



Santa Clara Valley Square Dancers Association, Inc.

General Committee (Delegates) Meeting

4 November 2012

Draft Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Jim Davis at 12:42pm, at Mariani Square Townhouses and Lofts, in San Jose. Six out of seven member clubs were represented at the start of the meeting, with all being represented shortly thereafter.

Attendance

Officers

President – Jim Davis

Vice President – Gary Evans

Secretary – Joe Dehn

Treasurer – Richard Boucher

Delegates

Belle Swingers – Natalie Wahl

Bows and Beaus – Donna Bookbinder

Krazy Dazys – Mary Jane Wegener

Silver Buckles / Carnival Twirlers – Beverly Marci

Star Eights – Anita Chen, Dave Westerman

Sunnyvale Squares – Jane Bishop (arrived during election vote)

Top Cats – Mary Gingell

Guests

Keith Ferguson (SCVCA)

Elections

Davis said he had come up with a slate but didn't want to discourage other volunteers. The following were taken as nominated: President, Jim Davis; Vice President, Gary Evans; Secretary, Joe Dehn; Treasurer, Richard Boucher; Directors: Jane Bishop, Mary Gingell, Mary Jane Wegener. Westerman moved and Gingell seconded to elect all as nominated; the motion passed without objection.

Minutes

The minutes of the 29 July 2012 meeting were approved without objection. Evans suggested that the minutes include attendance by name. Dehn said he could do that for future meetings if somebody gives him the sign-in sheet.

Treasurer

Richard Boucher provided written reports. Without objection, they were submitted for audit. Davis noted that we don't currently have an Audit Committee. Evans suggested Bill Orrock; Davis said he would ask him.

SCVCA Liaison

Keith Ferguson said that he was unable to attend the October SCVCA meeting but could report on the discussion of the 2013 Whing Ding schedule that took place at the August meeting. Three of the four potential dates are covered by the contract and require no special action: 30 March, 29 June, 30 November. The 31 August date is on a "holiday weekend" as defined in the contract but SCVCA wants to have it and would like SCVSDA to approve it also. Arguments in favor included: that there are people who don't go away on holiday weekends and so are looking for something to do (applied to some of the other dates as well); that Lucky Steppers has agreed to reserve the Slab for this date; that in the past attendance has been lower than average at summer Whing Dings but there was still a surplus because of relatively low rent; and that SCVCA has already decided they will go ahead with a dance on that date if we decide not to do it as a Whing Ding. Westerman moved and Bishop seconded to have Whing Dings on all four 2013 dates; the motion passed without objection.

Ferguson recommended that the 31 August dance be held at the Slab. There were suggestions of promoting ride sharing. Bishop moved and Wegener seconded to hold it at the Slab; the motion passed without objection.

56th Jubilee

Anita Chen and David Westerman said that the Jubilee had been a success. They reported that the facilities bill had just been received, provided Davis with an accounting of expenses that included this, and said no other bills were expected. Davis said that this accounting showed a surplus of \$1,071.93.

Westerman said we need to consider a donation to the Gunderson athletic department to ensure that we can continue using the school. There was discussion of the previous \$500 donation; differences between money given to the district, the school, and the athletic department; whether donations should be counted as an expense of a particular Jubilee; what amount would be appropriate this time; and previous communication to the school that future donations would depend on Jubilee having a surplus.

Gingell moved and Wahl seconded that (1) the 56th Jubilee Committee to be authorized to donate up to \$500 to whatever Gunderson-associated entity they decide is appropriate, with that amount counted as a 56th Jubilee expense and (2) that the 57th Jubilee Committee should include an amount they consider appropriate as part of their proposed budget. The motion passed without objection.

Dehn asked that the 56th Jubilee provide attendance numbers. Westerman said that a final report would be mailed to the Board when all financial transactions, including the Gunderson donation, had been finalized.

57th Jubilee

Davis noted that we need a proposed budget by the January meeting.

There was a discussion of including Mainstream in the Jubilee program. Boucher said that 10 Mainstream ribbons had been sold for the 56th Jubilee. Davis said that there did not seem to be any action by the Delegates required on this topic, and that the Jubilee Committee should work it out.

Davis reported that he had signed the contracts for the featured staff (Robertson, Nordbye, Callahan) and said both the SCVSDA Treasurer and the Jubilee Treasurer should be provided with copies. Westerman reported that Bookbinder had agreed to serve again as Jubilee Treasurer.

Bylaws

Dehn agreed to serve again.

Calendar

Davis and Dehn agreed to serve again. Davis urged people to send in updates by e-mail, and said he had not given up on having a printed calendar.

Demo Dances

Evans agreed to serve again. He said he plans to start working on procurement both of dancers and places to dance. He also plans to print business cards with a "hotline" phone number for prospective dancers to call.

Historian

Dehn agreed to serve again.

Insurance

Bookbinder agreed to serve again. She reported that she received the basic information from all clubs but clubs aren't always notifying her about new members. She asked that clubs send requests for certificates as they plan new events, including demos.

Nominating

Davis reported that Bill Orrock says he will be more proactive in the coming year.

Property

Davis reported that he and Boucher have both seen the trailer and both have keys. The Jankes also still have keys but he plans to try to retrieve them. He also needs to check the registration and insurance records to see when they expire.

Webmaster

Dehn agreed to serve again.

Whing Ding

Davis agreed to serve again as committee chair, along with Boucher and Evans as additional committee members. Davis said he will be submitting an ad for the December dance to Squares 'Round the Bay. Ferguson said that John Caywood will be the cuer for that dance. Davis said he doesn't yet have a finished report for the September dance but the surplus was roughly \$320 (before split between SCVSDA and SCVCA).

Joint Whing Ding

Boucher and Davis agreed to serve again.

President

Davis reported that he had cataract surgery and that this was one reason for the difficulty in scheduling a September meeting.

Vice President

Evans thanked everybody for their work and said we need to re-double our efforts to make sure the activity does not die out.

Treasurer

Boucher reported some numbers relating to the 56th Jubilee. It was noted that these might not match the numbers reported by the Jubilee Committee due to factors like accounting for Gold Rush sales.

Directors

Bishop reported on some activities she attended and said she is now pushing the Thanksgiving dance. There was discussion of what had been previously approved in the way of support for that dance. Bookbinder moved and Wahl seconded that we pay up to \$500 for the cost of the hall. In response to a comment by Dehn that he recalled a decision that we would be listed as co-sponsors, Bishop said the flyers don't list any sponsors. Evans suggested we could have a sign at the event. The motion passed without objection.

Wegener reported that Star Eights tried to start an Advanced class and Krazy Dazys tried to start a beginner class but both ended up being cancelled due to lack of students.

57th Jubilee (continued)

Bookbinder reported that a new editor is needed for the program book if there is to be one.

Future Meetings

There was discussion of conflicts for various potential dates, Saturdays vs. Sundays, and locations. Davis set the next meeting for 6 January 2013 at 12:30pm, at Mariani Square, with plans for additional dates to be discussed at that meeting.

Announcements

Announcements were made about various dances and classes. Ferguson reported that SCVCA had added two general caller members.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:43pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Joe Dehn, Secretary