

SCVSDA General Meeting

September 17, 2022

Meeting held via Zoom

Minutes (Draft)

Meeting room will be open at 10:00 am

10:40 am President 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); David Westerman (Advanced Squares); Natalie Wahl (Belle Swingers), Vicky Campagna and Sharon Storms (Bows and Beaus), Phil Harris (Lucky Steppers); Richard Wegener (Star Eights); Sue Lietz-Davis (Top Cats)

Absent: PACE NorCal, Interlocked Squares , SCVCA Liaison,

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

Introduce new attendees (MJ Wegener): none

Confirm quorum (Gingell/Davis): 6 of 8 clubs represented, 7 individuals voting, we have quorum.

Approve outstanding General Committee minutes from June 2022 (Gingell): Sent electronically (Attachment B). Harris moved approval, Westerman seconded, motion carried.

Officer Reports

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

Vice President (Dehn) : Report sent electronically (Attachment D).

Secretary (Gingell): No report.

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

MJ Wegener is working with Davis to revise some of the wording in his Treasurer's report. He will send a revised report out to clubs@scvsda.org when they have resolved her concerns.

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

Director's Reports

Bishop: No report.

Lietz-Davis: No report sent electronically.

Storms: Report sent electronically (Attachment F).

Committee Reports

Audit (MJ Wegener): No report sent electronically. Motion by Lietz-Davis to appoint the current Board as the Audit Committee. Harris seconded. Motion carried. Schedule for conducting the audit will be determined in the board meeting after this meeting.

Beginner Classes Initiatives (Dehn): Report sent electronically (Attachment G). Storms thanked Dehn for the list of classes he provided and has passed them along to people who have asked for information about where they can learn square dancing. Dehn pointed out that the State Council website has a comprehensive list of classes coming up throughout the state and if you know of a class that is not already listed there you can add it by using the button on that page: squaredance.org/learn

ByLaws (Dehn): Report sent electronically (Attachment H). MJ Wegener asked that the new ByLaws passed recently regarding schedule for payment of dues and insurance be posted to the website.

Calendar (Dehn): Report sent electronically (Attachment H).

Dancing at the Fair (Livezey) : No report sent electronically. There might be Dancing at the Fair in 2023 – MJ Wegener received a notice from the Fair that it will be a multi-day in-person event in 2023.

Demo Dances (vacant): Report sent electronically by Wahl of Belle Swingers (Attachments I and J).

Lietz-Davis suggested that we do a demo dance at the Mountain View Farmer's Market and take flyers for Quads and other beginner classes and volunteered to work on this. Campagna suggested that if Mountain View

works well there are other farmer's markets throughout the region that we might also be able to attend. Lietz-Davis and Campagna offered to serve on the Demo Dances Committee.

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

Campagna suggested that we try scheduling a General Dance during the day as we have done in the past. Dehn will look into this. Campagna asked about rounds and Dehn replied that General Dances typically don't have rounds, and that an exception was made for Running Bear for historical reasons.

(Jane Bishop joined the meeting, representing Bows and Beaus.)

Historian (Dehn): Report sent electronically (Attachment H).

Insurance (Davis): No report sent electronically before the meeting but Jim made a verbal report at the meeting and will send his report electronically directly to clubs@scvsda.org. Dues and insurance are due from the clubs on October 15, \$5 dues and \$5 insurance per dancer.

Jubilee 64th (Exploratory Committee - Louis Bookbinder, Jim Davis, Joe Dehn, Mary Gingell, Sue Lietz-Davis): No report sent electronically. Gingell offered serve as Chairman of this committee and arrange a meeting to discuss options.

Dehn suggested that if the 63rd Jubilee Committee is finished with its work its listing can be removed from the website. MJ Wegener concurred that it should be removed.

Nominating (Davis): No report sent electronically. Proposed slate is same as current Board. No additional people indicated that they would like to run.

Property (Davis): No report sent electronically. Harris asked whether the large canvas banner is still around and indicated that the next state convention might like to borrow it.

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

Webmaster (Dehn): Report sent electronically (Attachment H).

Whing Ding (Davis): No report sent electronically. The next Whing Ding is scheduled for November 5. The following Whing Dings are scheduled for 2023:

4/29/2023: President's Ball

7/29/2023: Callers Appreciation Dance

9/30/2023: No theme

(12/30/2023: NO WHING DING because a holiday weekend)

St. Andrews is reserved for these dates.

Other Reports

Thanksgiving Turkey Dance (Bishop): No report sent electronically. Since this dance no longer has any official connection to SCVSDA it will be removed as a formal item on the agenda going forward, and will be addressed, if anywhere, in the announcements section of the agenda.

SCVCA Liaison (Dehn, Ferguson): Report sent electronically by Ferguson (Attachment L).

CCSD (Lietz-Davis): No report sent electronically. The 2023 State Convention will be at Yuba-Sutter Fairgrounds. The 2024 State Convention will be at the Santa Maria Fairpark. Dues per dancer for 2023 were again set at 50 cents (half of the amount stated in their standing rules).

Other old business

Progress on reinstatement of tax-exempt status (MJ Wegener): No progress on this process.

Election of Officers and Directors

Nominating Committee slate is the same as the current officers and directors. MJ Wegener asked if there were additional nominations or volunteers for any of the positions – there were not and she closed nominations. Harris moved to elect the slate in a single vote. Slate was elected without objection.

New business

Golden Dancers Program (Dehn): Report sent electronically (Attachment M). Discussion ensued.

A question was raised about whether people want to admit to their age being over 80. People need to voluntarily apply to receive this honor. Several people mentioned that making a point that we are an organization with lots of elderly people may be counterproductive to our trying to reach out to younger people.

On the other hand, several others pointed out that honoring over-80s who are still actively dancing may give younger dancers the idea that square dancing is good for your health and longevity. Wahl indicated that some dancers from Belle Swingers might want to participate in this program.

Dehn said he will remind clubs of this program and invite them to pass this info along to their dancers. He will also design a modified application form which will ask whether the applicant wishes to be recognized publicly or not – they can have their certificate either way. At that point Storms will talk with the Bows and Beaus president about whether information about this program should be shared with their members in their online newsletter, and others can do the same at their clubs. Davis suggested that perhaps Dehn should share his redesigned form with the state coordinator of this project so they can consider adding this question statewide.

Announcements

Harris: Lucky Steppers has finalized its Oktoberfest plans. It will begin at 12:30 pm and go into the evening at Murphy Park on October 15 with C1, Advanced, SSD, Rounds, and Plus, using local callers and callers. He will send out the flyer.

Dehn: Stanford Quads is having a class on Sunday evenings starting October 2.

PACE Norcal is starting up again with its first dance being the Caller Appreciation Dance on December 3 at Murphy Park.

Upcoming General Dances are October 1 and December 3.

12:12 pm Wegener adjourned the General Committee meeting

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Gingell
Secretary

I will put the following in my cover letter sending out the draft minutes:

Note that in the Board meeting following this meeting the following dates for the next year were set for General Committee and Board meetings:

November 12, Audit Committee Meeting and a Board Meeting if needed

December 17, General Committee and Board Meetings

March 25, General Committee and Board Meetings

June 17, General Committee and Board Meetings

September 16, General Committee (annual meeting/elections) and Board Meetings

Mark your calendars!