Mrs. B. Sutters from Alron, Mrs. Harry Lloyd from Medina, Ralph Finch from Dayton, Carrie Pittman from Akron, Dick Sale from Columbus, Jerry Brown from Columbus, Dorothy Jones from Columbus, Glenn Miller from Cleveland and Homer Burson from Toledo.

Mr. Stan Ballmer was Acting Chairman and a general discussion of pro's and con's was held to see if we should form a State Corporation. After a lengthy discussion it was decided that a Steering Committee should be appointed to work on the formation of the State organization. Bob Kuhn of Columbus was elected chairman and he asked the following people to serve on the committee: Glenn Miller of Cleveland, Carrie Pittman of Akron, Ralph Finch of Dayton and Doc Stelzer of Lima.

Glenn Miller of Cleveland Area was to see if it would be possible to have the 2nd Buckeye State Convention in Cleveland in 1960.

The next meeting of the proposed State organization was on September 27, 1959.

Glenn Miller made the report that Cleveland would have the 2nd State Convention on May 13-14-15, 1960. At this meeting a committee of officers were selected to conduct the functions of this organization until By-Laws are formed and accepted. The following officers will stand until the next Convention:

Chairman - Dr. Robert Kuhn, Co-Chairman - Carrie Pittman
Treasurer - Dr. Stelzer, Recording Secretary - Mrs. Abie Burson
Corresponding Secretary - Mrs. Ruth Jones, Finance Committee - Dr. Stelzer
Dr. Kuhn, Glenn Miller. Constitution and By-Laws - Mr. & Mrs. Pittman of Akron, Mr. & Mrs. Hardy of Pomeroy, Mr. & Mrs. Colby of Canton. Convention site Committee - Glenn Miller, Homer Burson and Ralph Finch.

The State was to be divided into nine (9) areas as follows:

1. Ohio Valley Square Dance Association, Hamilton County & Kentucky.
2. Miami Valley, Springfield, Dayton.
3. Lima Area
4. Toledo Area
5. Cleveland Area

6. Akron - Canton Area
7. Chillicothe, Charleston, West Virginia.
8. Columbus Area
9. Coshocton, Zanesville, Steubenville.

The final report of the First Ohio State Convention was given showing a total of 1,176 people attending.

The year of 1960 found our State Corporation moving along nicely at our February Meeting. Second Delegates of area were introduced as in accordance with our constitution. They were: Roger Billings of Lima Area, Floyd Butterbaugh of Dayton Area, Larry Sloan of Cleveland Area, Vernell Sullins of Total Area and Marty Best of the Akron Area.

We started a State Newsletter with Marty Best of Akron as Editor. We also started plans to incorporate with Mr. Paul Noetlich, an attorney from Columbus as Statutory Agent.

At the Annual held in Cleveland during the State Convention, new officers were elected as follows: Carrie Pittman of Akron, President; Glenn Miller of Cleveland, Vice President; Puth Jones of Columbus, Corresponding Secretary; Bob Kuhn of Columbus Area, Treasurer; Larry Sloan of Cleveland Area, Recording Secretary.

Convention site for 1961 will be Toledo, Ohio and 1962 Convention will be held in Dayton on May 4-5-6, 1962.

On August 7, 1960, we were Incorporated and Margaret Tuilipan replaced Floyd Butterbaugh of Dayton Area as Representative.

The 1960 Convention held in Cleveland, had 1,544 paid registrations.

In the year 1961 the State Corporation moved along nicely. During the January 29 meeting we had a progress report on the 1961 Convention being held in Toledo by Vern Sullins and at this time had 400 couples registered.

Peg Tulipan of Dayton reported that plans for 1962 Convention were progressing nicely.

An Amendment to Article III, Section 2, to read as follows: Such Delegates shall be seated at the close of the Annual Meeting.

April 15th Meeting in Commodore Perry Hotel in Toledo, Ohio. "Foot Notes" our State Paper now has 47 subscribers. Report of Toledo Convention so far, shows 858 couples; of this, 240 are partial registrations.

The Cincinnati Area is now in process of forming a Federation and will join State as soon as possible.

The Amendment of previous meeting was reread and it was passed.

Columbus, Ohio, is the Host City for 1963 State Convention. Dates are May 3-4-5 1963.

New Officers and Delegates were introduced as follows: Mrs. Carrie Pittman, President; Mr. Roger Billings, Vice-President; Mr. Larry Sloan, Recording Secretary; Dr. Robert Kuhn, Treasurer; Mr. Lloyd Harrold, Corresponding Secretary. Bob Kuhn - Columbus, Mel Webster - Cleveland, Bernie Nrfztger - Lima, Peters - Toledo, Ross Shafor - Dayton, Carrie Pittman - Akron.

