



Santa Clara Valley Square Dancers Association, Inc.

General Committee (Delegates) Meeting

19 May 2013

Draft Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Jim Davis at 12:39pm, at Mariani Square Townhouses and Lofts, in San Jose. Five out of seven member clubs were represented at the start of the meeting, with all being represented later.

Attendance

Officers

President – Jim Davis

Secretary – Joe Dehn

(Officers absent: Vice President – Gary Evans; 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 (arrived during Treasurer's report)

Star Eights – Anita Chen, Dave Westerman

Sunnyvale Squares – Jane Bishop (arrived during Treasurer's report)

Top Cats – Mary Gingell

Guests

Keith Ferguson (SCVCA)

Minutes

The minutes of the 3 March 2013 meeting were approved without objection.

Treasurer

The Treasurer was not present but provided a partial written report. It was noted that this did not include either the typical YTD income statement, an overall balance sheet, or a membership report. Without objection, the report was submitted to audit.

SCVCA Liaison

Ferguson reported that the SCVCA met 7 April. They lost one member who is taking a hiatus from calling. He said that there are now seven callers scheduled for the Caller Appreciation dance, and that "purple heart" badges will be available. The November dance will have a "battle of the sexes" tip instead of an Advanced tip. Starting in 2014 they will schedule three callers per Whing Ding instead of

four (except the Caller Appreciation dance).

55th Jubilee

Davis reported that a final financial report is not yet available.

56th Jubilee

Bookbinder provided an updated financial/sales report. She said that the only difference from what had been reported by the SCVSDA Treasurer is that he apparently deposited \$100 for this Jubilee for which he does not have a record of the source; this amount is therefore being shown as a "donation" in her report. There were 220 total ribbons sold, including 145 full-weekend ribbons. Davis said this closes the business of the 56th Jubilee.

57th Jubilee

Bookbinder provided a proposed revision of the budget. Some corrections were noted with respect to the headings (specifically, which columns represent 2012 actual amounts). There was discussion of adding a \$500 expense line for pizza and/or making changes to the "food" line to reflect the inclusion of costs like cups. Chen expressed concern that sales were slow and so might not match the budgeted revenue amounts.

Chen said that there will be Mainstream dancing on Saturday and she wants to be able to sell ribbons for this at Golden State; she suggested a \$34 price for Saturday, noting that this will include the pizza, and saying that she wanted to reduce the spread between the Saturday price and the full weekend price.

Gingell moved to adopt the proposed budget with the addition of \$500 for dinner and changing the "food: water/donuts" line to "hospitality" with an amount of \$75; the motion passed.

Bylaws

Dehn provided a written report, covering amendments to the Bylaws, Standing Rules, and Jubilee Guidelines to be voted on at this meeting (the Bylaws proposals having been submitted at the previous meeting), along with a "cleanup" draft of the Bylaws. He reviewed the additional Bylaws proposals documented in this draft, to be voted on at the next meeting.

Demo Dances

There was discussion of the upcoming demo at the Sunnyvale Art and Wine Festival, being coordinated by Sunnyvale Squares. Ferguson reported that Bows and Beaus participated in the Mountain View parade. Bishop said there had just been a demo in San Martin.

Insurance

There was discussion of the dues/insurance amounts and deadlines. The amounts have not changed (\$8 for dues, \$4 for insurance). Payments are "due" 1 June. In response to a question from Ferguson, Bookbinder said that payment any time in June or July would still not be considered delinquent.

Bookbinder reminded everybody that clubs should notify her immediately when they add new

members; she should not be seeing such names for the first time when the annual payment is made.

Nominating

Orrock said he has not yet found anybody willing to replace the current Board members. Davis said that if the pending Bylaws amendment is adopted, elections this year will be in August. Dehn noted that the Bylaws report included a draft yearly calendar of business events/deadlines; Ferguson and Gingell said they had already both found it useful.

Property

Davis said that he has heard that Jerry Janke is dancing again, and that he will continue trying to recover the keys that are in Janke's possession.

Whing Ding

In response to a question from Ferguson, Davis said that the ad for the June dance had not yet been submitted to Squares 'Round the Bay. Ferguson said that SCVSDA clubs should be pushing the Whing Dings since they are our dances.

