

Santa Clara Valley Square Dancers Association, Inc.
Board of Directors

Draft Minutes
of the meeting of
8 March 2009

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:30pm by President Jim Davis at the offices of Google in Mountain View.

Present: Jim Davis (President), Jerry and Debbie Janke (Vice President), Debbie and Bill Malloy (Treasurer), Sue Lietz-Davis (Director), Gary Evans (Director).

Davis said that Jane Bishop (Director) had an excused absence. The position of Secretary was vacant.

Those present in addition to the Board included Karl Belser, Barry Binge, Jackie Daemion, Joe Dehn, Keith Ferguson, Joe Pava, and Marion Pava.

Davis announced that Joe Dehn volunteered to take the minutes of today's meetings.

Treasurer

[written report to be attached]

Bill Malloy noted that our balances are not directly comparable to last year because while usually we pay most of the insurance expense at the end of our fiscal year this time it wasn't paid until the beginning of this fiscal year. The proposed budget includes one year's worth of insurance expense, even though we will likely end up paying two years' worth during this fiscal year. He clarified that the \$3000 Jubilee transaction in his report represents return by the 52nd Jubilee to the general fund of the additional short-term loan (not the "seed money").

President

Davis reported that he has spent much of his time since the last meeting in New York caring for his mother who is ill.

Davis said he had tried to get Board approval by e-mail for sponsorship of the Bill Davis memorial dance, but didn't get a response, and requested such approval now. He said that Bobbie Davis planned to pay the expenses, but other people felt this wasn't right; somebody suggested there could be a contribution box.

Bill Malloy moved and Gary Evans seconded that the SCVSDA sponsor this dance; the motion passed on a voice vote.

Evans moved and Debbie Janke seconded that the SCVSDA buy flowers for Bobbie Davis; the motion

passed on a voice vote.

52nd Jubilee

Davis said there isn't a final report yet for the 52nd Jubilee, but the figures have not changed since the last report.

Future Jubilees

Davis announced that Evans has volunteered to be General Chair for the 54th Jubilee (2010). Evans said that the General Chair usually is somebody who has been trained by working on a past Jubilee, and that somebody who hasn't been a sub-chair previously shouldn't be taking on the job of General Chair. He said he wants the callers and everything set up before the upcoming Jubilee, so he will be able to have flyers and ribbons available at that time.

Lietz-Davis said the main issue was finding an appropriate place. Daemion mentioned the proposal that she and Belser submitted to the county for a new facility at the fairgrounds.

Davis said he was appointing Evans as General Chair for the 54th and asked if there were any objections; there was no apparent objection.

Davis proposed that the 53rd Jubilee (2009) be a one-day festival, with people who already pre-registered being offered some appropriate accommodation, and said he was seeking a volunteer to implement this. He said he would be willing to step down as President to take this on along with the position of Secretary. Various people suggested facilities that might be considered for such an event. Davis said he believed there were two people willing to take on the position of President. Evans said it would make sense for him to work with Davis on the 53rd as part of his preparation for doing the 54th; Davis suggested Evans might want to serve as Facilities Chair.

Lietz-Davis moved and Evans seconded to recommend to the Delegates that Davis be appointed 53rd Jubilee General Chair and an election be held today for the positions of President and Secretary; the motion passed on a voice vote.

Vice President

Debbie Janke said there was nothing to report.

Secretary

Davis said he prefers to see the Delegates minutes presented before the Board minutes. Dehn noted that the position of Secretary is vacant. He said he only volunteered to take the minutes and people can do whatever they want with them after that.

SCVCA Liaison

Ferguson reported that SCVCA held elections. Jill Sybalsky is now President, Jerry Silverstein is Vice President, Cindy Bale is Secretary and Treasurer, and he is Program Chair. He is also still Liaison to

SCVSDA.

There is a revised list of Whing Ding caller assignments because some of their members resigned from the organization. They agreed to supply minutes of their meetings to our officers, with the understanding that they would not be further distributed. Because of a conflict with the Bill Davis memorial dance they have canceled their 29 March meeting and are encouraging their members to attend that dance.

Directors

Lietz-Davis reported that she participated in PACE, Top Cats, Stanford Quads, a Council meeting, and a Whing Ding.

