

SCVSDA General Committee Meeting  
September 16, 2023  
Meeting held via Zoom  
Minutes (Draft)

10:12 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 (Bows and Beaus), Michael Egan (Interlocked Squares), Phil Harris (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; 8 people voting; we have quorum.

Approve outstanding General Committee minutes from June 2023 (Gingell): Sent electronically (Attachment B). Harris moved to approve, Gollhardt 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): Report sent electronically (Attachment E). Davis will correct several insignificant typos and reissue the Treasurer's Report, sending to [clubs@scvsda.org](mailto:clubs@scvsda.org).

Westerman moved to submit the revised Treasurer's report to audit; Harris seconded; motion carried.

### **Director's Reports**

Storms: No report.

Lietz-Davis: No report sent.

Bishop: No report sent.

Per Gollhardt and Harris, Keith Brown is now a club caller for Lucky Steppers.

### **Committee Reports**

Audit (MJ Wegener): No report.

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

Bylaws (Dehn): Report sent electronically (Attachment D). Dehn still needs to post current Bylaws to website. In response to a question from MJ Wegener, later in the meeting Dehn reported that according to his notes, the Bylaws now say that the dues and insurance amounts are supposed to be reported by the Treasurer to Clubs no later than October 1 and are to be paid to SCVSDA by October 15. Insurance payments are delinquent if not paid by November 15 and dues are delinquent if not paid by December 31.

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

Dancing at the Fair (Livezey): No report sent.

Davis reported that 7-8 squares were in attendance at the beginning. Dehn reported that there was significant drop off after the first few tips, with 2 squares dancing at the end of the evening, and also that videos are available online. Gollhardt suggested that vagueness of the announced dance program levels (Plus vs. SSD tips) may have resulted in some of the drop off.

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

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

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

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

Jubilee 64<sup>th</sup> (Gingell): Report sent electronically (Attachment G).

Gingell will send approval to pay ribbon invoice to SCVSDA Treasurer Davis.

Egan reminded the Jubilee Committee of issues with no privacy curtain in the men's room at Hoover School. Assigned to Facilities Chairman Davis.

Discussion ensued about SSD/Plus European style dancing possibly being too stressful for some dancers who want scheduled breaks, and about whether SSD will become an actual destination dance level in the future. Gingell suggested that the “Euro style” approach was meant to provide more dancing for both SSD and Plus dancers within the constraints of our budget and that dancers should take breaks for personal needs, snacks, and visiting with friends as they see fit, and that if the SSD community grows sufficiently and becomes an actual dance level in this geographic area rather than a stepping stone, perhaps in future years Jubilee can provide an additional hall and SSD sessions with traditional breaks.

Discussion ensued about the Treasurer not paying the Facilitron deposit for Jubilee yet, ostensibly because he was trying to sort out some other SCVSDA issues with Facilitron first. Gingell noted that if the Jubilee has to be cancelled because of lack of payment of a deposit, SCVSDA will be nonetheless liable for large caller and cuer fees and urged the Treasurer to finalize our reservation for Jubilee with a payment to Facilitron and worry about other SCVSDA/Facilitron issues separately.

Jubilee 65<sup>th</sup> (Gingell): Report sent electronically (Attachment H).

Nominating (Davis): No report sent electronically. All current Board members have indicated their willingness to serve for another term, the Vice President and Secretary on condition that all other board positions are filled by separate people. The Secretary further indicated that she was willing to serve but for personal reasons might no longer be involved in the SCVSDA after December 31, 2023 and in such instance would resign.

Property (Davis): No report.

Publicity (Storms): No report.

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

Whing Ding (Davis): Report sent electronically (Attachment F).

Discussion ensued about Saint Andrews insisting on a significant increase in rental fee for square dances and about possible different locations that might be more price-effective or serve dancers better in other ways, such as providing air conditioning in the summer or being located farther south to better accommodate those dancers in the San Jose area. The possibility and desirability of raising Whing Ding dancer prices was also discussed.

Gollhardt moved to hold the 2024 Whing Dings at Ohlone School in San Jose, and raise prices from \$9 (members of SCVSDA clubs)/\$10 (non-members) to \$10/\$12 respectively; Westerman seconded. Discussion continued. Gollhardt moved to amend his motion to read:

To direct the Whing Ding Committee to investigate and implement alternative venues in San Jose for 2024 which would be no more expensive than the ballpark amount that Saint Andrews will cost, with a preference for venues with air conditioning in the summer months, and to propose to the SCVCA that we raise the Whing Ding prices to \$10/\$12.

Westerman seconded the amendment, which passed. The main motion as amended carried.

### **Other Reports**

SCVCA Liaison (Keith Ferguson): Nothing to report.

CCSD (Davis): Report sent electronically (Attachment F).

### **Other Old Business**

Progress on reinstatement of tax-exempt status (MJ Wegener): Report sent electronically (Attachment C). Davis offered to provide Wegener with contact information for Ave Herndon as someone who might advise her about this issue, having experience with a similar problem at the state level.

### **New Business**

Elections: The existing slate of Officers and Directors was re-elected without objection for another year.

## **Announcements**

Please get out and push attendance at Jubilee!!!

12:16 pm MJ Wegener adjourned the General Committee meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Gingell  
Secretary