Ferguson listed the potential Whing Ding dates for 2014: 29 March, 31 May, 30 August, and 29 November. To hold a dance on 30 August would require approval of both associations; he recommended waiting to see how it goes this year with the dance on Labor Day weekend before making a decision.

There was discussion of how to make Whing Dings more attractive; ideas mentioned including having themes and offering a discount for SCVSDA members. Ferguson said that such a discount could be implemented either if both associations agreed to accept the lower amount or if SCVSDA simply paid the difference. Chen moved to give SCVSDA members a \$1 discount and ask SCVCA to accept that price, but in the meantime pay the difference if they don't agree. The motion passed.

California Square Dance Council

Davis reported that he and Sue Lietz-Davis were elected Northern Vice President. They were also selected to serve as Membership Chairman.

He reported that the 501c3 corporation set up for the 58th NSDC was continuing as a vehicle for handling charitable contributions relating to square dancing at the state level, such as the youth scholarship fund. This is legally separate from the state Council, but Council officers are on its board of directors.

President

Davis said that he has been asked about the meaning of "excused absence". He said that his interpretation is that this means pre-notification with some reasonable-sounding explanation. He said if other people think it should mean something else they should speak up.

Directors

The Directors reported that they have been dancing at various clubs and events.

Amendments to Bylaws, Standing Rules, and Jubilee Guidelines

Dehn asked for votes on the three proposals to amend the Bylaws that were submitted at the last meeting and identified by letter in the current Bylaws Committee report, concerning:

- [A] board membership in other organizations
- [B] annual meeting date
- [C] appointment of Nominating Committee

These were all approved by a 2/3 vote.

Dehn asked for votes on the three proposals to amend the Standing Rules described in the Bylaws Committee report, concerning:

- parliamentarian
- Buckskin
- reimbursement requests

These were all approved by a 2/3 vote.

Dehn asked for a vote on the proposal described in the Bylaws Committee report to reorder certain paragraphs in the Jubilee Guidelines. The proposal was approved.

Dehn asked for and received confirmation from Delegates representing all clubs that they had received a copy of the Bylaws working draft, containing the changes to be voted on at the next meeting.

Jubilee Session Prices

Chen said she needed this to be decided in order to be able to sell ribbons at Golden State Round Up. Davis said we should have an updated version of the flyer with all the session prices ready by that time.

Gingell moved and Bishop seconded to have the same session prices as last year. Arguments in favor included: that there was general support for these price levels among the Jubilee Committee when they met in person, that there didn't seem to be a functioning mechanism to discuss alternatives within the Jubilee Committee between meetings, that without a specific decision the prices might be changed without the Jubilee Committee having a chance to discuss it, and that the session prices need to appear reasonable for people who really only want to come for part of the event. Arguments against included that a \$34 price for all day Saturday would be more appropriate (than \$30) because there will be pizza, because it wouldn't be too much to break anybody's budget, and because a \$14 spread (between \$30 and the full weekend price of \$44) was too large and makes it harder to sell full weekend ribbons. It was noted that if the \$30 price were made available now, then for the remainder of May including at Golden State there would be an opportunity to sell full-weekend ribbons as being a bargain with only a \$10 spread, since the \$40 "Early Bird" price would still be in effect until then. It was noted that the Jubilee Committee had concluded that with a \$30 Saturday price, there wouldn't be any need for a special Mainstream price, and that this price would also take care of C-1 dancers who weren't interested in coming for more than one day.

The motion was re-stated to have session prices only for Friday evening, Saturday daytime, Saturday evening, Saturday all day, Sunday, and for the round dance teaches, with all the amounts the same as last year, with no special price for Mainstream or Relaxed Plus. Westerman moved to amend by deleting the price for the round dance teaches, saying it wasn't necessary. The amendment passed. The main motion passed.

Special Price for Local Callers

Gingell moved and Bookbinder seconded to send a letter to callers who were on the Top Ten ballot but were not elected as Top Ten and who do not otherwise qualify for a comp ribbon, offering them the opportunity to buy a ribbon at the Gold Rush price (\$35). The reason for this is that as the Jubilee Guidelines stood during the Gold Rush period, they would have been qualified for a comp ribbon simply by being on the ballot, so they had no reason to consider making use of that price at that time. The motion passed.

Announcements

There was discussion of the Buckskin and what would be involved in making a new one. Bookbinder volunteered to help work on it.

Various upcoming events were announced.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:26pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Joe Dehn, Secretary