



Santa Clara Valley Square Dancers Association, Inc.

General Committee (Delegates) Meeting

16 February 2014

Draft Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Jim Davis at 12:46pm, at Mariani Square Townhouses and Lofts, in San Jose. Five out of seven member clubs were represented at the start of the meeting, with a representative of one additional club joining the meeting later.

Attendance

Officers

President – Jim Davis

Vice President – Donna Bookbinder

Secretary – Joe Dehn

(Officers absent: Treasurer – Richard Boucher)

Delegates

Belle Swingers – Natalie Wahl

Bows and Beaus – Al Knoppe, Mary Knoppe, Louis Bookbinder

Krazy Dazys – Mary Jane Wegener *(arrived during the SCVCA report)*

Star Eights – Anita Chen, Dave Westerman

Sunnyvale Squares – Jane Bishop

Top Cats – Mary Gingell, Sue Lietz-Davis

(Clubs not represented: Silver Buckles / Carnival Twirlers)

Guests

Keith Ferguson (SCVCA)

Minutes

The minutes of the 24 November 2013 meeting were approved without objection.

Treasurer

Boucher was not present but provided a written report. Davis indicated interest in seeing a presentation of performance vs. budget. Davis clarified that the totals for Whing Dings are not up to date because data for two of the dances are still somewhere in his living room, and that the SCVCA's share only normally gets paid once a year anyway. M. Knoppe moved and Gingell seconded that the report be submitted to audit; the motion passed without objection.

SCVCA Liaison

Ferguson reported that the SCVCA held elections and so there are some new officers: Roger Smith is

now the Vice President, Meg Ferguson is now the Secretary, and Keith Ferguson is now the Program Chair. Jim Osborne is still President and Phil Harris is still Treasurer.

He said that SCVCA has decided to sponsor a newer dancer hoedown in January 2015. They will have an internal straw poll to decide who should call it. He noted that calling for such hoedowns takes certain skills, because the list of calls is not a standard list and may require some adaptation on the fly.

He said it would be good if the reconciliation of the Whing Ding funds could be done by April so it doesn't become an issue with their new officers.

He asked if SCVSDA has an official "liaison" person to SCVCA; Davis said it can be whoever is appointed by the President.

Calendar

Dehn asked that everybody submit information about dances as soon as they have it, rather than waiting until the end of the preceding year. He noted that many events are already on the calendar for 2015. Davis added that if there is a general scheduling rule for a dance (e.g, 1st Saturday of January) it would be useful to have that information also. In response to a question about dances for which the location is not yet known, Dehn clarified that as long as the date is set the information is useful and should be submitted, as other information can be easily added later.

Ferguson suggested that if there isn't going to be a full printed calendar we could consider having a one-page document that covers the kind of non-calendar information that was included with the printed calendar.

Demo Dances

Davis said that he gets various requests for demo dances or callers, and he generally sends them to Jim Osborne or to Ferguson, or to NCSDA depending on location.

General Dance Program

Dehn provided a written report. He reviewed the main points of the report, which covered the experience with two dances so far and plans for future dances. He said the dances were as well attended as he expected at this stage of the project, and seemed able to pay for themselves. He explained the plan to provide member clubs with a \$1 per person "rebate" based on attendance by dues-paying members.

Insurance

D. Bookbinder reported that she has received certificates for all of the facilities currently being used, has distributed some of them already, and is in the process of distributing the rest. She asked that people let her know about any new facilities that come into use. She also passed out copies of the accident report form.

In response to a question about what is covered by the insurance, Davis explained that the main benefit is liability coverage which is required for renting many facilities, and that the supplementary accident coverage applies only when a person is actually at the dance.

57th Jubilee

Chen again thanked the members of her committee. Gingell asked if there was still going to be a written report provided by e-mail, as indicated at the previous meeting.

Top Ten Ballot

Wegener explained circumstances that made it difficult for her to conduct the ballot at Krazy Dazys and Star Eights by the end of February deadline. Davis said there had been a suggestion that absentee balloting be used to address this, but that this is not allowed by the rules. There was a discussion of likely dates for the ballot-counting session. Gingell moved and M. Knoppe seconded to extend the deadline for this year until 9 March; the motion passed by a vote of 9 to 1.

58th Jubilee

D. Bookbinder said she is still looking for more people to join the committee to help put on this event, which is scheduled for 12-14 September 2014. She requested approval of the following additions to the committee: Dave Westerman, willing to serve as Program Chair; Joe Dehn, willing to work on the history display and online publicity; Louis Bookbinder, willing to work on facilities setup; Anita Chen, willing to work on facilities search and liaison; and Mary Gingell, willing to work on the comp ribbons. These were approved without objection.

She reported that the location has not yet been determined but should be soon. At a meeting of the committee yesterday it was decided to submit an application for Burnett Middle School, as long as a visit by several committee members did not uncover any serious problems. Other possibilities to be investigated are Camden Community Center and Sunnyvale Presbyterian Church, although these might mean significant limitations on the schedule. Assuming the location has enough halls, GDP sessions will be included; otherwise the program is likely to be similar to last time.

Chen mentioned the need to find a facility for the CSDC meeting scheduled for that weekend. Davis noted that there is a \$400 allowance for that, so if we could somehow include that in the school rental it could be financially neutral or even positive, and that with these people in town we might have more of them participating in Jubilee and using hotel room nights.

59th Jubilee

D. Bookbinder said we still need somebody to step up to be the General Chair for this. She noted that the featured callers and cuers have not yet been selected so if somebody volunteers now they will have a chance to pick them.

Nominating

Davis reported that Bill Orrock is no longer able to chair this committee. He said that although it isn't urgent at this time of year to have this committee for nominating officers, they could be helpful with respect to finding a 59th Jubilee Chair.

Property

There appears to still be disagreement about who has keys for the trailer.

Whing Ding

Davis commented on the upcoming 29 March "Presidents Ball" Whing Ding, where SCVSDA club presidents and their dance partners get in free. Ferguson said that in the past the association sent a personal invitation to each club president. Davis asked the delegates to communicate this invitation to their respective club presidents.

Joint Whing Ding

Davis noted that the payments to SCVCA have not yet been brought up to date. He said that because Jane has been able to arrange use of Sunnyvale Presbyterian Church for recent dances, there has been more money to share than when we were using a more expensive hall. Jane will be checking with them about availability for future dances.

California Square Dance Council

Bookbinder reported that at the recent Council meeting various associations reported on their efforts to figure out what can be done to build interest in square dancing. They were informed of what we are doing with GDP and there was much interest in that. The Council approved contributing \$1000 to a project in San Diego in which MBA students will do some market analysis. Davis said that ARTS is also contributing \$1000 to this project and that SDSDA has guaranteed the total \$5000 cost but they are still looking for additional contributions.

Directors

The three Directors reported on their personal square dance activities. Bishop reported that George Holser, a past SCVSDA President, had died.

Thanksgiving Dance

There was another discussion of the way this is supported. Ferguson said he would be bringing the subject up at the April SCVCA meeting. Bishop said it was possible that the line dancers would not be participating this year.

Announcements

Various upcoming events were announced. Davis noted the flyers on the table for many events and asked that people bring them to their clubs. Dehn asked that people bring flyers for the next General Dance to events in nearby areas.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:28pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Joe Dehn, Secretary