

**NATIONAL SQUARE DANCE SOCIETY
OF
AUSTRALIA**

Incorporated Reg No: A0058827L

**National Square Dance Society of Australia Inc
Committee Meeting**

08.01am WST 11.01am EST and 10.01am QLD

Sunday 12th October 2025

On the Zoom Platform

Minutes

Attendance: Rosalind Todd (President) Barry Chandler (Vice President) Celia Karas (Secretary) Patricia Watson (Treasurer) David Todd (Committee Member) Robin Kerr (Committee Member) Helen Bates (Member ACT), June Lambert (Member QLD)

Apologies:

Lorraine Keenan (Committee Member)

It was noted that a quorum is present at this meeting.

Adoption of previous Committee meeting minutes: dated 18th May 2025

Resolution

Celia Karas moved & Patricia Watson seconded that the minutes of the meeting dated 18th May 2025 be approved.

Carried

Thanks to Patricia for completing the not-for-profit organisations Self Audit for the last two years.

Correspondence In:

03/09 CAV Annual Statement Receipt

23/09 Approval New Members

24/09 Lorraine – Approval of new members

29/09 Self Audit for Incorporated Associations

03/10 Barbara Treharne Received order Convention badges.

06/10 Kevin Thomas – request info for past Roll of Honour participants

Correspondence Out:

23/9 Request approval of new Members.

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Resolution

Barry Chandler moved & Celia Karas seconded that the correspondence in and out be approved.

Carried

Reports

Financials: Financial report -sent separately

Patricia has done some research on card readers for payments as people have indicated a preference for card payments. The Square Reader seems most suitable with a \$350.00 initial fee 1.6 % for contact & 2.2% for non-contact payments.

Patricia as treasurer should investigate further and look at purchasing a Square card reader for future conventions.

Resolution

David Todd moved Patricia Watson seconded that we go ahead with the purchase a card reader.

Carried

General Business: -

Essendon Square Dance Club celebrated 50th this weekend. Andrew Verhoef presented the club with a certificate on behalf of the NSDSA.

Communications. Please respond when an email is received so we know that it has been received. It only needs to be an acknowledgement...ie 'received thanks.

Kevin Thomas has developed an area on NSDSA website for members. There has been a lot of work done on the Delegates area.

The proposal is that all the information will be entered into this area on the website so all members/delegates can access it. There will be forms, minutes of meetings, correspondence register, motions register etc. This will assist in keeping track of all the documentation in and out of the National Society.

Resolution

Rosalind Todd moved Robin Kerr seconded that we go forward with this page on the Website.

Carried

Our Roll of Honour needs updating with Bios & photos of the recipients.

Our new National Society members are Glen Cassar (VIC), Tania Parmley (VIC), Les Tulloch, Ann Tulloch & Karen Dempsey (SA). These new members have all been approved. A welcome email to be sent to the new members.

The recent NSDSA Promotions meeting was well received. From this meeting a sub-committee was formed. After the meeting Kevin Thomas & Don Barba elected to join the sub-committee. The next meeting for the promotions sub-committee will be 26/10/2025. There were concerns regarding the costings on Don Barba's draft proposal. This will be discussed. Matthew Mills advised that they had recruited 30 new dancers at no cost through social media. Natalie Scott (WA) a Post Covid grant was received by Dolphins Square Club (WA) which attracted a lot of new dancers, quite a few of which have stayed with the club. Marilyn Van Sambeek (WA) Dianella Rangers also received a council grant and free hall hire which assisted them in running a very successful beginners' class, many of

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whom have become club members. Marilyn followed a program developed by Don. He suggested not charging new dancers. The Grant assisted in covering the costs.

David Todd suggested that if clubs don't have the money perhaps, they could go out and raise it. Or possibly State Societies would help to cover any clubs unable to come up with the funds required.

Dons' proposal may be daunting but as a national group we need to lead this campaign, this has to be done asap. Kevin Thomas, Don Barba & Matthew Mills have all got very particular skill sets so this will be extremely useful.

Patricia Watson (WA) asked how the money would be spent. The NSDSA has \$18000.00 and if we are to spend \$10000.00 of that it would need to be broken down before being allocated.

David agreed the core group should be able to work out the best way to use the funds.

Kevin Thomas (VIC) has offered a counter draft proposal. Don's draft proposal was in the region of \$70000.00.

If this is to be started, the promotion would need to be continuous.

The demographic to be approached needs to be reduced to 50+ years of age.

Any other business

None

Meeting closed at: 11.39hrs (EST)

Next Meeting: Sunday 09/11/2025 8am WST 10am Qld 11am EST

Postscript: The website can be accessed from Square Dance Australia <https://squaredance.au/>

Go to Links and there is a login <https://squaredance.au/login/> (This will take you straight there)

Type your state @squaredance.au for example nsw@squaredance.au

Log in and password is the same.

You will find a Delegates Area on the top right-hand corner.

Click on the link it will take you to all the information currently there.

Need to go back to Links to log out

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