

GAY CALLERS ASSOCIATION

2016 ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

*Maple Leaf Regroup
Toronto, Canada
July 1, 2016 @ 5:00pm*

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Kris Jensen at 5:07 PM EST.

II. Welcome and Introductions

Officers present were Kris Jensen, Vice President, Michael Wills, Secretary, Bill Eyler, Treasurer, and Kent Forrester, IAGSDC liaison. Aaron Wells, President, was not present. Attached sign-in sheet shows members present.

III. IAGSDC Delegate Meeting Report

Presented by Kent Forrester.

- Meeting ran on time. IAGSDC member clubs now have 1,936 members, down a bit. Tax status still in limbo, stalled by IRS.
- IAGSDC had 62 member clubs, 1 associate member
- There are 3 clubs with more than 100 members, 1 club rejoined. Now at 63 member clubs.
- Club development program started last year.
- St. Louis Convention had 821 attendees, \$9,000 surplus, but possible tax bill coming up.
- ARTS: Alliance of Round, Traditional, and Square dancing, check out web page.
- Wiki alive and well. Debbie Ceder saved the Moonshine Tip history.
- Michael Wills and Fred Loehr have revamped the IAGSDC website, test version can be explored at demo.iagsdc.org. Send feedback.
- Bylaw change proposed, added “regardless of gender identity or gender expression” to non-discrimination clause.
- Vote to authorize \$15K to digitize IAGSDC history (corrections/additions from Allan Hurst). Volunteers needed for indexing, etc.

- Palm Springs 2017: Room reservations open, 501(c)(3) status achieved, check web page for tours, etc., two possible Fun Badge Tours, either at sunrise or sunset to avoid the heat.
- Seattle 2018, Circle Back to Seattle: 501(c)(3) status achieved, website will be live shortly (circlebacktoseattle.com), early registration opening soon.
- Philadelphia 2019, Belles Run: website operational (philadelphia2019.com), 50th anniversary of the Stonewall riots, callers have been lined up.
- Denver awarded 2020, either Hyatt or new Gaylord's resort. Room rate \$189. Will be July 4 weekend or Memorial Day, depending on the hotel chosen.
- No bids for 2021 or beyond, held open.
- Ed Zeigler is the new Chair, Michael Pemberton remains Treasurer for one more year.
- There are now 698 memorial badges. Ett McAtee: make sure to sign any new badges that are added.

IV. Secretary's Report

- Motion by Allan Hurst to approve the 2015 Minutes as corrected by GCA Board Members, seconded by Seth Levine, passed.

V. Treasurer's Report

- Please use gaycallers.org to pay membership dues
- Current financial state
 - Carrying a balance of \$10K to \$12K every year
 - Balance goes up about \$1K per year
 - Most expenses are related to Caller School, and most are covered by All Join Hands and All Join Hands Canada
 - Will email suggestions for use of funds laying dormant. Caller School fees are low because of All Join Hands support, so possibly use some money for student expense stipend. Another suggestion would be to help pay for video caller interviews for documentary
 - Status quo as of June 24 does not reflect cost of caller school. Report is strictly cash basis.
 - Our balance is \$10,595 as of June 24, will have that much or more after Caller School and AJH contributions.

- Kent Forrester moved to approve Treasurer's Report, Carla Keller seconded, passed.

VI. Call Sheet Report (out of order)

- Allan Hurst: No Call Sheet because no one is contributing articles. Need 8 articles per issue, but currently only has 2. GCA members need to contribute. Caller School attendees urged to write about school experience.

VII. Vice President's Report

- Caller School Program: 24 students this year, a very successful school. Two groups: beginner, intermediate/advanced. Evaluations positive.
- 2017 Caller School: Coach will be Randy Dougherty, Accredited CALLERLAB Coach. Very experienced, should be a good school. Has asked to do a presentation of thinking outside the box. TA is Ett McAtee, and if there are more than 16 registrations, Bill Eyer is set up as a second coach. Getting food in Palm Springs is difficult (nearest restaurants is 2 blocks away in 120° heat), so the school may be catered through the hotel.

