



Santa Clara Valley Square Dancers Association, Inc.

General Committee (Delegates) Meeting

27 April 2014

Draft Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Jim Davis at 12:54pm, at Mariani Square Townhouses and Lofts, in San Jose. All seven member clubs were represented.

Attendance

Officers

President – Jim Davis
Vice President – Donna Bookbinder
Secretary – Joe Dehn
Treasurer – Richard Boucher

Delegates

Belle Swingers – Natalie Wahl
Bows and Beaus – Mary Knoppe, Louis Bookbinder
Krazy Dazys – Mary Jane Wegener
Silver Buckles / Carnival Twirlers – Beverly Marci
Star Eights – Anita Chen, Dave Westerman
Sunnyvale Squares – Jane Bishop
Top Cats – Mary Gingell, Sue Lietz-Davis

Guests

Keith Ferguson (SCVCA)

Treasurer

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

SCVCA Liaison

Ferguson reported that SCVCA had amended their standing rules to provide that there should be three callers scheduled for each Whing Ding, other than the Caller Appreciation Dance. They had previously decided to try this policy for this year – the new action makes this policy permanent.

He requested that the matter of payments for past Whing Dings be resolved by the end of April.

He reported that many SCVCA members attended the CALLERLAB convention. There were several sessions relating to marketing. There was also a session on cooperation among different parts of the square dance activity.

Calendar

Dehn provided a sample one-page info sheet, listing SCVSDA board members, committee chairs, and member clubs, and asked for corrections and feedback on what other information might be useful to add.

Demo Dances

Bishop mentioned that there will be dancing at the county fair, and that Bows and Beaus had participated in the Mountain View parade.

General Dance Program

Dehn provided a written report and summarized the main points thereof. He distributed rebate checks to the various clubs whose members participated in the General Dances so far.

In response to a question from Ferguson about the scheduling of out-of-area callers, Dehn explained that these cases were already listed publicly on the calendar so they aren't "secret", but that he doesn't plan to announce them otherwise until the local callers have been assigned for other upcoming dances, so that the whole schedule can be presented as a complete plan. He noted that scheduling these particular callers had been approved by a vote of the Board, as provided for in the standing rules. Davis pointed out that the result of this vote should be included with the minutes.

Gingell said she is looking for help in dealing with the food for the June dance, because she is not going to be able to attend that one. She is planning to approach Bows and Beaus to see if they would be willing to take this on as a group.

57th Jubilee

In response to a question from Davis, Chen confirmed that the e-mail that she had sent to some people after the February meeting constituted her final report. Davis asked that it be included with the minutes of this meeting, and that once everybody had thereby "received" it the business of the 57th Jubilee should be considered finished.

59th Jubilee

Davis urged that somebody volunteer to be General Chair for next year's Jubilee.

Property

There was further discussion of keys, with the conclusion being that all those not currently known to be in somebody's possession should be considered to have been lost. At this point, Davis and D. Bookbinder have the only two remaining sets of trailer keys, and Boucher has the only remaining PO box key.

Davis described how the trailer had to be moved so that the storage place could do some work on their property. D. Bookbinder said she didn't see much in the trailer that would be useful to Jubilee, so she doesn't think it makes sense to bring the trailer to the Jubilee site, and some of the items should be cleaned out. Davis said that the Jubilee Committee should review the contents to determine which

items they might find useful.

Whing Ding

Davis said he has a partial report on recent Whing Dings that identifies which information is missing. In particular, he has no information regarding the dance held 29 December 2012. He said we probably also owe Squares 'Round the Bay for some ads.

California Square Dance Council

Davis said he had distributed by e-mail the minutes of the last Council meeting. He said that L. Bookbinder had made presentations about GDP and they were well-received. He noted that there is another meeting coming up Mother's Day Weekend and asked if anybody is willing to attend as our representative, otherwise he may ask Nancy Dillon to represent us.

President

Davis reported the results of the Top Ten Callers ballot.

Treasurer

Boucher said it is important that anyone who handles funds maintain appropriate records so that we don't end up with missing information.

Directors

The three Directors reported on their personal square dance activities. There was a brief discussion of groups having trouble avoiding conflicts in scheduling dances (club hoedowns, General Dances, newer dancer hoedowns) in the spring of 2015.

