



Santa Clara Valley Square Dancers Association, Inc.

General Committee (Delegates) Meeting

3 March 2013

Draft Minutes

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

Attendance

Officers

President – Jim Davis

Secretary – Joe Dehn

Treasurer – Richard Boucher

(Officers absent: Vice President – Gary Evans)

Delegates

Belle Swingers – Natalie Wahl

Bows and Beaus – Donna Bookbinder, Bill Orrock

Krazy Dazys – Mary Jane Wegener (arrived shortly before Jubilee discussion)

Star Eights – Anita Chen, Dave Westerman

Sunnyvale Squares – Jane Bishop

Top Cats – Mary Gingell, Sue Lietz-Davis

(Clubs not represented: Silver Buckles / Carnival Twirlers)

Guests

Keith Ferguson (SCVCA)

Minutes

The minutes of the 6 January 2013 meeting were approved without objection.

Treasurer

Boucher provided a written report. Without objection, the report was submitted to audit.

SCVCA Liaison

Ferguson reported that the caller line-up for the Caller Appreciation Whing Ding will remain open until the point when the flyer is made. He said he was very disappointed that there had not been an ad in Squares 'Round the Bay for the March Whing Ding. He noted that publicity for Whing Dings is SCVSDA's responsibility, and suggested that we might do a better job of this if we had a committee working on it chaired by somebody who didn't have other major responsibilities.

There was general discussion of Whing Ding attendance and publicity. Points mentioned included: attendees are mostly local; dancers from further north and east are more likely to attend the Stampede; historically attendance was mostly from member clubs as ribbons were sold at the clubs; ads in SRTB may no longer be as effective, but some people still rely on it as a calendar; there are other ways to publicize Whing Dings that have also not been utilized.

55th Jubilee

Davis reported that a final financial report is not yet available.

56th Jubilee

Boucher and Bookbinder reported that there is still a discrepancy between their records. Boucher said that there is agreement on total expenses, but a \$100 difference in total revenue. Westerman said that since Boucher handled all the money it would make sense to go with his numbers. Dehn said that we also need the breakdown of ribbon sales and expenses compared with budget for planning purposes. Davis asked the Jubilee Committee to e-mail to the clubs their final financial report and ribbon sales report.

57th Jubilee

Chen asked that Gingell program the Challenge hall. Gingell declined, saying she doesn't think there is enough support for it. Wegener noted that there is a C-1 class that will have graduated by the time of Jubilee.

There was discussion of why this sort of issue was being brought up at the Delegates meeting, who is currently on the Jubilee Committee, and whether it is actually functioning as a committee. The following were identified as having agreed to serve:

- Anita Chen – (co-) general chair
- Dave Westerman – (co-) general chair, program
- Donna Bookbinder – treasurer
- Evie Kaefer – door registration
- Gary Evans – facilities, vendors
- Jane Bishop – pre-registration
- Jim Davis – advisor
- Joe Dehn – historian, webmaster
- Mary Gingell – silent auction
- Rich Reel - sound
- Sue Kabage – northern California publicity and sales, wagonmaster

Dehn volunteered to set up an e-mail list for committee communication.

Ferguson noted that nobody from SCVCA was on this committee and that he would like to have SCVCA kept informed of what the committee is doing. Dehn said that members of SCVCA are welcome to volunteer to serve on the committee like anyone else. Gingell said that we already have a liason mechanism at the association level, through which decisions made by the committee can be communicated.

Davis noted that Top Ten ballots are to be turned in at this meeting, and announced that the meeting to count them would be held 30 March 11am at his house. Bishop said she didn't have the ballots from her clubs ready to turn in and wanted to give some of them more time to vote. Davis said that the voting period was closed so she should not accept any more votes; Bishop said she would bring her ballots to him this week.

Davis asked that the Jubilee Committee write up a draft program and distribute it by e-mail. Dehn said that the Jubilee Guidelines call for this to have been provided at this meeting; he clarified this doesn't require lots of details, but it should consist of at least an outline of which halls are going to be open at what hours with what levels of dancing.

Westerman distributed a revised budget document. (No action was taken to approve this.)

Bylaws

Dehn provided a written report along with "clean up" versions of the Standing Rules and Jubilee Guidelines, and commented on the specific amendments (to the Standing Rules and Jubilee Guidelines) to be considered at this meeting and amendments to the Bylaws to be considered at the next meeting.

Insurance

Bookbinder noted that Belle Swingers added 3 members and Beaus and Beaus provided a list of 43 class members. A certificate may be needed for a new location for Sunnyvale Squares (and a new substitute location for Belle Swingers) because of renovation work being done at Murphy Park.

Nominating

Davis formally re-appointed Orrock to chair this committee and recommended that he recruit additional members.

Property

Davis said he is still working on getting keys back from the Jankes.

Webmaster

Dehn reported that minutes from many additional past meetings are now available on the web site.

Whing Ding

Davis asked for volunteers to help with Whing Dings. Bookbinder and Wegener said they could help, and Bookbinder agreed to serve on the committee. Nobody was willing to volunteer to replace Davis as Chair. The Whing Ding Committee now consists of Davis, Bishop, Bookbinder, and Boucher.

California Square Dance Council

Davis reported that he attended the January meeting in San Bernardino. He said that the main things that will affect us are that he and Sue are running for Northern Area VP, and if they are elected someone else will have to represent SCVSDA at Council meetings. He also noted that in some years,

including this year, a council meeting is scheduled on the same weekend as Jubilee.

Amendments to Standing Rules

Dehn presented the five amendments to the Standing Rules outlined in the Bylaws Committee's written report – one general "clean up" amendment and four addressing specific topics. All were approved without objection.

Amendments to Jubilee Guidelines

Dehn presented the set of changes identified in the "clean up" version of the Jubilee Guidelines. These changes were approved without objection, except for one correction of punctuation (a semicolon instead of a period at the end of item 6 in the list of people eligible for complimentary ribbons).

Announcements

Various upcoming events were announced.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:13pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Joe Dehn, Secretary