

SCVSDA General Committee Meeting

March 16, 2024

Meeting held via Zoom

Minutes (Draft)

10:05 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), Natalie Wahl (Belle Swingers), Vicky Campagna and Sharon Storms (Bows and Beaus) and Christine Russell (Bows and Beaus and Insurance Chair), Michael Egan (Interlocked), Carol Cohane (PACE), Jane Bishop and David Westerman (Star Eights), Phil Harris (Lucky Steppers); Sue Harris (SDA), Sue Lietz-Davis (Top Cats).
Guest: Keith Ferguson (SCVCA Liaison).

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

Introduce new attendees (MJ Wegener): none

Confirm quorum (Gingell/Davis): 8 of 9 Clubs represented; 10 people voting; we have quorum. (PACE delegate Carol Cohane and Star Eights delegate David Westerman arrived subsequent to the original calculation of quorum.)

Approve outstanding General Committee minutes from January 2024 (Gingell): Sent electronically (Attachment B). Wahl moved and Campagna seconded to approve; motion carried.

Officer Reports

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

Vice President (Dehn): No report.

Secretary (Gingell): Reports sent electronically (Attachments D, E, and F).

Treasurer (Davis): Reports sent electronically (Attachments G, H, and I).

MJ Wegener asked Treasurer to remove the pivot table on page 2 relating to non-income/non-expense items on the 2024 reports until it is needed.

Lietz- Davis moved and P Harris seconded to submit the Treasurer's report to audit; motion carried.

Director's Reports

Storms: Report sent electronically (Attachment J).

Lietz-Davis: No report sent before the meeting.

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): Report sent electronically (Attachments K).

Beginner Classes Initiatives (Dehn): No report.

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

Discussion ensued about proposed Bylaws changes, resulting in some “placeholder” language on several topics to be included in the Bylaws proposals to be voted on at the next General Committee meeting.

Rule 2 changes passed without objection.

Rule 8: Gollhardt moved and Russell seconded to substitute eliminating this rule, which passed without objection.

Rule 9 (Buckskin): changes passed without objection.

Rules regarding “singles” and “teens”: changes passed without objection.

Rules 13 and 15: changes passed without objection.

Rule 16 (General Dances): changes passed without objection.

Jubilee Guidelines: changes passed without objection.

Calendar (Dehn): No report.

Dancing at the Fair (Livezey): No report.

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

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

Historian (Dehn): No report.

Insurance (Russell): Report sent electronically (Attachment N).

65th Jubilee (Dehn): Report sent electronically (Attachment O). Dehn indicated that he would expand on three topics.

1) Discussion list: There have been 426 messages on the jubilee-discuss list. If anyone not already on the list wants to be added, please let Dehn know.

2) Proposed Jubilee Mission Statement: Gollhardt moved and P. Harris seconded to add this mission statement to the Jubilee Guidelines. Discussion ensued about including multiple days, multiple halls, and out-of-area callers.

Russell moved and Egan seconded to replace the word “specifically” with the word “such as by”. Amendment failed. Proposed Mission Statement passed without objection.

3) Task plan: Most important required task that needs someone working on it now is the active selling process. Other yellow items will have to happen but we still have time to find people to help with them. Items highlighted in pink might be good ideas but need someone to spearhead each of them if they are to happen.

Nominating (Davis): No report.

Property (Davis): No report sent electronically. Report will be sent to clubs list after the meeting.

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

Discussion ensued about possibly attracting additional demographics to square dancing, specifically the “loneliness initiative” just passed in San Mateo County.

Webmaster (Dehn): No report.

Whing Ding (Davis): No report sent electronically. Will send written report to clubs list.

Discussion ensued about better facilitating solo dancing and testing it at the upcoming Whing Dings.

Other Reports

SCVCA Liaison (Gollhardt): SCVCA report sent to Secretary regarding more Advanced dancing at Whing Dings (Attachment P). Discussion ensued about other possible schedule options. This topic added to New Business to discuss whether SCVSDA wants such a change.

CCSD (Davis): No report sent electronically Will send report to clubs list.

Other Old Business

Tax-exempt vs. non-profit status (MJ Wegener): MJ Wegener hopes to file our application for re-instatement soon. Should she apply for a 501-C-3 or a 501-C-7? Discussion ensued. Russell moved and Gollhardt seconded to apply for 501-C-3. Passed without objection.

New Business:

Revised dance schedule for Whing Dings: P. Harris moved and Gollhardt seconded a motion that SCVSDA recommend to SCVCA a trial implementation of the proposed format change, as laid out in Gollhardt's report, for the August 31, 2024 Whing Ding. Motion carried.

Announcements

Presidents Ball Whing Ding will be two weeks from tonight at Saint Andrews.

Wahl announced that Gollhardt is considering starting a C1 class, in case anyone is interested. Gollhardt said please contact Russell for details.

President MJ Wegener adjourned the meeting at 1:37 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Gingell
Secretary