Dues and Insurance

Boucher noted that he was supposed to send a letter to the clubs about the dues and insurance amounts for the upcoming year. Knoppe moved to keep them at \$8 for dues and \$4 for insurance. The motion passed. Ferguson said that even though there has been no change, the treasurer of Bows and Beaus would like an official notice of this. Bishop said there is a club that might want to rejoin the association but would like a one-page statement of why they should do so.

NCSDA Calendar Listing Policy

Dehn reported that NCSDA has a new policy requiring payment for listing of non-NCSDA events in their online calendar. Davis said that, after consulting with the Board, he sent them a note proposing reciprocity (that we won't charge them if they won't charge us) – he received a response that they would consider this at their next meeting. Dehn suggested some actions that he could take if they don't agree to this. Knoppe moved and Chen seconded that the President must authorize any response on our part. The motion passed by a vote of 6 to 3.

58th Jubilee

D. Bookbinder asked that Sandy Hastings and Jim Gray be added to the committee. In response to a question from Gingell, she clarified that Bishop was already a member of the committee. The addition of these two members was approved without objection. In response to a request for clarification about job titles, Dehn said that the Delegates were only approving addition of people as members of the committee, and that assignment of specific job titles is an internal matter for the committee to decide.

A revised 58th Jubilee budget was distributed. Chen said she thinks the budget should include an amount for a donation to the school. Westerman moved and Chen seconded to approve the revised budget as presented; the motion passed.

Announcements

Various upcoming events were announced.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:46pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Joe Dehn, Secretary

Attachment – Board Electronic Vote Re General Dance Callers

Date: 28 February 2014

Motion: To approve Scot Byars and Michael Kellogg as meeting the popularity criterion for General Dance callers.

Vote requested by: Joe Dehn, Mary Gingell

Votes in favor:

Jane Bishop, Donna Bookbinder, Richard Boucher, Joe Dehn, Mary Gingell, Mary Jane Wegener

Votes against:

(none)

Not voting:

Jim Davis

Voting period ended: 7 March 2014.

Motioned passed 6:0

Attachment - 57th Jubilee Report

Date: Sat, 22 Feb 2014 23:15:12 -0800

Subject: the 57th Jubilee

From: Anita Chen <ahhpandas@gmail.com>

To: 57th Jubilee Full Committee <jubilee-committee@scvsda.org>, Sue Lietz-Davis <sue.ldavis@gmail.com>

Again I was diligent to have secured both halls and rooms ready for our set up on Friday. There was a glitch in the Gym on Friday - a double booking until 8 PM. I consulted with Gary Evans, Gary advised me to take care of it, because it was my Jubilee and I did. Gary was not feeling well yet he was at the school with other wonderful volunteers to have set up the 2 halls on Friday. Rich Reel again was most helpful in many ways, Rich Reel, David Westerman, Louis Bookbinder, Jim Davis, and a couple of non-committee dancers worked hard for the tear down at the end. We ordered too many pizzas for dinner on Saturday; however, I was able to sell some left over pizzas, also gave away pizzas to the custodians and they actually worked for 45 minutes without charging the Jubilee. There was no wasted pizza. Again, I would like to extend my sincere appreciation to all people who helped including some did not dance at the Jubilee.

For the second year both Dave and I joined in on the sales of the ribbons, I was able to recruit more help including Sue Kabage and Dennis Grohnke who were our NorCal liaison. We found that many NorCal dancers thought the Jubilee was in October, but all remembered the Jubilee has been held in San Jose, the heart of the Silicon Valley.

Upon request I've made suggestion for 5 locations for the 58th Jubilee. It turned out the 5th location is actually the most suitable for there are large halls and many rooms, the Burnett School is in between Mission and Hedding in San Jose, it is located in a suburb of San Jose, in a nice residential area. There are many hotels and motels nearby and give free shuttles to the San Jose Airport. Dry RV parking is allowed. Many restaurants are nearby. It is in the San Jose Unified School District and the low application fee would be transferable. Burnett School could also be working out for the repeated location which was the wish of the current new Chairs. This location offers an easy access from major freeways. Couple of people expressed concerns about the neighborhood being safe. Burnett school is in a low crime area and there is no place that is crime free.

Dave and I felt honored to have served the Jubilee. For achieving my goal I also found that giving presents is another way for people to remember me and my mission to get things done.

Go Jubilee!!

Anita Chen, David Westerman

57th Jubilee General Chairs