

WOLF RIVER AREA DANCER ASSOCIATION

Meeting Minutes - July 15, 2024 Oak Park Place, Green Bay, WI
Hosts: Green Bay Squares
The WRADA Meeting was called to order by President, Karen Gulbrand at 7:02 pm

Dates To Remember

2024	August 10	Kettle Squares KICK-OFF DANCE for 65 th Wisconsin Convention with Dee Dee Dougherty-Lottie, calling, Plymouth WI
	August 11	SDAW Meeting/Jamboree, 670 Hillcrest Hts, Meadowbrook Park Pavilion, Green Bay (Howard)
	August 25	Twin City Squares 60th Anniversary Picnic, Peshtigo
	September 20	Fox Valley Squares 74th Anniversary, Menasha, WI
	October 10	Green Bay Squares 79th Anniversary, Green Bay
	October 21	WRACA/WRADA Meeting
	November 3	SDAW Meeting/Jamboree - Wolf River Area
2025	January 20	WRACA/WRADA Meeting
	June 25-28	74th Nat'l Square & Round Dance Conv., Shreveport, LA
	August 8-10	65th Wisconsin Square & Round Dance Convention Oshkosh Convention Center, Oshkosh WI
2026	June 24-27	75th Nat'l Square & Round Dance Conv., Waco, Texas
2027	June 23-26	76th Nat'l Square & Round Dance Conv., Loveland, Colorado

CONVENTION REPORTS

2024 - 73rd National Square & Round Dance Convention, Milwaukee, WI
Registrations: Attendance: 2564 dancers, 150 callers, 58 cuers, 9 line dance Leaders & 9 contra callers, 15 from Canada, 7 from Germany, 5 from Australia, 1 from the Philippines.

2025 - 65th Wisconsin Square & Round Dance Convention
August 8 -10, 2025 **Theme:** "Keep Square Dancing Alive in 2025".
Colors: Royal Blue & White. General Chairmen-Alvin Hammer & Lisa Reichenberger, Oshkosh Convention Center. Oshkosh, WI

Guest Caller - Jack Pladdys, **Guest Cuer** - Pat & Joe Hilton.
The General Chairmen have visited almost all active clubs in Wisconsin, Fund Raising is going well with Popcorn, Coffee, Gift Cards, and Chocolate Bars.
Royal Blue Tie-dye Long Sleeve t-shirts are available for \$25 S-XL, \$30 for 2X-3 X.
The 65th Wisconsin Convention booth will be present at both Illinois and Minnesota state conventions this year.

SDAW REPORT- Karen Gulbrand. Next Meeting August 11, 2024
"Where to Dance" brochure was updated before the National Conv.
Copies will be made available to each area.
A By-law change was approved so that alternate SDAW delegates can hold office.
SDAW will support all Callerlab approved dance levels and not dictate what level Wisconsin clubs should offer.

Guidelines to recognize supportive Out Of State callers are being developed.

USDA Report - United Square Dancers of America: Karen & Ellery Gulbrand, presidents.

The USDA \$2500 scholarship applications are available online for High School and College Freshmen. A young girl from Oregon received this year's scholarship
Wisconsin organizations added \$1000 in donations to USDA this year.
Education Sessions at National were attended by several of WRADA delegates who found the information presented very helpful: 501c3 info, youth group info, club organization, insurance & lots more info is all free online at www.usda.org. A few brochures are updated each year to keep up with latest information practices.

CENTENNIAL Awards are given to active 100+ year old square dancers. Tilly in California, Chuck in Colorado received awards in June and on July 27th the Gulbrand's presented Tom Stevens from Beloit his Centennial Award.

TREASURER'S REPORT: No Bills to pay

The Treasurer is looking for a back-up co-signer for WRADA's bank account.

PUBLICITY:

Kettle Squares uses a lot of yard signs and doing 1 Open House for squares and rounds this year. They use a Google phone number and a QR code on the flyers. They also use a large sign on a trailer.

Twin City Squares starts lessons in September with Amanda Herdt teaching. They will have an appetizer party the evening before lessons for club members and their prospective new dancers to get acquainted ahead of time.

Fox Valley Squares will use flyers for sure.

Romeos & Calicos uses yard signs, post cards, flyers and is looking into a radio ad. They also found brat fries using Thrivent seed money an enjoyable way to connect with the public revealing the friendliness of square dancers.

OTHER BUSINESS -

USDA Insurance changed its coverage to only claims relating to incidents occurring inside the dance facility. Every new dance location needs a separate coverage certificate.

Clubs should get their "Special Dances" listed in Hoedown's *Dates To Remember* quickly so other clubs planning special events don't book "specials" too closely together to help with good attendance.

BANNER REPORT:

Fox Valley Squares has Fox Valley Squares & Twin City Squares.

Green Bay Squares has Green Bay Squares.

Romeos & Calicos has Kettle Squares and Romeos & Calicos.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:17 pm

Respectfully submitted: Cal Stillson, WRADA secretary