July 30th 1961 Meeting in Columbus, Ohio.

Report of Toledo State Convention had a total of _____ registrations. Cincinnati Area applied for membership and were accepted.

October 29th Meeting in Columbus.

Larry Sloan reported on the State Dance Directory as to price of printing same and that each area would supply names for their area to be put in it. It was decided to proceed with the Directory.

May 4th Meeting held in Columbus, Ohio.

1962 Convention in Dayton moving along very nicely but registrations are slow.

Dancers' Directory was named "Dial-A-Dance Directory. 2000 copies were printed and cost of each Directory is to be 10 cents. Free copies to be given to hotels motels, etc.

May 5th Meeting held at Dayton Biltmore Hotel.

Dayton announced that as of noon this date, they had 650 couples registered.

The 1964 State Convention was given to Cincinnati and to be held in early May.

Election of Officers was held with results as follows: Mel Webster - President, Lloyd Harrold - Vice President, Bernie Hamilton - Recording Secretary, Bill Ridge - Treasurer, Shelton Phillips - Corresponding Secretary. New Delegates are as follows: Bernie Hamilton - Akron-Canton Area, Gordon Gallaher - Cleveland Area, Kenny Krupp - Toledo Area, Shelton Phillips - Cincinnati Area, Lloyd Harrold - Coshocton Area, Bermie Siegel - Lima Area, Peg Tulipan - Dayton Area and Jack Spurlock replacing Robert Kuhn who resigned.

July 29, 1962 Meeting in Columbus, Ohio.

George Wells, Chairman of 1963 State Convention in Columbus, said plans were progressing smoothly. Dancing will be in the Youth Building and The Arts and Crafts Building.

Dayton announced the State Convention was a success but did not have complete report at this time.

Year of 1963.

February 3rd Meeting held in Columbus, Ohio

Mel Webster, President of State Corporation, from Cleveland, passed away due to cancer and a donation from The State was sent to Cancer Society of Cuyahoga County. Glenn Miller will finish out term of Mel Websters'.

An Amendment to the Constitution is as follows: Paragraph 3 of Article III to read: The Chairman of the next succeeding State Convention shall be a member of the Board of Trustees. He shall be seated at the Annual Meeting held at the State Convention staged in the year prior to the Convention of which he is chairman.

Columbus reported 213 dancers, 23 callers and 8 round dance leaders had registered so far.

May 4, 1963 Meeting was held during the State Convention in Columbus.

The Amendment that was presented in February was read the second time and passed.

Glenn Miller of Cleveland Federation presented a very handsome gavel in memory of Mel Webster to be used by the State Corporation.

Cleveland was awarded the State Convention in 1965 and to be held at Hotel Sheraton - Cleveland on May 7-8-9th 1965.

An Amendment was presented to amend the Code of Regulations by adding the following to Section 1 of Article III, "and the State Convention Chairman designated under Section 3 of this article". To be read at next meeting and voted on.

Ted Parke of Columbus said that there were 1600 dancers at noon time.

The Nominating Committee presented the following slate for the officers of the Corporation. Lloyd Harrold - President, Gordon Gallaher - Vice President, Pag Tulipan - Recording Secretary, Shelton Phillips - Corresponding Secretary, Bill Ridge - Treasurer. These people were elected unanimously. New Delegates seated at this time were: Glenn & Gerry Miller of Cleveland Area, Dale and Mary Pluedemann of Akron Area, Rudy and Millie Hasselbach of Toledo Area.

August 4, 1963 Meeting was held in Columbus.

Amendment to the By-Laws were read and were approved as read.

The 1964 Buckeye State Convention to be held in Cincinnati on April 17-18-19. Main dancing will be at the Music Hall.

November 3, 1963.

Columbus Area Lost one of their delegates, Jack Spurlock, who moved to St. Louis. Tad Parke has been appointed to fill his term of office.

At this meeting there was a discussion on the State Paper "Foot Notes". There doesn't seem to be enough interest in it so it was decided to abolish it.

All the information on previous conventions was taken from Shiel Phillips' car. Year of 1964.

February 2nd Meeting was held in Columbus, Ohio.

The 6th Annual State Convention in Cincinnati, is moving along nicely. A graph

has been developed to compare how pre-registrations are coming in as compared to Columbus.

State Corporation has been granted a tax exempt status.

New Representatives to State were introduced. Clarence Rambo - Akron Area, Dan Wolfe - Cincinnati, Norm Strelau - Cleveland, Rose Graziano - Dayton. Bus Gratz - Lima, and Don Miller of Coshocton.

Annual Meeting held April 18, 1964 at State Convention in Cincinnati.