Joint Whing Ding Committee

Davis reported that the first Whing Ding run completely under the new procedures seems to have worked well.

Insurance

The Insurance Chair was not present and did not submit a report. Daemion said that CPSD has not received certificates for two requested locations.

Bylaws

The Bylaws Chair was not present and did not submit a report.

Calendar

Davis reported that he printed some calendars but then needed to travel to New York; during that time some distribution was done by Dehn and Bishop, and more can be printed if needed. He noted that the online calendar is continuously updated as new information becomes available.

Historian

Dehn said he had nothing new to report.

Webmaster

Dehn said he had nothing new to report.

Caller Procurement

The Caller Procurement Chair was not present and did not provide a report. Davis said that since he has not signed any contracts, there are no outstanding caller or cuer contracts for future Jubilees, nor have any deposits been made for facilities. Dehn said that based on what has been reported in the past there is a cuer who, even if there is no signed contract, is probably expecting to be cueing for the 53rd.

Future Jubilees

There was some additional discussion of future Jubilees. Evans pointed out that we could change the name or time of year. Davis said we could even have more than one festival in a year. Evans said he wished that there had been Jubilee flyers of some kind at the recent Whing Ding, and suggested we have something ready for Bakersfield Fiesta.

The meeting was recessed at 2:30pm to allow the General Committee meeting to convene.

The meeting reconvened at 4:38pm after the end of the General Committee meeting, with Barry Binge presiding.

Budget

Davis moved and Lietz-Davis seconded to approve the budget as distributed; the motion passed on a voice vote.

Bills

Debbie Malloy reported that we received a property tax bill for use of the fairgrounds in the amount of \$92.02. She also wants to buy \$100 worth of postage stamps before the price goes up.

Davis moved and Lietz-Davis seconded to approve buying stamps, paying the property tax bill, and continue authorization to pay for the storage unit; the motion passed on a voice vote.

Top Ten Ballot

Davis read the proposed Top Ten Ballot aloud. Davis moved and Debbie Malloy seconded to approve the ballot as proposed; the motion passed on a voice vote.

Binge said the deadline for voting would be 1 May, with the results to be announced at the 30 May Whing Ding.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:57pm.

Santa Clara Valley Square Dancers Association, Inc.
General Committee (Delegates)

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Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President Jim Davis at 2:42pm, at the offices of Google in Mountain View.

Delegates from 7 out of 9 clubs were present, constituting a quorum. There were no Delegates signed in from Silver Buckles / Carnival Twirlers and Single Squares of Sunnyvale, but Delegates from both clubs signed in later during the meeting. Richard Boucher was introduced as the new Delegate from Bows and Beaus.

Treasurer

A written report was made available to the Delegates; there were no questions.

It was moved by Carol Glesser and seconded by Sue Lietz-Davis to submit the report to audit; the motion was approved without objection.

President

Davis reported that he has been spending much of his time in New York caring for his mother who is ill. He attended the recent Council meeting but Barry Binge served as our representative. He noted that neither he nor Binge were requesting reimbursement for expenses involved in attending this meeting, but we can't expect this from our representatives in general. He said he had attempted to get Board approval by e-mail for SCVSDA sponsorship of the Bill Davis memorial dance; he did not get a response by e-mail but this was approved by the Board earlier today. He prepared a flyer for the recent Whing Ding.

Davis reported that he has appointed Gary Evans to be General Chair for the 54th Jubilee. Jackie Daemion moved and Andrew Irish seconded to approve this appointment. The motion passed on a show of hands.

Davis proposed that the 53rd Jubilee be reduced to a one-day, one-hall event (e.g., afternoon Advanced and evening Plus), with early-bird pre-registrants offered appropriate accommodation. He said he is seeking a General Chair for this event. He said he is willing to step down as President and instead take on both the 53rd Jubilee position and the currently-vacant Secretary position.

Davis asked if there is anyone else willing to be General Chair for the 53rd Jubilee; there were no volunteers.

Davis said that the Board had recommended that he be considered for the 53rd Jubilee job and that if he

resigns as President an election be held immediately for the positions of President and Secretary. He read aloud relevant sections from the bylaws relating to vacancies. He asked if there was any objection to holding such an election at this meeting. There was no objection.

Davis resigned as SCVSDA President.

