

Round Hill Country Dances

By-laws

1. **Name:** The name of this organization is Round Hill Country Dances. It is a non-profit organization operating as a center of the Country Dance and Song Society of America under guidelines established by the Society.
2. **Objectives:** Round Hill Country Dances supports the objectives set forth in article II of the Constitution and By-laws of the Country Dance and Song Society, copy attached, and will endeavor to further these objectives through activities and programs open to the general public.
3. **Membership:** Membership in Round Hill Country Dances is open to all who pay annual dues, renewable June 1 of each year to Cover costs of notices and mailings. Members are entitled to attend general and special meetings, to vote on all questions coming before the membership, to hold office and serve on special committees, and to receive all mailings.
4. **Meetings of the membership:** An Annual meeting of the membership will be held year in the month of May for election of officers and to transact any necessary business. Other meetings may be called by the President as needed. All meetings of membership are open to those who attend the dance sessions but only members may vote on the matters on the agenda. *
5. **Dues and charges:** The charges for single sessions, and special events, are to be set by the Advisory Committee at rates that will cover costs of operation.
6. **Officers:** The officers are a President, Secretary, and Treasurer, elected by the members. Terms of office are two years and officers may not serve more than two consecutive terms.

Duties of the officers:

- a) The President is the executive officer responsible for the operations of the group; presides at meetings, maintains an up-to-date list of members and meeting; calls regular or special meetings of the membership or advisory committee as needed; appoints chairmen and committees to carry out projects or special programs.
- b) The Secretary keeps records and minuetts of meetings, maintains an up-to-date list of members and attendees, sends notices, and organizes periodic mailings, and maintains contact with C.D.S.S.

* At least three weeks notice of all meetings will be given, except in cases of emergency

c) The Treasurer is responsible for collection of dues and charges; for disbursement of fees to musicians and callers; and for payment of authorized expenses. The Treasurer files the yearly financial statement of operations as required by National Headquarters, with a copy to be sent to the Round Hill Community Guild. The fiscal year of the Round Hill Country Dances is June 1st to May 31st of each year.

7. **Advisory Committee:** This Committee is a standing committee consisting of the Officers and not less than 4 members appointed by the President to consult on matters affecting the Center. It is desirable for this Advisory Committee to include at least,

- a) the past President or one past officer
- b) the chairmen appointed by the President
- c) one or more of the teachers or musicians when matters affecting the program and activities are at issue.

The Advisory Committee has the power to set schedules and dates, to set fees and honoraria to be paid to musicians and callers, as well as to determine dues and charges as noted above.

8. **Operating Committees:** There shall be two operating committees with chairmen appointed by the President with the following responsibilities:

- a) Program chairman. Hire callers and bands as needed in accordance with programs and budget approved by the Advisory Committee.
- b) Publicity chairman. Coordinate publicity with media outlets for each dance. Plan and produce fliers for future programs. Maintain contact with affiliated centers and groups.

9. **Elections:** Officers are elected at the Annual Meeting in May to be held at the Round Hill Community House. In March, the President appoints a nominating committee of three, one of whom should be an officer or member of the Advisory Committee. The nominating committee reports to the membership its nominations for officers in April, one month before the Annual Meeting. Nominations may also be made from the floor.

10. **Amendments:** Amendments to these By-laws maybe made on one month's written notice to members. A majority vote of members present at the meeting set for consideration of the proposed amendments is required for adoption.

COUNTRY DANCE AND SONG SOCIETY

ARTICLE II OBJECTIVES:

The objectives of the Society are:

1. To promote the knowledge, and encourage the practice, of our heritage of traditional and historic folk dances, songs, and music, with special emphasis on Anglo-American and English traditions;
2. To study, to research, and to preserve, this heritage;
3. To organize, foster, and support, classes, schools, lectures, concerts, demonstrations, festivals, community dance evenings, and other events, which will encourage participation in, and enjoyment of, this heritage;
4. To train teachers, musicians, and leaders, in these traditions;
5. To encourage and support the establishment of local groups and regional, organizations interested in these objectives;
6. To assemble and maintain a library of materials related to traditional and historic folk dances song, and music;
7. To publish materials which will help to achieve those objectives;
8. To engage in promotional activities to publicize the aims and work, of the Society;
9. To support the work and objectives of the Society by seeking and receiving gifts and grants of all kinds.