

# PRAIRIE DULCIMER CLUB

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**NEXT MEETING:** Saturday, May 18, 2019, (always the third Saturday of the month)

Westminster Hall, 417 West Lexington, Independence, Missouri 64050.

## PROGRAM:

Month	Hammer / Activity	Mountain/ Activity	Club Activity
May 18	Dave Courtney	Open	Potluck
June	Open	Open	Potluck
July	Open	Open	Potluck

**Note to Hammered Players –** Dave Courtney will teach Arran Boat Song and Ragtime Annie. Bring your music. Don't forget to review Arkansas Traveler and Rakes of Mallow from our last meeting.

**Note to Mountain Players –** Bring music for the 9 songs for 2019. Plan to work on Arkansas Traveler and Ragtime Annie as suggested by Rusty Denes at the April meeting.

**For Everyone -** Here is a list of the 9 songs for 2019:

Ragtime Annie	Rakes of Mallow
Southwind	Arkansas Traveler
Sandy River Bell	Shenandoah Falls
Arran Boat Song	Leaving of Liverpool
Liberty	

Please bring music for these songs to club meetings. Music is available on our website.

**Directory updates:** Please add to your directory:

Lani Thompson

Correction – Deb Leavitt's phone number is [intentionally omitted from online copy]

**Business Meeting:** The meeting was called to order by Jerry Tjelle. Rita Young nominated Ken Shoemaker to be our interim President until elections in July. Jerry made a motion to accept Ken as the interim President. Motion was seconded by Maryann Fenstermacher. Motion was approved and Ken Shoemaker presided over the remainder of the meeting.

Treasurer's Report – No report was give as Mary Richardson, club Treasurer, was not able to be present. Mary has announced she will resign as Treasurer at the end of her term in July. Please consider accepting this office.

Secretary's Report – No correspondence reported. Information for new members should go to the secretary and to Rita Young for the Newsletter. Penny Lewis remains in charge of our website.

Old Business – Dana Taylor thanked everyone for providing music for the Chocolate Festival in February.

Rita Young reminded everyone about our new meeting format and to please bring music for the 9 pieces for 2019 with you to each meeting.

Rita Young revisited the issue of paying instructors. She contacted Allen McFarland regarding a reasonable rate. He suggested \$25.00 per hour. Rita then made a motion that a committee be formed to establish guidelines for payment of instructors. Motion seconded by Dana Taylor, motion passed.

New Business – President, Ken Shoemaker, is looking for new ideas to help the club. Please get with Ken if you have new ideas. Here are some things discussed:

- Looking at club History and Heritage
- More Jams – More Performances
- Guest Concerts
- Greater Publicity and Networking through Newsletter and Website

Ken brought up issues of our registration and certification as a not-for-profit organization, which needs to be renewed.

Sheryl Godsy volunteered to put photos on Facebook and Twitter. She will work on getting photo releases as needed.

Cheryl New made a motion that a Marketing/Networking Committee be formed. Motion seconded by Sheryl Godsy, motion carried.

Kimberly Morrow suggested having more workshops with paid instructors.

Cheryl New and Katy Waters brought cards for Dave Para (Cathy Barton's husband) and Dave Courtney. They were passed around for those wishing to sign them.

Katy Waters made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Maryann Fenstermacher. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned.

**UPCOMING EVENTS: – OZARK ROOTS DULCIMER FESTIVAL – July 16-20, 2019**

Linda Thomas will teach Hammered Dulcimer Special Classes/Workshops July 16-20 in Mt. View, Ark. A great line-up of Mt. Dulcimer Instructors will provide workshops July 18-20.

Evening Concerts at: THE CAVERNS / OZARK FOLK CENTER / MOUNTAIN VIEW MEETING PLACE.

Space is limited for this one and REGISTRATION IS OPEN NOW so plan to sign up EARLY!!!

You can register by contacting Linda Thomas at [lindadan@primary.net](mailto:lindadan@primary.net).

**GATEWAY DULCIMER MUSIC FESTIVAL – August 2, 3, 4, 2019**

The festival will be at the Four Points by Sheraton/Fountain Conference Center located at 319 Fountains Pkwy., Fairview Heights, IL 62208. Make room reservations as soon as possible if you plan to attend. Call 618-622-9500 and ask for Gateway dulcimer Music Festival – block #GA1013 or GAAGAAD. This is always a great festival for both hammered and mountain dulcimers as well as autoharp, ukulele and other assorted acoustic instruments.

**THIS 'N THAT:** Dulcimer Players News – The magazine has a new owner/editor, Ashley Ernst. Ashley is taking over the magazine from Dan and Angie Landrum. This resource for dulcimer players is filled with much good information about upcoming festivals, tips for playing tunes, etc. If you are interested in subscribing, the contact information is:

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Jam at Ed Barlett's House – The jam meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays of each month from 1:00p.m. - 2:30p.m.