

SCVSDA General Meeting

March 26, 2022

Meeting held via Zoom

Minutes (Draft)

10:44 am MJ Wegener called the meeting to order.

Agenda (Attachment A)

Attendees: Mary Jane Wegener (President), Joe Dehn (Vice President), Mary Gingell (Secretary), Jim Davis (Treasurer); Michael Egan and Kurt Gollhardt (Advanced Squares); Natalie Wahl (Belle Swingers), Vicki Campagna and Sharon Storms (Bows and Beaus), Sue Kayton (Interlocked Squares), Jane Bishop and Phil Harris (arrived later) (Lucky Steppers); Richard Wegener (Star Eights), Sue Lietz-Davis (Top Cats); Keith Ferguson (SCVCA Liaison); and PACE NorCal absent (but Sue Kayton will speak for them).

Announce parliamentarian (MJ Wegener): Joe Dehn agreed to serve.

Introduce new attendees (MJ Wegener): Sue Kayton from Interlocked Squares

Confirm quorum (Gingell/Davis): 7 of 8 clubs represented, 9 individuals voting, we have quorum.

Approve outstanding General Committee minutes from January 15, 2022 (Gingell): Sent electronically (Attachment B). Campagna moved approval, Wahl seconded, motion carried.

Officer Reports

President (MJ Wegener): Report sent electronically (Attachment C).

Vice President (Dehn): No report.

Secretary (Gingell): No report.

Treasurer (Davis): Report sent electronically (Attachment D).

Davis confirmed that no money has been paid out since 12/13/21. Davis reported that he still needs to pay the SCVCA for their share of the

November Whing Ding and the post office box renewal is due. He mentioned that the PO box is expensive and the Board will be considering other options. Campagna asked if there is an alternative to the PO box. Davis reported that one alternative is to use an officer's address and offered the Lietz-Davis address for this purpose. Discussion ensued, including the ideas of a private mailbox, other possible addresses, or getting a PO box for multiple area square dance uses. Gollhardt would be willing to investigate the idea of having SCVSDA and SCVCA share one box.

Wahl moved to submit the Treasurer's report to audit, Kayton seconded, motion carried.

Directors' Reports

Bishop: No report sent electronically.

Lietz-Davis: No report.

Storms: Report sent electronically (Attachment E).

Committee Reports

Audit (MJ Wegener): No report.

Beginner Classes Initiatives (Dehn): Report sent electronically (Attachment F).

ByLaws (Dehn): Report sent electronically (Attachments G).

The ByLaws proposal regarding membership year (Attachment H) presented and discussed at the last meeting passed without objection. Davis asked for clarification that this change takes effect immediately, which is the case. MJ Wegener stated that we would determine the dues for 2023 at our June 2022 meeting.

Calendar (Davis/Dehn): No report sent electronically.

Dancing at the Fair (Livezey) : No report.

Jane Bishop reported that as of last Monday Doris had received no new information about this year's Fair.

Demo Dances (vacant): No report.

General Dance Program (Dehn): Report sent electronically (Attachment I).

Wahl asked about the possibility of a Running Bear Dance. Dehn will look into the timing of this, possibly in May, and will talk to callers Osborne and Henerlau about their availability. Egan urged us to do this as a way to “shake people out of their houses” and get them back to dancing again.

Historian (Dehn): No report.

Insurance (Davis): No report sent electronically.

Jubilee 64th Exploratory Committee (Bookbinder, Davis, Dehn, Gingell, Lietz-Davis): No report sent electronically.

Date not yet set but Swingin' 21ers has asked us not to hold it on the weekend including October 8 because they have a benefit dance scheduled. Lucky Steppers already has a weekend event scheduled on October 14-15 so they ask that we not hold it then. Harvest Hoedown is October 21-23. The exploratory committee needs to get moving on this if we are holding a Jubilee this year. Wegener suggested that if we don't have plans by June we won't have a Jubilee this year.

Nominating (Davis): No report.

Property (Davis): No report.

Publicity (Storms): Report sent electronically (Attachment J).

Storms had asked about the “Where's the Dance” website and whether SCVSDA activities should be listed there. Dehn is working to update the listings on this website for several clubs and SCVSDA events and Kayton will update the Advanced Squares listings. Lucky Steppers and Star Eights had not typically listed their activities there even before the pandemic. Bishop will mention this to Phil Harris for Lucky Steppers. Gollhardt recommended checking NCSDA and Ceder.net to make sure those listings are up to date as well.

Lucky Steppers and Star Eights do not currently have websites. Kayton offered free web hosting for them. Dehn pointed out that information on websites will only be current if someone at each club keeps the person doing the website updated on the information. Egan urged everyone to announce local dances at their clubs to support these dances as they are coming back.

Discussion ensued about communicating with all the local clubs, and digital vs. physical flyer distribution vs. actually visiting clubs to advertise dances, as well as sending out information via Google Groups vs. individual mailing lists. Storms will work on centralizing dissemination of this information via a separate meeting with herself, Dehn, Gollhardt, and Kayton.

Webmaster (Dehn): No report.

Whing Ding (Davis): No report sent electronically.

There is a Callers Appreciation Whing Ding scheduled for April 30. Ferguson indicated that Bob Elling will no longer be calling at this dance and Sue Harris will no longer be a cuer. Dehn will distribute a flyer for this dance at the ECR Vic Ceder dance this evening.

Phil Harris (Lucky Steppers) arrived at 12:08 pm.

Other Reports

Thanksgiving Turkey Dance (Bishop) : No report sent electronically.

SCVCA Liaison (Dehn, Ferguson, Gollhardt) : No report sent electronically.

Ferguson reported that since the January Whing Ding was cancelled those callers were reassigned to Whing Dings in July and November. The November dance will be the Presidents Ball.

CCSD (Davis): No report sent electronically.

Davis will send out the minutes of their last meeting when they are published. Their next meeting is in May in Roseville. Davis and Lietz-Davis will attend in person but Davis is pushing for this meeting to allow voting by members attending via Zoom (the previous meeting did not allow Zoom participants to vote).

Other Old Business

Progress on reinstatement of tax-exempt status (MJ Wegener): Report sent electronically (Letter of Incorporation) (Attachment K).

She still needs the final financial statements from the past four years from the Treasurer. We will discuss this further at the Board meeting. Kayton

offered to help MJ Wegener with some technical issues regarding this process.

New Business

Top Ten Ballot (Dehn): Voting is in progress at all clubs, ballots are due to be turned in by April 30. We need to determine when we will count the ballots.

Announcements

Ice Cream Fling Thing will be held June 4 at John Muir. Bishop has tickets for that dance.

Next General Committee meeting will be June 25.

12:23 pm MJ Wegener adjourned the General Committee meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Gingell
Secretary