



Santa Clara Valley Square Dancers Association, Inc.

General Committee (Delegates) Meeting

6 January 2013

Draft Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Jim Davis at 12:51pm, at Mariani Square Townhouses and Lofts, in San Jose. Six out of seven member clubs were represented at the start of the meeting, with all being represented shortly thereafter.

Attendance

Officers

President – Jim Davis

Treasurer – Richard Boucher

(Officers absent: Vice President – Gary Evans; Secretary – Joe Dehn)

Delegates

Belle Swingers – Natalie Wahl

Bows and Beaus – Donna Bookbinder, Bill Orrock

Krazy Dazys – Mary Jane Wegener (arrived during 55th Jubilee discussion)

Silver Buckles / Carnival Twirlers – Beverly Marci

Star Eights – Anita Chen, Dave Westerman

Sunnyvale Squares – Jane Bishop

Top Cats – Mary Gingell

Guests

Keith Ferguson (SCVCA)

With the Secretary absent due to illness, Gingell volunteered to take notes for him to be able to prepare minutes.

Minutes

Westerman moved and Chen seconded to approve the minutes of the 4 November 2012 meeting; the motion passed.

Treasurer

Boucher provided a written report, including a proposed budget. Without objection, the report was submitted to audit.

SCVCA Liaison

Ferguson reported that SCVCA is growing, with Joe Gonzalez and Roger Smith having joined in October, and Bob Steele and Wayne Janssen in December. He said that the caller schedule for the 2013 Whing Dings has been finalized, and that there will be at least two of the (2012) Top Ten Callers for each date.

56th Jubilee

Chen reported that a \$300 donation was made to the Gunderson athletic department.

Westerman reported that Boucher, as SCVSDA Treasurer, and Bookbinder, as 56th Jubilee Treasurer, have each produced a final report but that there is a \$200 discrepancy. Boucher said that he and Bookbinder had not been able to determine the cause. Davis suggested that it might be resolved by the auditor once the final reports have been received.

55th Jubilee

Davis stated that he would be closing the 55th Jubilee checking account in the next few weeks. He said that Jubilee lost money but that he would be making up the difference in order to return the \$1000 starting balance to the general fund.

57th Jubilee

There was discussion of the proposed budget for the 57th Jubilee. In response to a question from Davis about the proposed school expense being lower than for the 56th, Westerman said that was an error in the report – the number for the 56th should have been shown as \$2812, lower than the proposed amount for the 57th, rather than \$3286. The proposed flyer expense figure was amended to \$350. Westerman said he will provide the updated version by e-mail.

There was discussion of the Top Ten ballot. Chen moved and Bookbinder seconded to add Lawrence Johnstone if he is eligible and wants to be on the ballot, with Dehn to confirm; the motion passed.

Gingell moved and Bishop seconded to approve the proposed budget; the motion passed.

Westerman said that they are making plans for Mainstream and Relaxed Plus with "European Style" alternating tips. Ferguson urged that the format be clearly explained to the dancers. In response to a question from Gingell, Westerman stated that the budget includes an additional room with linoleum floors for this program.

There was discussion of the advertising banner, with Bishop indicating she would prefer a smaller one. Davis said he will check to see if he has the small banner used previously, and that he also has a frame that could be used for an intermediate-sized banner.

Insurance

Bookbinder said she had submitted requests for and received back all the club site certificates, except one which needed to be corrected. She also has the ones for all the SCVSDA dance sites.

Nominating

Orrock asked for clarification of his responsibilities. Davis said that at minimum the job is to propose a slate of officers, but he could do more if he wants. Davis also noted that the term limit for President is 2 years, unless nobody else is nominated. This committee is supposed to have five members.

Property

Davis reported that an "extra" key with USPS markings had been found on the Sunnyvale Presbyterian key ring, but it doesn't belong to the church. He will try to figure out if it is ours.

Davis said it is still on the Property Committee's to-do list to ask the Jankes to return their keys.

Davis noted that the Whing Ding supplies and the Jubilee water bottles and ceramic stands are stored in his private storage unit.

Whing Ding

Davis reported that the formal report for the December Whing Ding was not yet distributed but that it will show a net surplus of \$285. There were 5, possibly 6, squares at the peak, and those who attended seemed to have a good time. In response to a question from Ferguson, Davis said he will be submitting an ad for the March date to Squares 'Round the Bay. In response to a question from Orrock, Davis said suggestions for additional members of the committee are welcome but they need to be appointed by the President and approved by the Delegates.

Joint Whing Ding

Davis thanked Ferguson for his help producing flyers; Ferguson said it would be better if SCVSDA did it.

The location plans were reviewed: March at John Muir, June at Sunnyvale Presbyterian, August in Ben Lomond, and November at John Muir (not yet confirmed by school). Chen proposed using a church at 5th and Jackson in San Jose.

Future Meetings

Meetings for the remainder of 2013 were set for 3 March, 19 May, 21 July, 25 August, and 24 November, all starting at 12:30pm at Mariani Square.

Budget

Boucher noted that the \$10K figure for Jubilee is just a placeholder. Westerman moved and Chen seconded to approved the budget; the motion passed.

Jubilee Guidelines

The Bylaws Committee will be working on cleaning up the Jubilee Guidelines as well as the Standing Rules. Gingell was appointed to the Bylaws Committee.

Chen moved and Gingell seconded to amend the guideline regarding complimentary ribbons by replacing category 2, callers on the Top Ten ballot, with only the winners of the Top Ten ballot; the motion passed with one 'no' vote.

Thanksgiving Dance

Bishop moved and Wahl seconded that SCVSDA support the Thanksgiving Dance by paying the cost of the hall, up to \$450. She said that SCVSDA will be recognized verbally from the stage, but hasn't been listed on the flyer because of negative attitudes about the SCVSDA; she noted that no organization is mentioned on the flyer. Davis suggested that we pay for the flyers and put our logo on them. Gingell moved and Chen seconded to amend that "the hall for this dance was provided through the generosity of the Santa Clara Valley Square Dancers Association" be included on the flyer, in at minimum 6-point type; the amendment passed and the main motion passed.

Announcements

Various upcoming events and classes were announced.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:10pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Joe Dehn, Secretary