

The minutes of the meeting of the committee for the 66th Australian National Square Dance Convention in Tasmania 2026 held via Zoom on the 29th of September 2024

The Convenor welcomed everyone and declared the meeting open at 10.00 am.

Barry thanked everyone for making their time available.

Attendance: Kaye Chandler, Barry Chandler, Sandra Hazzlewood, Gary Petersen, Dave Brelsford, Kevin Thomas and Barbara Treharne

Apologies: Jan Thorpe

Confirmation of earlier minutes: It was moved by Gary Petersen, seconded by Sandra Hazzlewood that the earlier minutes be accepted.

Correspondence (including email) – Inwards & Outwards

Inwards:

Launceston Square Dance Club – Club's 75th Birthday

Outwards: Nil

Financial Business: No movement

Business arising

Launceston Club 75th Birthday: Dave spoke about holding the event before or after the Convention. The consensus was that Launceston should hold it after the Convention.

Hobart City Council Grant Scheme: Barry has been advised that we can't apply until January 2025.

Hobart Town Hall: The Town Hall has been booked for Saturday, Sunday and Monday from 12.30 to 5.30 of our Convention. This will depend on numbers and the booking can be altered closer to the event. Unfortunately, it is unavailable for the time prior to the Convention so it is unavailable to the Round Dancers for their conference.

General Business:

Review of Timetable: Barry will attach the timeline to the minutes when he sends them.

Dressed Set: No luck with fabric yet. Sandra is trying a few design ideas, but these are going to depend on the fabric.

Website: Barry said that there was a list of accommodation on the web Barry suggested that we have a link to the Spirit of Tasmania site. Kevin thought that we did. He will check it out. Kevin advised that he would put anything on the website that we would like. Kevin has started an information sheet to go with the Registration Form. Everyone needs to check it out.

Decorations: Gary suggested that we be minimalistic. Use umbrellas on the stairs, use plants (hire or donations) around the stage, Flags and banners around the balcony, sound curtain at the back of the hall. Sandra said she went to Mike's Birthday dance. They used a projection screen backdrop with programme. It worked quite well. Barry will ask Scene Change what can be done. We could try to acknowledge the 8 National

Conventions in Tasmania. Barry suggested seeing what Slick Promotions offers. The state dancer figurines from the convention coffin could be refurbished.

Tea/Coffee: Gary asked if we had approached anyone to do the tea and coffee yet. It was agreed that it was a little early to arrange.

Eateries: Sandra asked if we could do anything about meals in the area, so people don't have to go back and forwards to their accommodation. There are quite a few near the City Hall. We will approach them closer to the event.

Booth in Queensland: We have a banner that we used in Darwin. Barry said that he will arrange a meeting with Events Tasmania and see what they can provide us with and also ask for a Grant.

Next meeting: 24th November 2024 beginning at 10am

Barry thanked everyone for their attendance

The meeting closed at 10.45am.