

SCVSDA General Committee Meeting
January 6, 2024
Meeting held via Zoom
Minutes (Draft)

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); Kurt Gollhardt (Advanced Squares and SCVCA Liaison), Carol Cohane (PACE), Michael Egan (Interlocked), Natalie Wahl (Belle Swingers), Sharon Storms (Bows and Beaus), Phil Harris (SDA), Jane Bishop (Lucky Steppers), David Westerman (Star Eights), Sue Lietz-Davis (Top Cats); Christine Russell (Insurance Chair and, later in the meeting, Bows and Beaus representative)

All clubs present.

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

Introduce new attendees (MJ Wegener): Carol Cohane, Christine Russell

Confirm quorum (Gingell/Davis): 9 of 9 Clubs represented; 9 people voting; we have quorum. [Later in the meeting information was made available that Christine Russell had been appointed a delegate for Bows and Beaus.]

Approve outstanding General Committee minutes from September and December 2023 (Gingell): Sent electronically (Attachment B and C). Wahl moved and Harris seconded to approve, motion carried.

Officer Reports

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

Vice President (Dehn): Report sent electronically (Attachment E). Discussion ensued about creating a document highlighting the benefits of joining SCVSDA, to be used to recruit other clubs to join or rejoin the SCVSDA. Send ideas for this document to Dehn.

Secretary (Gingell): Report sent electronically (Attachment F).

Treasurer (Davis): Report sent electronically (Attachment G). Discussion ensued about how Lucky Steppers and SDA membership numbers are low in this report. Davis will correct this error and a typo and reissue the Treasurer's Report, sending to clubs@scvsda.groups.io.

Westerman moved to submit the revised Treasurer's report to audit; Lietz-Davis seconded; motion carried.

Director's Reports

Storms: Report sent electronically (Attachment H).

Lietz-Davis: No report sent before the meeting. Lietz-Davis will send a written report after the meeting to clubs@scvsda.groups.io.

Bishop: No report sent before the meeting. Bishop will send a written report after the meeting to clubs@scvsda.groups.io.

Committee Reports

Audit (MJ Wegener): Reports sent electronically (Attachments I and J). Wegener is working with the Treasurer to have him clean up some minor discrepancies in last year's financial records and will then ask the Audit Committee to sign off on the Audit report.

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

Bylaws (Dehn): Report sent electronically (Attachment E).

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

Dancing at the Fair (Livezey): No report.

Demo Dances (Campagna, Lietz-Davis): No report.

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

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

Insurance (Davis/Russell): Reports sent electronically (Attachments K, L, and M). Discussion ensued about Bows and Beaus not having received their insurance certificate for a dance on February 10 at John Muir Middle

School. Gollhardt moved to authorize a payment, not to exceed \$100, from SCVSDA funds, for alternative venue insurance for the Bows & Beaus dance scheduled for February 10, 2024. Harris seconded. Motion carried.

Discussion ensued about SDA not having received their insurance certificate for Sunnyvale Middle School in time to book this venue for their club night, as well as about what the systemic failure in our organization is and how it can be fixed going forward. Gollhardt moved to approve a payment, not to exceed \$700, from SCVSDA funds, for alternative venue insurance for the Sunnyvale Dance Association's club nights for the month of January 2024, if such insurance can be secured. Storms seconded. Motion carried.

Use the email address insurance@scvsda.org if you any questions or information for the Insurance Committee.

65th Jubilee Exploratory Committee (Gingell): Report sent electronically (Attachment N).

Nominating (Davis): No report.

Property (Davis): Report sent electronically (Attachment K).

Publicity (Storms). Report sent electronically (Attachment H).

Discussion ensued about the purpose of this committee. It was proposed to add clarifying this topic to the Bylaws Committee work.

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

Whing Ding (Davis): Report sent electronically (Attachment K).

Discussion ensued, revisiting the proposed price increases from our earlier meeting and touching on the possibility of free or very low-priced dances.

Russell moved that the Whing Ding Committee investigate what incentive pricing options might be feasible for one or more upcoming dances with the goal of both increasing dance attendance and (eventually) increasing SCVSDA membership, and to make a recommendation on or before the next General Committee meeting on March 16, 2024. Storms seconded. Motion carried.

Egan suggested that Whing Dings in the future be programmed with one hour of Advanced at the start of the dance, making the dance longer to

accommodate this schedule change, and offering to donate \$100/dance to support such a change.

Other Reports

SCVCA Liaison (Kurt Gollhardt): Officer elections were held, with all the same people elected except that Keith Brown replaced Keith Ferguson as Vice President. Whing Ding callers no longer are required to be vaccinated for COVID-19 subject to county regulations. The Whing Ding format will no longer have a “Showcase” caller. The Whing Ding price increase proposed by this body was approved by the SCVCA at their October meeting.

CCSD (Davis): Report sent electronically (Attachment K). Harris reported that Bylaws changes will be voted on at their next meeting (next weekend). Davis will forward the recent announcement about camping at the upcoming state convention to clubs@scvsda.groups.io, and Dehn will add information about this to the SCVSDA website calendar listing.

65th Jubilee Exploratory Committee, continued: Discussion ensued as to what is needed to make the 65th Jubilee a success.

Jim Davis proposed that Jim Davis and Christine Russell be appointed 65th Jubilee Co-Chairs and Sue Davis be appointed to the committee.

Joe Dehn proposed that he be appointed 65th Jubilee Chair, and work over the next few weeks to try and develop a consensus on what is needed.

Gollhardt moved to approve Mary Jane's appointment of Joe Dehn as Jubilee Chair, Russell seconded. Motion carried.

Gollhardt, Russell, and Cohane all offered to help in some way. Joe indicated that he plans to set up a discussion list to determine how to move forward. Various attendees offered to be on that discussion list.

Announcements: Running Bear Hoedown tonight at Saint Andrews.

President Wegener adjourned the meeting at 2:01pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Gingell
Secretary