



Santa Clara Valley Square Dancers Association, Inc.

General Committee (Delegates) Meeting

29 July 2012

Draft Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Jim Davis at 1:10pm, at Mariani Square Townhouses and Lofts, in San Jose. Six out of seven member clubs were represented (Silver Buckles/Carnival Twirlers having sent e-mail saying they would not be able to attend).

Agenda

Without objection, it was agreed that time allocations in the agenda are to be considered actual limits, with the meeting proceeding to the next item when time expires unless there is a vote to extend time.

Minutes

The minutes of the 20 May 2012 meeting were approved without objection. Davis noted that there are still three meetings held during the time of the previous Secretary for which we do not have minutes.

Treasurer

Richard Boucher provided written reports. He noted that he had received dues from only 5 clubs so far, and that the 55th Jubilee account is still not closed. Davis asked that the reports be distributed in a way that makes the intended sequence clear. Davis said that he believed that the two remaining clubs would be paying their dues shortly. Joe Dehn said that the Jubilee registration counts reported by the Treasurer may not reflect all registrations, and that the Jubilee Committee should be providing more complete numbers.

SCVCA Liaison

Keith Ferguson said that SCVCA had not had a meeting since our last meeting. He noted that CALLERLAB is in the middle of their triennial review of the various program lists. He said that he and Jim Osborne are very concerned about the lack of new dancers, and that while he is glad to see many clubs having classes he thinks that all clubs should have a class or actively support another class, rather than rely on other clubs for this. He also said it was important for clubs to allow callers enough teaching time, at least 1.5 hours per week.

56th Jubilee

Anita Chen and David Westerman reported on plans for the upcoming Jubilee. Chen said that she expects a preliminary schedule to be available next week and that it will include eight of the Top Ten

callers, including Eric Henerlau. She asked for comments on featuring Henerlau in promoting the event. The general response was that he should not be featured over other Top Ten callers, with concerns including fair treatment among callers who are all volunteering their time, and the fact that Henerlau will be calling for only a very limited part of the schedule. Davis noted that this year we will be using stages provided by the school, rather than renting them. There was discussion of various remaining tasks and who will be taking responsibility for them.

Insurance

Donna Bookbinder distributed packets for various clubs. She said she had received rosters from all clubs except Top Cats and Silver Buckles/Carnival Twirlers, but that some clubs had not yet provided their requests for certificates. She is planning on attending the insurance workshop at the Council meeting in September.

Nominating Committee

Richard Boucher and Jane Bishop indicated that they are willing to serve for another term on the Board in their current positions.

Property

Davis reported on the location of the trailer and said that he and Jerry Janke have keys and that Janke has the registration and insurance information.

Whing Dings

Davis reported that the June Whing Ding had a surplus and that the attendance topping out at six squares was very good considering that it was at the same time as the National Square Dance Convention. He said that Sunnyvale Presbyterian Church was a good and convenient location. Ferguson noted that there will be updates in the caller/cuer assignments for the September Whing Ding and that they still don't have a cuer for the December Whing Ding.

Davis said that 2013 Whing Dings should be in March, June, August, and December; Ferguson said that SCVCA would vote on approving this at their next meeting. There was discussion of whether to have the August dance at the Ben Lomond slab again, and of other possible locations for Whing Dings. Davis noted that some venues may require us to pay in a way that is not consistent with our contract with SCVCA.

57th Jubilee

Without objection, Anita Chen and David Westerman were appointed General Chair for the 57th Jubilee.

Post Office Box

Boucher reported that the post office has moved to a location that is much less convenient for him. He will continue to check it frequently until Jubilee but only once or twice a month after that.

Accepting Credit Card Payments

Boucher reported that he is experimenting with the service offered by "square.com".

Electronic Deposits

Boucher asked if there would be objection to accepting bank deposits, e.g., from clubs, electronically, in the same way that some clubs now directly make paper deposits. Davis said he doesn't think we have any rule that would prohibit that.

Announcements

Announcements were made about the demos at the Sunnyvale Centennial, various August and September dances, and classes starting soon.

Next Meeting

Dehn reported that there were various problems with holding the next meeting on the previously scheduled date of 26 August, and suggested 23 September as an alternative. Without objection, the next meeting was re-scheduled for 23 September. [Note: This meeting did not take place.]

The meeting was adjourned at 2:52pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Joe Dehn, Secretary