With Jerry Janke serving as acting President, nominations were opened to fill the vacancies. Lietz-Davis nominated Barry Binge for President. There were no other nominations. Lietz-Davis nominated Davis for Secretary. There were no other nominations.

Gary Evans signed in as Delegate from Single Squares of Sunnyvale.

Boucher moved and Evans seconded to elect these candidates; the motion passed on a voice vote.

The meeting continued with Binge presiding. Davis suggested that Dehn continue taking the minutes for this meeting; Dehn agreed to do so.

Vice President

Debbie Janke reported that they attended the recent Whing Ding and appreciated all who attended.

Secretary

Beverly Marci signed in as Delegate from Silver Buckles / Carnival Twirlers.

Lietz-Davis moved and Carol Glessner seconded to accept the minutes of the November meeting as submitted; the motion passed on a voice vote.

SCVCA Liaison

Keith Ferguson reported that SCVCA elected new officers; he is continuing as Liaison. He provided a revised list of Whing Ding callers to our webmaster but there may still be a change for the May dance. They decided that their minutes should not be available to the world at large but approved giving copies to SCVSDA officers with the limitation that they not be distributed further. They cancelled their 29 March meeting for the Bill Davis dance.

Debbie Janke said she had been unsuccessful in her attempt to get minutes of an earlier SCVCA meeting and that she doesn't have an e-mail address for the new SCVCA Secretary Cindy Bale.

Joint Whing Ding Committee

Davis said they were planning to hold another meeting soon. The last Whing Ding was the first one conducted under the new procedures and they seemed to work well.

Dehn asked if there would be a report from our Whing Ding Committee and asked for clarification of who is on that committee. Jerry Janke said that he is chairman of that committee. He said the new form for reporting the finances is good. He said the 50/50 at the recent Whing Ding was not successful in that there wasn't enough money to award two prizes.

52nd Jubilee

Davis said he didn't yet have a final report but would like for an audit committee to be appointed.

Insurance

The Insurance Chair was not present and did not submit a report.

Daemion said that CPSD has not yet received two of the three certificates that they requested for 2009. Debbie Malloy said she has been sending notes to clubs confirming when she receives insurance money from them. Irish said that ECR had a problem getting a certificate when they had to hold their club night at a different location; they did end up getting the certificate eventually but the delay was frustrating. Davis said that it will soon be possible to submit requests for certificates by e-mail. Karl Belser said these problems relate to going through the state Council; clubs that get their insurance directly from USDA can already do this.

Bylaws

The Bylaws Chair was not present and did not submit a report.

Calendar

Davis said he produced 250 copies of the printed calendar before he had to leave for New York, and that Jane Bishop and Joe Dehn had distributed these to some clubs. Delegates from several clubs said they still need some.

Historian

Dehn said he had nothing new to report.

Webmaster

Dehn said he had nothing new to report.

Caller Procurement

The Caller Procurement Chair was not present and did not submit a report.

Davis said that no contracts had been signed for future Jubilees, but that somebody needs to talk with Sue Harris about the cuer that she lined up for the 53rd Jubilee.

Bylaws Proposals

Dehn suggested that pending amendments be deferred to the next meeting, with the announcement of these proposals made two meetings ago still counting as notice for their consideration. Binge said this would be done if there was no objection; there was no objection.

53rd Jubilee

Binge appointed Davis as General Chair. Evans moved and Irish seconded to approve this appointment; the motion passed on a voice vote.

Davis said he is going to need help, as this will be the Jubilee with the shortest time to prepare. Evans suggested that we might be able to have two halls. Davis said he doesn't want to be constrained in that way, that he wants to be able to put on a stripped down event that won't show a big loss, maybe no loss at all. He said he hopes the Delegates understand why he doesn't have a proposed program at this point; he might consider having two halls if the facility allows, with local callers in one hall; he said he doesn't like the "red light/green light" format. He said he will contact the Caller Procurement Committee about his plans and would love to have a Facilities Chair to help procure a location.

He said that no deposit had been given to the fairgrounds for 2009. He said we have money received from early bird registrants, and he wants to deal with them in some way that rewards their loyalty to Jubilee. There is also one vendor who already paid.