Dial-A-Dance Directory was discussed and was decided to have a Second Edition printed. It is in all the motels in the Columbus Area.

Cleveland was asked to submit a bid for the 1966 National Convention.

The 1966 Ohio State Convention will be held in Toledo.

The officers for the next year are as follows: Rudy Hasselbach - President, Tad Parke - Vice-President, Richard Brown - Corresponding Secretary, Dale Plueddeman - Recording Secretary, and Willis Wilcox - Treasurer. The new Delegates were introduced and seated: Clarence Rambo - Akron, Dan Wolf - Cincinnati, Norm Strelau - Cleveland, Ralph Starling - Columbus, Don Miller - Coshocton, Mrs. Rose Graziano - Dayton, Bus Gratz - Lima, Homer Burson - Toledo Gordon Gallaher - 1965 Cleveland Convention Chairman.

An Amendment was introduced as follows: The Immediate Post-President shall be made a voting member of the Corporation. This will be decided at the next meeting.

August 2, 1964 Meeting.

Cleveland announced that it did not bid for 1966 National Convention. It will be held in Indianapolis, Indiana. The State Convention in Cincinnati was a success. The Amendment from last meeting was read and approved.

The President appointed a committee to work on weak areas in our State and to promote Western Style Square Dancing.

November 1, 1964 Meeting.

Homer Burson, Delegate from Toledo, resigned and Paul Schoenfelt will fill in the unexpired term.

Minutes of State Corporation are now being printed by a legal service.

Cincinnati Area is sponsoring Square Dance lessons by television. They have a Friendship Badge, too.

Cleveland Area has a pocket-size Booklet of Maps showing locations of halls where dances are held.

The 1965 Convention to be held in Cleveland has 45 paid registrations at this time. Something new at a Convention - Church Services in the Hotel.

Year of 1965.

February 7, 1965.

A minute of silence in memory of Larry Crawford who passed away this week.

New Delegates were introduced at this time; Roland Mock - Dayton, Gene Levine - Cincinnati, Paul Jones - Coshocton, Chuck Guernheuser - 1966 Toledo State Convention Chairman and Glenn Miller - Cleveland.

1965 Cleveland Convention has 223 paid registrations at this time.

Discussion on Banner Stealing and a Banner for the State Corporation were discussed at this time.

Annual Meeting - May 8th at Cleveland Convention.

At this time there were a total of 966 registrations. The 1967 Ohio State Convention will be held in Columbus.

The new officers of the State are as follows: Ted Parke - President, Gene Levine - Vice President, Glenn Miller - Recording Secretary, Bus Gratz - Treasurer, Clarence Rambo - Corresponding Secretary. New Delegates were introduced and seated: Dale Plueddemann - Akron-Canton, Gene Leving - Cincinnati, Glenn Miller - Cleveland, Ted Parke - Columbus, Paul Jones - Coshocton, Roland Mock - Dayton, Willis Wilcox - Lima, Rudy Hasselbach - Toledo and Chuck Guernheuser - 1966 Convention Chairman - Toledo.

August 1, 1965 Meeting held in Columbus, Ohio.

Akron - Canton and Cleveland Areas have also started a Friendship Badge.

Discussion was held on State Friendship Badge. It was decided to have a State Friendship Badge.

Joe Peters, Editor of the "Promande" in the Toledo area, passed away in May. Banner procurement was discussed and it is to be up to each local area.

A Committee will look into getting badges made for Delegates and State Corporation Officers. They are to be made for both husband and wife.

November 7, 1965 Meeting held in Columbus, Ohio.

Homer Burson replaced Paul Schoenfelt as Delegate from Toledo.

Badges were presented to Delegates and Officers of the Corporation.

Toledo 1966 State Convention will have 23 hours of activity. All dancing will be under one roof at the Sports Arena. They have only 6 registrations at this time.

There will be a Ohio Square Dance Day at the State Fair in 1966. Dates will be either August 27th or September 3rd.

Feb. 6, 1966 Quartely meeting held in Columbus, Ohio.

The general meeting was short. The area reports very good, with Square dancing on the up grade.

The first reading of the revised constitution.

The 1966 State convention to be held in Toledo, at the Sports Arena April 16 & 17, 1966. Chuck Guernheuser is convention chairman.

New delegates names were read, if present were introduced, to be seated at the annual meeting.

April 16, 1966. Annual meeting held in Toledo at the Commodore Perry Hotel.

General meeting short.

The revised constitution read for 2nd. time and accepted.

The bid from Cincinnati for the 1968 convention accepted.