VIII. CALLERLAB Convention Report

- Harlan Kerr: No 24-page report this year! Everyone in GCA should join CALLERLAB. Last convention was about building and sustaining square dancing. We should know how many GCA members attend CALLERLAB convention. There are members of GCA on the Board of Governors. Some committees are chaired by GCA members. Several GCA members were moderators of panels. The next CALLERLAB convention will be in Mesa, Arizona next March. This was a unique year as every third year calls get reviewed (Harlan listed changes to the call lists). GCA is a CALLERLAB affiliate and pays dues.

IX. President's Report

- As the President was not present, there was no President's report.

X. New Business

- Ken Sales: Ken has sent out emails about caller slots at the Toronto convention, and hopes everyone got one. Please let him know if the process needs to be better. He has approached Palm Springs to do the same for them, has not yet received a reply.
- Barry Clasper: (addendum to Harlan's report) CALLERLAB has launched a new website. It's a collection of information for people to promote square dancing and train callers. Also pointers to recordings, presentations, etc. There are 41 hours of recorded material from this year's convention (current convention recordings only available to members). knowledge.callerlab.org. If you have material, send it to Barry.

- Barry Clasper: CALLERLAB gives out scholarships. This year they are having a raffle to raise money, \$10 to buy a raffle ticket to win \$3,000 toward a cruise. Barry has no tickets, but is willing to take orders. He will sell 20 tickets for \$10 CAD during Toronto Convention.
- John Oldfield: John will be hosting a seminar on membership retention on Saturday, July 2, 2 PM in Salon B.
- Bill Eyer: Bill will be hosting an Introduction to the Art of Calling session from noon to 1 PM in the Library Bar.

XI. Elections

- With the absence of the President, it was unclear whose terms were up.
- Kent Forrester moved that we authorize the election of officers this year by email. Seconded by Allen Hurst. Passed

XII. Motion to Adjourn

- Allen Hurst moved to adjourn. Mark Ambrose seconded the motion. Passed.



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Annual GCA Meeting Treasurer's Report

September 1, 2016 to June 24, 2017

Bank Balance 9/1/16 \$12,830.65

Bank Balance 6/24/17 \$14,627.29 (reconciled through 6/8/17 statement)

Included in our bank balance is a liability for:

Prepaid future membership dues thru '21 \$1,275.00

Prepaid 2017 GCA School Registrations \$1,275.00

As many of the expenses for the year happen in the period between the convention and the end of our fiscal year (8/31/17), a final report will be available in a future issue of *The Call Sheet*.

Thanks, as always, to the All Join Hands Foundation (both U.S. and Canada) for helping us keep GCA school tuition low without depleting our cash reserves. All Join Hands Foundation currently covers the caller coach stipends and hotel rooms for the coach and teaching assistant.

Membership is from September 1 through August 31 annually. The easiest way to pay dues is ONLINE THROUGH www.gaycallers.org or at convention--cash or checks (made out to GCA) for \$15. Dues can be prepaid up to 3 years, as per our bylaws.

Bill Eyer, GCA Treasurer

Cash In

Donations – Direct	\$ 106.32	
Current Year Memberships	\$ 135.00	
Future Year Memberships	800.00	
School Registrations (17 current*)	<u>1,275.00</u>	\$ 2,116.32

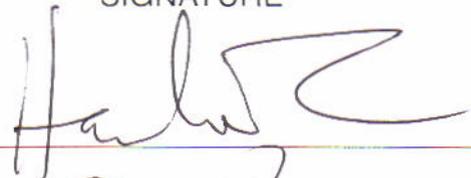
Cash Out

CALLERLAB dues/insurance	\$ 120.00	
IAGSDC dues	25.00	
Webhosting Fee	50.00	
2017 Caller School to date	61.09	
Paypal Service Charges	<u>63.59</u>	\$ 319.68