He requested that anyone with ideas please send them. He said it was nice to have General Chairs for two Jubilees now in place at the same time; he commented that for the first time in years we also have no vacancies on the SCVSDA Board.

Dehn asked Davis how he interpreted the authority he was granted by his appointment as General Chair – is he limited to putting on an event of the scale he described earlier in the meeting, or could it be larger, even up to the sort of event we have had in recent years? Irish said it must be scaled down since there wasn't support for the previous format. Belser said that the previous format lost money so the focus should be on keeping it small and getting as many people as possible to attend. Jerry Janke suggested planning for one hall and expanding to two halls if enough people sign up. Evans said it sounded like Davis envisioned still having one featured caller, but then we won't be able to make use of our local callers unless we have a second hall.

Evans moved and Boucher seconded to authorize Davis to explore and orchestrate a one or two hall festival, of one day or more, subject to approval of the Board. Daemion said that club presidents should be kept informed of the plans. There was discussion of the advantages and disadvantages of having the Board involved.

As a result of discussion and friendly amendment, the motion was restated as: to authorize Davis to produce a one or more hall, one or more day festival, reporting on progress to the Board. This motion passed on a voice vote.

Evans asked if he could have the same amount of flexibility for the 54th. He said he has ideas for callers, and that other aspects could change depending on who he can get since that will affect how many people will want to come. Lietz-Davis said we have a Caller Procurement Committee that needs to be involved with that. There was brief discussion of some callers mentioned by Evans. Davis said that Evans could either work with the Caller Procurement Committee on these ideas or request that they not be involved for the 54th since we already have a General Chair in place. Belser said this is a process of re-inventing what Jubilee is, and we should see how what Davis comes up with for the 53rd works and then consider expanding from that. Dehn said that Evans should solicit advice from everybody about both callers and facilities, but that then he needs to come up with a complete package that makes sense which he can bring to the Board for approval; granting open-ended authorization now for a 2010

event without any plan would not be appropriate.

Balancing the Budget

Binge said that he has a storage space in the same facility as ours for which he is paying less. There was a discussion of selling the electrical boxes; Jerry Janke said he will do some research on how much we might be able to get for them.

Belser asked if we will be filing Form 900; Bill Malloy said he expects to do that.

Daemion asked whether Board approval was required for clubs to borrow SCVSDA equipment. Davis said that was handled by the Property Committee and clubs could contact any of its three members – himself, Binge, and Jerry Janke.

Next Meeting Date

Jerry Janke noted that 21 June is Father's Day, and also that some people might be on their way to the National Square Dance Convention. There were various comments that these factors had already been considered when the date was set, and there was no motion to change the date.

Announcements

In response to a comment about the son of some dancers who had passed away wanting to sell their square dance outfits, Davis noted that Shirley Korm's group accepts donations of such.

Announcements were made concerning: Rockin Jokers Circus Circus, a CPSD demo in Willow Glen, the Bill Davis memorial dance, Krazy Dazys Black and White Ball, Bows and Beaus Ice Cream Fling Thing, and a Bows and Beaus newer dancer hoedown.

Binge announced that registration forms and grand prize tickets for the National Square Dance Convention were available on the flyer table.

Council Meetings

Carol Glesser asked if there was any report from the recent Council meeting.

Davis said that he has been sending out the minutes by e-mail. He said that at the last meeting some bylaws changes were ratified, and that the SCVSDA neither voted in favor nor against on that question. Ferguson said that if these bylaws changes included elimination of association boundaries, SCVSDA may need to come up with a new definition of eligibility for the Top Ten ballot.

Daemion said that if the only report we are going to get is the minutes, then we shouldn't pay for anybody to attend the meetings. Jerry Janke said there could be consequences if we didn't participate; he cited as an example that NCSDA dropped out for a while and another association took over some of their territory. Davis said that if he actually gave a full report of what happens at these meetings everybody would be bored. Binge said our representatives attend to be able to vote on SCVSDA's behalf. Daemion said that our representatives should at least report on how they voted. Davis suggested we could have a standard item on our agenda for this. Lietz-Davis said that the big topic at

the last meeting was the upcoming National Convention.

Evans moved and Daemion seconded to add to our standard meeting agenda an item called “Previous Council Meeting”; the motion was approved without objection.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:33pm.