



Santa Clara Valley Square Dancers Association, Inc.
General Committee (Delegates) Meeting

21 July 2013

Draft Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Jim Davis at 12:48pm, at Mariani Square Townhouses and Lofts, in San Jose. Six out of seven member clubs were represented.

Attendance

Officers

President – Jim Davis
Vice President – Gary Evans
Secretary – Joe Dehn
Treasurer – Richard Boucher

Delegates

Belle Swingers – Natalie Wahl
Bows and Beaus – Donna Bookbinder, Bill Orrock
Krazy Dazys – Mary Jane Wegener
Silver Buckles / Carnival Twirlers – Beverly Marci
Star Eights – Anita Chen, Dave Westerman
Sunnyvale Squares – *none*
Top Cats – Mary Gingell

Guests

Keith Ferguson (SCVCA)

Minutes

The minutes of the 19 May 2013 meeting were approved without objection.

Treasurer

Boucher presented a written report. He said that he had received dues payments from Sunnyvale Squares and Top Cats. Wegener said that she had the payment for Star Eights ready to turn in and the one for Krazy Dazys was "almost ready".

Boucher clarified that his written report includes numbers for all financial assets, even though they are not presented in standard balance sheet form. In particular, the total line does not include the amount currently in a certificate of deposit.

SCVCA Liaison

Ferguson reported that the SCVCA had so far approved acceptance of the discounted SCVSDA member price for one Whing Ding only, and on condition of getting counts of attendance by category. Davis said that of the paid attendees at the June dance, 28 were SCVSDA members and 13 were not. Chen reported that the NCSDA Stampede which took place the same evening had only three squares. Davis expressed appreciation to SCVCA for working with us on this.

Ferguson reported that the November Whing Ding will have a "battle of the sexes" tip instead of an Advanced or "hot hash" tip.

Ferguson reported that SCVCA has been discussing the problem of increasing the dancer population; Jim Osborne sent out a message to dance leaders all around the area to determine interest in having a special meeting to discuss this but got very little response.

55th Jubilee

Davis reported that he still hopes to work with an auditing committee to be able to calculate the actual details of revenue and expenses, but that in the meantime the 55th Jubilee will be returning \$1000 to the general fund, with Gary Evans and himself contributing whatever is necessary to make up the difference, in order to zero out the books.

57th Jubilee

Chen reported that Jet Roberts, Romney Tannehill, and Rey Garza will be hired for the 58th Jubilee. No contracts have been signed yet, but they have agreed in principle.

Chen discussed the differences between herself and Dehn regarding the Sunday session price; she printed flyers showing it as \$15 while it was listed on the web page and in the online registration system as \$12. She presented reasons that she favored the \$15 price. Dehn explained that he posted the \$12 price shortly after the last meeting, because that's what was decided by the Delegates, and noted that this was consistent with earlier discussion of pricing within the Jubilee Committee. Dehn said that while he personally thought \$12 was the more appropriate price, that was not the real issue for him – the issue was that both the flyer and the web site should be showing whatever price had been formally decided upon. Chen said that she wasn't aware that the Delegates had voted to set the price because the process happened too quickly for her.

Orrock moved and Bookbinder seconded to change the price to \$15. Dehn said that he no longer wanted to be considered a member of the Jubilee Committee because it is not actually functioning as a committee. He clarified that this should not be taken as an argument for or against the pending motion, as he was no longer interested in participating in that capacity regardless of which price ended up being chosen. The motion passed.

Bylaws

Dehn summarized his written report, and explained that he would be asking for a separate vote on each proposal later in the meeting. Evans asked if this would include removing language about alcohol. Dehn explained that the proposal in question was to remove from our Bylaws the entire text of an old version of a USDA "code of ethics", which did mention alcohol, along with references to that text, not

specifically to change any policy regarding alcohol.

Demo Dances

Evans reported that the demo at the Sunnyvale Art and Wine Festival went well, with two squares in attendance. Dehn noted that there is a video [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_kvf6fWOQ44] of this.

There was brief discussion of dancing at the Santa Clara County Fair coming up at the beginning of August. Ferguson urged classes to provide flyers. Dehn said he planned to make the usual flyer listing all upcoming classes. Somebody needs to bring the flyer board.

Insurance

Bookbinder reported that she will be sending clubs some important information by e-mail. She noted that there will be a training session regarding insurance at the upcoming state Council meeting, which is scheduled for the same weekend as Jubilee, and asked if there was anybody who wants to attend on behalf of SCVSDA.

Bookbinder reported that somebody who is running an upcoming state convention asked for her help in gathering e-mail addresses of all club members to create a mailing list. Gingell moved that we not supply this information. Dehn noted that we have a standing rule that our membership lists are confidential and not to be used for other than SCVSDA purposes. He also recommended care in maintaining mailing lists used for advertising, both with respect to adding people and with respect to limiting the amount of traffic, citing his handling of the Jubilee Update list as an example, and expressed concern that if we send everybody's address to somebody outside SCVSDA we would have no control about how those addresses would be used. Boucher suggested that we could put info about this mailing list on our web site inviting people to voluntarily subscribe. Davis said that this project was discussed at the last Council meeting and rejected by the affiliates. The motion to not provide member e-mail addresses passed.

Property

Davis said Jerry Janke still has a key to the trailer. Chen said that she may see him at Swinging 21ers and will ask him for it.

Whing Ding

Davis said that attendance at the June dance was good considering it was a hot day and there was also a Stampede. He said flyers are available for the August dance, and that the information had been sent to Squares 'Round the Bay.

Ferguson said that it has been suggested that we hold the November dance at Resurrection Lutheran Church. There was discussion of possible issues with this, including the size of the hall and how a variable rental amount would interact with the contract we have with SCVCA. Chen suggested that we consider using Wesley United Methodist Church near 5th and Jackson.

California Square Dance Council

Davis said he would send out copies of the minutes of the May meeting when he gets them. He is still seeking somebody who could represent us at Council meetings, now that he and Sue will be serving as Council officers.

Vice President

Evans requested that the subject of the Thanksgiving dance be on the agenda for the next meeting.

Amendments to Bylaws and Standing Rules

Dehn asked for votes on the proposals described in the Bylaws Committee report and accompanying clean-up draft. He suggested a 3-minute time limit for debate on each item, with the option to defer consideration of an item if more discussion than that seemed to be required.

The omnibus spelling/formatting proposal was approved.

The omnibus minor wording changes proposal was approved.

Proposal D, concerning membership cards, was approved.

Proposal E, concerning our geographic area, was approved.

During the discussion of Proposal F, concerning removal of the text of the old USDA "code of ethics", Evans asked that the Bylaws Committee draft language that could be included in our rules addressing alcohol and other drugs, and also sexual harassment. Proposal F was approved.

Proposal G, concerning individual memberships, was approved.

Proposal H, concerning open meetings, was approved.

Proposal I, concerning the purpose and procedures for Standing Rules, was approved.

The related proposed amendment to the Standing Rules was approved.

Proposal J, relating to Board of Directors voting, was approved.

Proposal K, relating to incoming mail, was approved.

Proposal L, relating to the end of a Treasurer's term, was approved.

Proposal M, relating to the Jubilee Treasurer, was approved.

Proposal N, relating to the Junior Past President, was approved.

Proposal O, relating to temporary filling of the office of Treasurer, was approved.

Proposal P, relating to the Dancing at the Fair Committee, was approved.

Proposal Q, relating to the Advisory Committee, was approved.

Announcements

Various upcoming events were announced.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:23pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Joe Dehn, Secretary