

SCVSDA General Committee Meeting

December 10, 2022

Meeting held via Zoom

Minutes (Draft)

Meeting room will be open at 9:45 am

10:05 am President Wegener called the meeting to order.

Agenda (Attachment A).

Attendees: Mary Jane Wegener (President), Joe Dehn (Vice President), Mary Gingell (Secretary), Jim Davis (Treasurer); David Westerman (Advanced Squares), Natalie Wahl (Belle Swingers), Vicky Campagna and Sharon Storms (Bows and Beaus), Michael Egan (Interlocked), Phil Harris (Lucky Steppers), Jane Bishop (Star Eights), Sue Lietz-Davis (Top Cats); Keith Ferguson (SCVCA Liaison)

Absent: PACE NorCal

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

Introduce new attendees (Wegener): none

Confirm quorum (Gingell/Davis): 7 of 8 Clubs represented; 8 people voting; we have quorum.

Approve outstanding General Committee minutes from September 2022 (Gingell): Sent electronically (Attachment B). Harris moved approval, Lietz-Davis seconded, motion carried.

Officer Reports

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

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

Secretary (Gingell): No report.

Treasurer (Davis): Report sent electronically (Attachments O and P).The Treasurer will make several minor corrections to his report and send out the revised report to clubs@sevsvda.org. Campagna moved to submit revised Treasurer's Report to audit; Harris seconded.Motion carried.

Director's Reports

Bishop: No report sent electronically.

Wegener reported that Star 8s just graduated an A2 class of five people, and is dancing at least one square most nights and sometimes two squares.

Lietz-Davis: Report sent electronically (Attachment E).

Wegener reported that Advanced Squares is dancing four-five squares regularly, and occasionally six.

Storms: Report sent electronically (Attachment F).

Committee Reports

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

Beginner Classes Initiatives (Dehn): Report sent electronically (Attachment D).

ByLaws (Dehn): Report sent electronically (Attachment H). Proposals will be considered under the Top Ten item later in the meeting.

Calendar (Dehn): Report sent electronically (Attachment D).

Dancing at the Fair (Livezey): No report.

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

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

Discussion ensued, including considering alternative venues further south than Palo Alto, contacting SSD and former SSD dancers to ask why they did not come to these dances, scheduling some afternoon GDP dances, and providing a “fun” tip like Elvira or the Virginia Reel.

Historian (Dehn): Report sent electronically (Attachment D).

Insurance (Davis): Report sent electronically (Attachment Q).

Jubilee 64th (Exploratory Committee – Mary Gingell, Chairman; Jim Davis, Joe Dehn: Sue Lietz-Davis): Report and addendum sent electronically (Attachments J and K).

Gingell provided a further update, that Dan Drumheller has agreed to the proposed contract terms to be the Featured Cuer.

Nominating (Davis): No report.

Property (Davis): Report sent electronically (Attachment Q).

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

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

Whing Ding (Davis): Report sent electronically (Attachment Q). Discussion ensued, including pros and cons of afternoon vs. evening dances for both younger and older constituencies.

Other Reports

SCVCA Liaison (Dehn, Ferguson): Report sent electronically by Dehn (Attachment L).

Ferguson reported that the SCVCA is using a new electronic voting method to tabulate the voting for Whing Ding callers, which seems to be working well.

CCSD (Davis): Reports sent electronically (Attachments Q, R, S, and T).

Other Old Business

Progress on reinstatement of tax-exempt status (Wegener): Continuing to work on this, not completed yet. Working with Davis and Dehn to gather all the necessary attachments to the application.

Top Ten Ballot (Dehn): Report sent electronically (Attachments M and N).

ByLaws Committee proposals 1) to allow callers to qualify for the ballot by calling for an SCVDA club regardless of geographic location; and 2) to allow Top Ten callers to qualify for being listed on the next year's ballot by calling only five times during the year in question rather than 10 times (see Attachment H for full language) were approved without objection.

New Business

Post Office Box (Dehn): Report sent electronically (Attachment U). Dehn is reporting this to the delegates in case anyone has strong opinions about alternatives, but the Board will make this decision.

Approve F22-23 Budget (Wegener): No formal vote of delegates required – the Board handled this. The delegates can modify the Board-approved budget. Changes to the Jubilee numbers in the budget will most likely be forthcoming in future meetings.

Announcements

(Gollhardt joined the meeting at approximately 12:10 pm as a representative of Advanced Squares.)

Ferguson would appreciate help offline to add a counter to the pages on the Bows and Beaus website.

Dehn: Next General Dance is Running Bear on January 7, 2023.

Gollhardt: Next Advanced Squares is December 16, 2022 with Harlan Kerr.

Davis: Next Whing Ding is April 29, 2023.

Dehn: Belle Swingers is having its annual Holiday Party December 14, 2022.

Harris: Lucky Steppers has their last dance of the year, their holiday party, on December 15, 2022.

Egan and Wegener: Bows and Beaus is dark on the last Wednesday of this month (December 28, 2022) to dance with Rockin' Jokers from 7 to 9 pm. Everyone gets in for free that night for the Snowflake Ball with Mike Pogue, Tork Clark (possibly), Arlene Scallon, and Sandy Kremer.

Egan: Inter-club Holiday Square Dance Social in San Francisco on December 26, 2022 at 250 Laguna Honda Blvd from 7 to 9:30 pm.

Wegener: Star Eights is having a non-potluck, goodies to share only, Christmas party on December 18, 2022, which will be their last dance in 2022. They will start up dancing again on January 8, 2023.

Dehn: Stanford Quads class is planning to finish up teaching the SSD list in the next two weeks, before going dark on Christmas and New Years Day, so if you know of anyone who knows the SSD calls and wants to learn up to Plus, or wants more practice with the Plus calls in parallel with where they are already dancing, they could start at Stanford Quads in January.

Egan: Next Saturday and Sunday there are dances in Roseville – Saturday afternoon is A2 and Plus in the evening with Dan Nordbye, Sunday afternoon is an hour of rounds and then 2 hours of squares with Eric Henerlau and the Ghostriders. The last C1/C2 in Sebastopol will be next Saturday – starts at 8:30 am for C2 and 10 am for C1.

12:35 pm Wegener adjourned the General Committee meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Gingell
Secretary