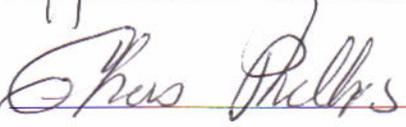
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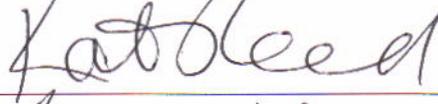
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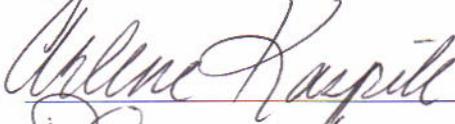
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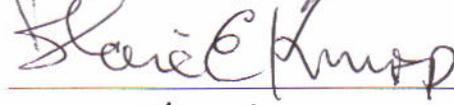
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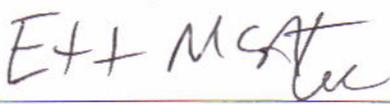
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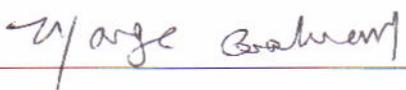
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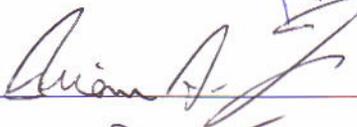
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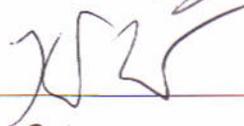
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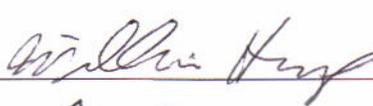
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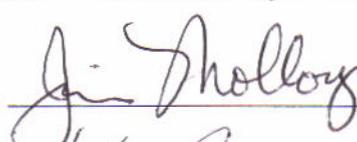
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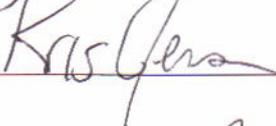
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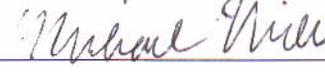
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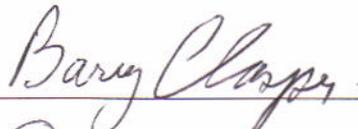
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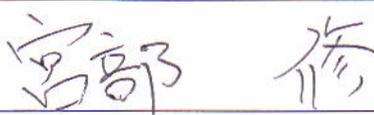
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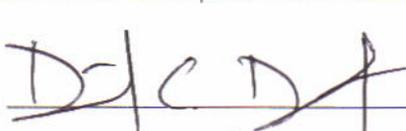
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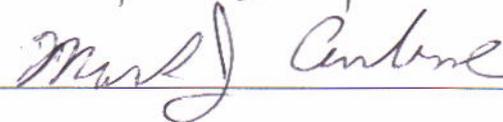
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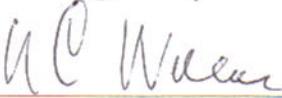
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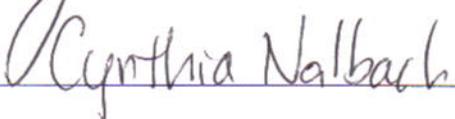
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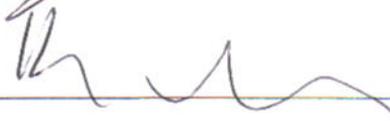
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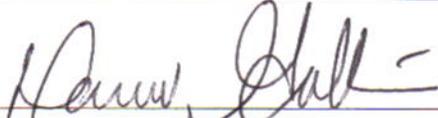


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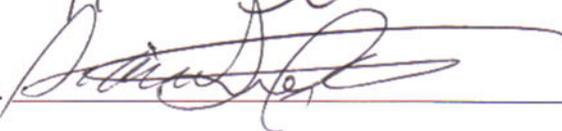


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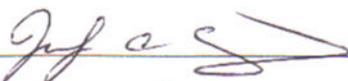
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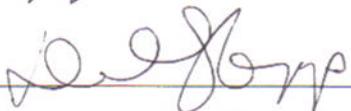
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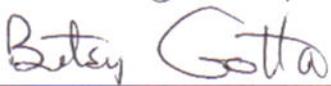
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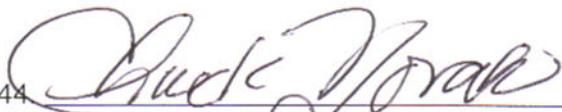
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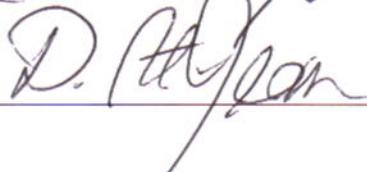
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