

SCVSDA General Committee Meeting  
June 17, 2023  
Meeting held via Zoom  
Minutes (Draft)

10:38 am President MJ Wegener called the meeting to order.

Agenda (Attachment A).

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

Absent: PACE NorCal

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

Introduce new attendees (MJ Wegener): none

Confirm quorum (Gingell/Davis): 7 of 8 Clubs represented; 9 people voting; we have quorum.

Approve outstanding General Committee minutes from March 2023 (Gingell): Sent electronically (Attachment B). Wahl moved to approve, Westerman seconded, motion passed.

### **Officer Reports**

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

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

Secretary (Gingell): No report.

Treasurer (Davis): Two versions of the reports sent electronically (Attachments E and H). H is labeled "Experimental". Davis asked which one do the delegates prefer. General preference is for the Experimental version. In future reports Davis will add an additional pivot table on page 4

to show Jubilee revenues and expenses. Dehn will provide documentation from PayPal for Davis's auditable financial records.

Dehn asked why the financials reflect a lot more income for GDP dances relative to GDP expenses. Dehn also asked why the Whing Ding expenses exceeded revenues. Davis will research this question, fix problems, and reissue the Treasurer's Report, sending to [clubs@scvsda.org](mailto:clubs@scvsda.org). Dehn suggested that additional tables could be put on page 4 to break out Whing Ding revenue/expenses and GDP revenue/expenses.

Dehn pointed out that the tables on page 4 do not include outstanding checks but should. Davis will revise the report to include these.

Gollhardt moved to submit the revised Experimental report to audit; Westerman seconded; motion carried.

### **Director's Reports**

Bishop: No report sent electronically.

MJ Wegener reported that Lucky Steppers will not be dancing every Thursday, so check their website before going. Gollhardt clarified that this is a temporary phenomenon primarily because various key people will be traveling a lot this summer. He also reported that membership is growing, and that there are no plans to host a beginner class any time soon.

MJ Wegener reported that Star Eights is dancing almost every Sunday, with at least one square and often 2 squares. Starting an Advanced class some time in September. Round dance cuer Arlene Scallion is doing a 10-minute round dance intro in the middle of the evening.

Lietz-Davis: No report sent electronically.

Storms: Report sent electronically (Attachment F).

Lietz-Davis left the meeting at 11:27.

Gingell reminded the Directors that they should find out what's going on in their clubs and send written reports to be included in the minutes, rather than having other people have to supplement their reports on a regular basis which ends up effectively forcing the Secretary to write their reports.

## Committee Reports

Audit (MJ Wegener): No report.

Beginner Classes Initiatives (Dehn): Report sent electronically (Attachment D). Four beginner classes are starting soon on different days of the week.

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

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

Dancing at the Fair (Livezey): No report.

A flyer about Dancing at the Fair does now exist and Dehn will add it to the website.

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

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

Campagna asked about an afternoon GDP dance that had been mentioned at previous meetings. Dehn reported that he is open to that option but Saint Andrews is no longer available during the day on Saturday so another venue is needed. He could use help in finding a suitable location. Gollhardt suggested Ventura Community Center in Palo Alto which ECR has used (rental rate is \$50 per hour if a Palo Alto resident makes the reservation). Dehn suggested that a venue further south might be appealing to some dancers. Campagna indicated that she would prefer a more northern location, perhaps even in San Mateo County. Egan suggested Murphy Park and Dehn suggested the possibility that Belle Swingers could sponsor a dance there. Discussion will ensue offline for anyone interested in such a dance.

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

Insurance (Davis): No report sent electronically before the meeting. Davis will send out an insurance report separately to [clubs@scvsda.org](mailto:clubs@scvsda.org).

Gollhardt moved that the dues for 2024 be \$5 and insurance be \$5. Wahl seconded; the motion carried.

Jubilee 64<sup>th</sup> (Exploratory Committee – Gingell, Chairman; Davis, Dehn; Lietz-Davis): Report sent electronically (Attachment G).

Nominating (Davis): No report.

Property (Davis): No report.

Publicity (Storms): Report sent electronically (Attachment F). Storms does not post to Where's the Dance (except for Bows and Beaus) because clubs are supposed to post their own entries to that website and it is not particularly user friendly. Dehn suggested that she could also post SCVSDA activities on Facebook in the "Square and Round Dancing in Northern California and Nevada" group. Gollhardt suggested another Facebook group as well, called "Square Dance Flyers".

Egan suggested printing up association business cards to hand out at related events, such as contra dances and the free traditional square dances at Sales Force Park on 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays this summer through September.

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

Whing Ding (Davis): No report sent electronically.

Preliminary to discussing concerns with impending price increases at Saint Andrews, Davis asked Gollhardt about whether pushing back gently at Saint Andrews regarding hall use price increases has worked for ECR and Gollhardt reported that they have discussed pushing back but have not yet done so. Davis thought he sensed some potential sympathy with our dilemma from his contact at Saint Andrews and will craft a message asking for consideration for holding down our rental rates. Square dance groups are respected by Saint Andrews as leaving the hall in good condition, but there seems to be more concern about non-square-dance church members renting the hall and leaving it a mess.

Egan suggested that, no matter what happens with Saint Andrews fees, they should provide us with sufficient hand soap, towels, and toilet paper in the restrooms for the evening. This often does not happen.

Egan also suggested that a smaller hall relative to the number of dancers expected is more conducive to camaraderie.

Next Whing Ding is coming up on July 29. No SCVCA member cuers will be available for this dance so SCVCA had planned to provide pre-recorded rounds. Subsequently it came to their attention that Mary Ann Callahan might be available (but would likely expect a fee). General consensus was that SCVCA would have to pay her fee (not split it with SCVSDA) if she

expected to be paid, and that pre-recorded rounds would be preferable. No one expressed a preference for hiring an out-of-area cuer.

The flyer for this Whing Ding has been available on the SCVSDA website and printed copies have been distributed for weeks now.

### **Other Reports**

SCVCA Liaison (Dehn, Ferguson): Nothing that has not already been discussed.

CCSD (Davis): No report sent electronically.

New officers were elected and will take office in September.

### **Other Old Business**

Post Office Box (Dehn): Report sent electronically (Attachment D).

Progress on reinstatement of tax-exempt status (MJ Wegener): Report sent electronically (Attachment C). MJ asked Dehn to provide her with a copy of our current Bylaws to attach to the application.

**New Business** (none)

**Announcements** (none)

12:53 pm MJ Wegener adjourned the General Committee meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Gingell  
Secretary