New officers for the next year were elected as follows: President-Gene Levine Vice President-Glenn Miller, Recording Secretary-Bus Gratz, Corresponding Secretary-Clarence Rambo, Treasurer-Roland Mock. New delegates: Herb & Melba Jones- Cincinnati, Allen & Nancy Richards-Cleveland, Lou & Anne Hartley-Akron, Bob & Velma Burtner-Columbus, Rose & Frank Graziano-Dayton, Bus Gratz Lima, Homer Burson-Toledo.

August 7, 1966 Meeting held in Columbus ar Amvets hall.

Very short business meeting. President appointed his committees for 1966. Bill Lepper, Chairman for the 1967 State Convention, May 5-6-7-1967, reported was progressing very well.

November 6, 1966

Meeting held in Columbus at Amvets Hall.

Bill Lepper gave his report on State Convention and gave all delegates flyers.

A discussion on liability insurance was held. Ted Parke was appointed to investigate.

Ted Parke gave report on dance held at State Fair. 1126 dancers were present. The 1967 state fair dance is to be held August 26, 1967.

February 6, 1967 Meeting called to order by Vice Presentent Glenn Miller.

The report by Tad Parke in regards to liability insurance was tabled for lack of information.

A discussion on a fixed time and place for State Convention. A motion was made however it was defeated.

Glenn Miller asked all delegates to out line their area on a State map.

May 6, 1967 The 9th Annual Meeting in Columbus at Hospitality Inn with a dinner meeting.

A bid by the Cleveland Area for the 11th Annual State Convention to be held May 9-10-11, 1969. The bid was accepted.

New elected officers: President - Glenn Miller, Vice President - Roland Mock, Treasurer - Bus Gratz, Recording Secretary - Robert Burtner, Corresponding Secretary - Lou Hartly.

Meeting turned over to new President Glenn Miller. All new delegates seated.

August 6, 1967 Meeting held in Columbus at Anchor Inn.

President appointed his committees.

State Convention report by Ted Parke, Attendance was 1967.

Governor Rhodes was prevailed upon to proclaim Aug. 26 thru Sept. 2 as State Square Dance Week.

November 5, 1967 Meeting held in Columbus at Anchor Inn.

Discussion was held on an Annual Events Calender in 1968. Motion made and passed.

Motion was made and passed that the State Corporation present plaques (1st three places) to the Jr. Fair Square Dance Contest winners.

Year of 1968

February 4, 1968 Meeting held at the Anchor Inn.

The 1968 State Convention chairman Ken & Paula Shelton was introduced. They replaced Gene Levine who moved from Cincinnati.

The bid for the 1970 State Convention from Toledo was accepted.

Final report on liability insurance was to high. Corporation has with drawn from subject.

March 30, 1968 The 10th Annual Meeting held at the Netherland Hilton Hotel in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Motion was made and passed to accept the bid from C.O.C.D.C. to hold the State Convention in Columbus on April 30, May 1-2, 1971.

Second reading of proposed amendment, article VIII committees of constitution was accepted. This was an addition to the present constitution.

The new officers for 1968-1969: President - Roland Mock, Vice President - Bus Gratz, Recording Secretary - Bob Burtner, Corresponding Secretary - Ted Parke, Treasurer - Rose Graziano. All new delegates were seated.

August 4, 1968 Meeting held at the Anchor Inn in Columbus, Ohio.

President Roland Mock appointed the following committees:

Public Relations

Bus Gratz - Chairman
George Eberhart
Robert Shaw

Convention

Les Stull - Chairman
John Webb
James Everett

Membership and Maps

Glenn Miller - Chairman
Clarence Rambo

Fair Day and Meeting Place

Ted Parke

Finances

Rose Graziano - Chairman
Ken Shelton

Coming Events

Robert Burtner

Nominating Committee

Glenn Miller - Chairman
Rudy Hasselback
Ralph Hazelton

Constitution and By Laws

Rudy Hasselback - Chairman
Glenn Miller
Ray Simms

Calendar Committee

Rudy Hasselback - Chairman
Roland Mock
Ted Parke

Earl Richards reports registrations are coming in for '69 convention.

November 3, 1968 Meeting held at our regular meeting room at Anchor Inn, Columbus, Ohio.

Motion made and second that the State calendar's cost 25¢ to each district and 50¢ to each dancer. Motion passed. An accounting to be made to Chairman Rudy Hasselback on Dec. 10th and Feb. 2nd, 1969 meeting.

1968 State Fair reported attendance medium. Ted Parke informed the body that the 1969 State Fair Day would be Aug. 23rd.

Ken Shelton reported on 1968 Convention in Cincinnati, also presented the State Corporation with \$300.00.

Discussion on new banner. The banner was given to Glenn Miller for consideration by the originators. Report to be made Feb. 2, 1969 meeting.

Letter heads and envelopes for Corporation use.