

SCVSDA General Meeting

January 15, 2022

Meeting held via Zoom

Minutes (Draft)

11:12 am MJ Wegener called meeting to order

Agenda (Attachment A)

Attendees: Mary Jane Wegener (President), Joe Dehn (Vice President), Mary Gingell (Secretary), Jim Davis (Treasurer); Michael Egan and David Westerman (Advanced Squares); Natalie Wahl (Belle Swingers), Vicki Campagna and Sharon Storms (Bows and Beaus), Richard Wegener (Lucky Steppers), Louis Bookbinder and Anita Chen (Star Eights), Sue Lietz-Davis (Top Cats); Kurt Gollhardt and Keith Ferguson (SCVCA Liaisons); Interlocked Squares and PACE NorCal absent.

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

Introduce new attendees (MJ Wegener): No first time attendees.

Confirm quorum (Gingell/Davis): 6 of 8 clubs represented, 9 individuals voting, we have quorum.

Approve outstanding General Committee minutes from September 18, 2021 (Gingell): Sent electronically (Attachment B). Wahl moved approval, Storms seconded, motion carried.

Board Reports

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

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

Please update Dehn (using the email webmaster@scvsda.org) when your club dancing status changes, and if this address can be added to your clubs' email announcement lists, that would be helpful.

Secretary (Gingell): No report.

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

Davis hopes to process the payment of the SCVCA portion of the last Whing Ding this coming week.

Lietz-Davis moved to submit the Treasurer's report to audit, Wahl seconded, motion carried.

MJ Wegener requested that Davis send her a copy of the final fiscal year 2020-2021 financial reports, and he concurred, and will also send this to delegates.

Directors' Reports

Bishop: Not in attendance. No report sent.

MJ Wegener reported that Star Eights was dark for the first three Sundays of January but going forward will dance if they have at least a square interested in dancing.

Lietz-Davis: No report sent.

Top Cats is dancing in the Davis backyard. Dehn added that Belle Swingers is dancing when they have at least a square, and that Advanced Squares has cancelled their January Vic Ceder dance but hopes to dance in February or March.

Storms: Report sent electronically (Attachment F).

Davis mentioned that Interlocked is now requiring a booster in the past six months. Storms asked to be added to Interlocked's mailing list, and Davis indicated that he would arrange that. Discussion ensued about the efficacy/accuracy of clubs requiring up-to-date boosters from all members.

(Campagna left the meeting at 11:37.)

Committee Reports

Audit (MJ Wegener): Report sent electronically (Attachment G).

MJ Wegener's opinion is that there is no problem with moneys coming in or out. Gingell indicated that, while she was not saying there was any evidence of such problems, she did not agree with this opinion because, the records (in her opinion) not being in good order, she could not make such a determination. MJ Wegener explained that the reason the audit report was

left “unsigned” was because only two of the five other audit committee members responded to her request to react to the report, those two being Gingell and Storms, both of whom would only sign off on a report that did not contain the assertion that the records were in good order.

Davis indicated that all back 990s would be filed by end of day January 15, 2022.

Beginner Classes Initiatives (Dehn): No report.

ByLaws (Dehn): Report sent electronically (Attachments H and I).

The ByLaws proposal regarding membership year was presented and discussed. No changes to the language were proposed by club representatives present at the meeting. This proposal will be voted on at the next General Committee meeting.

Davis and Dehn raised the question of whether we should change our fiscal year to match the new membership year. Little if any support for this idea was expressed.

Calendar (Davis/Dehn): No report sent.

Davis requested that clubs who have mailing lists add calendar@scvsda.org to those lists so that information about hoedowns and other events would be received directly.

Dancing at the Fair (Livezey) : No report.

MJ Wegener reported that Livezey agreed to continue on the committee, to do all the work herself, and said that she does not need any other members on her committee. Bishop remains on the committee.

Demo Dances (vacant): No report.

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

Dehn reported that we might reschedule Running Bear once Omicron subsides.

Storms asked what is the status of SSD in this area, given that there was some hesitancy on the part of some Plus clubs (when SSD was approved by CallerLab) to support SSD because they were worried about their Plus clubs

“dumbing down.” Dehn reported that no SCVSDA member clubs but some other clubs in the larger Bay Area are claiming to use it but it is hard to judge the actual use with so many clubs dark right now. General Dances have moved to using two levels at their dances – SSD and Plus. He further reported that SCVSDA is not pushing clubs to “downgrade” from their existing levels.

(Anita Chen left the meeting at 12:13 pm.)

Historian (Dehn): No report.

Insurance (Davis): No report sent prior to meeting, but Davis indicated that he would send one out later (Attachment O).

Insurance for all clubs was paid in mid-December. Davis now has all the certificates, and asked that the clubs let him know to whom their certificates should be sent.

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

Nominating (MJ Wegener): No report. A committee needs to be appointed by the Board.

Property (Davis): No report sent prior to the meeting, but Davis indicated he would send one out later (Attachment Q).

He needs to get pink slip reissued and to re-register the trailer, preparatory to selling it.

Wahl moved that SCVSDA cover the cost of the replacement pink slip and DMV fees to re-register the trailer. Lietz-Davis seconded. Motion carried.

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

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

Whing Ding (Davis): No report sent prior to the meeting, but Davis indicated he would send one out later (Attachment P).

Davis asked if we should hold the Whing Ding scheduled for January 29, 2022.

Ferguson reported that the SCVCA has not taken a stand on this question, because they have not had a meeting since the Omicron uptick. Ferguson and Gollhardt are both of the opinion that we should cancel, both for the safety of the attendees and callers/cuers and because they would expect that turnout would be small because so many clubs are not even dancing at their regular club nights.

Ferguson reported that if this coming Whing Ding is cancelled he will propose at the February SCVCA meeting that he reassign callers from this dance to other Whing Dings throughout the year based on their availability.

Motion to cancel the January 29 Whing Ding made by Westerman, seconded by Storms, motion carried.

SCVCA President Gollhardt took executive action, on behalf of SCVCA, to concur with this cancellation.

Westerman moved and Wahl seconded to hold the October 2022 Whing Ding on November 5, 2022, motion carried.

Lietz-Davis moved to recommend to the SCVCA that the November 5, 2022 Whing Ding be designated the President's Ball, Westerman seconded, motion carried.

Other Reports

Thanksgiving Turkey Dance (Bishop) : Bishop not present. No report. It was noted that the SCVSDA no longer has anything to do with this dance because the Salvation Army is providing the hall free of charge.

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

Elections were held, with the following results: Kurt Gollhardt – President, Keith Ferguson – Vice President, Mike Pogue – Secretary, Phil Harris – Treasurer, Bob Elling – Program.

CCSD (Davis): No report sent prior to the meeting, but Davis indicated he would send one out later (Attachment R).

Next state convention is in April 2023 in Yuba-Sutter Fairgrounds.

Other old business

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

New business

Top Ten ballot (Dehn): Report and draft ballot sent electronically (Attachments L and M).

Westerman moved that the deadline for collection of Top Ten votes be extended to end of April for this year, Storms seconded, motion carried.

Approve fee for reinstatement of non-profit status (MJ Wegener): Report sent electronically (Attachment N).

Wahl moved to approve up to \$700 for reinstatement of tax-exempt status. Westerman seconded. Motion carried.

Announcements

April 30, July 30, and November 5 are the upcoming 2022 Whing Dings.

Next General Committee meeting is March 26, 2022.

1:11 pm MJ Wegener adjourned the General Committee meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Gingell
Secretary