



Live-Lively Program

1. GENERAL

- 1.1. This operating procedure (OP) establishes guidelines for the Live Lively Program for Square Dance Minnesota, Inc. (SDM) and its associate organization (under its Federal group exemption) members.

2. REFERENCES

- 2.1. SDM OP 17-01, “Standards of Conduct,” January 29, 2017.

3. SUPERSESION

- 3.1. SDM OP 15-04, “Live-Lively Program,” February 3, 2015.

4. RESPONSIBILITIES AND PROCEDURES

4.1. General

SDM established a Live Lively Program to recognize our chronologically enriched dancers who remain active within our associate organizations within the State of Minnesota and nearby counties in North Dakota, South Dakota, Iowa, and Wisconsin.

4.2. Recognition Levels

“Live Lively – I” or “Septuagenarian” award (for those at least 70) – certificate and dangle.

“Live Lively – II” or “Octogenarian” award (for those at least 80) – certificate and dangle.

“Live Lively – III” or “Nonagenarian” award (for those at least 90) – certificate and dangle, free SDM membership.

“Live Lively – IV” or “Centennial” award (for those at least 100) – certificate and dangle, free SDM membership.

4.3. Requirements

In order to receive the “Live Lively – I” or “Septuagenarian” award a member must be at least 70, with two years’ experience as an active dancer.

In order to receive the “Live Lively – II” or “Octogenarian” award a member must be at least 80, with three years’ experience as an active dancer.

To be eligible for the “Live Lively – III” or “Nonagenarian” award a member must be at least 90, with four years’ experience as an active dancer and/or organization member, either dancing or participating in some way with other organization activities.

In order to receive the “Live Lively – IV” or “Centennial” award a member must be at least 100, with five years’ experience as an active dancer and/or organization member. This does not require dancing, but a member still must attend dances and participate in some way (for example, greeter welcoming other dancers, etc.).

4.4. Organization Responsibilities

When dancers are eligible, nominate them for each level of award using SDM Form 019, “Live Lively Nomination” or another form that includes all of the required information. Include specific information on how the nominee participates in square dancing and other activities that the nominee may be involved. Submit your nomination to the Marketing Director.

If the recipient is unable to attend the presentation, a SDM or presiding associate organization official will make the presentation at a dance function where the recipient will be attending.

4.5. Member Responsibilities

If a member decides not to accept the award, for any reason, inform the Marketing Director.

If a member is unable to attend the presentation and receive the award personally, the member may identify someone to accept the award on their behalf.

4.6. SDM Responsibilities

Present the recipient of the award with a certificate and dangle recognizing the level achieved at any SDM or associate organization event.

If the “Live Lively – II, III, or IV” recipient is able to attend the presentation at a SDM hosted event, SDM will pay the registration fee for the event.

If the recipient is unable to attend the presentation and receive their award personally, SDM will arrange for presentation of the award at an associate organization event.

Maintain records that reflect the nominations received, whether approved, and if approved when the award was presented.

5. OP MANAGEMENT

- 5.1. This OP may be amended by a majority vote of the board directors. The maintenance of this OP is the responsibility of the Marketing Director, who will answer questions and make any required changes.