

Associated Square Dancers of Superior California
Board of Directors Meeting
Royer Park
123 Park Drive
Roseville, CA
March 11, 2007

President Mitchel Cari called the meeting to order at 1:00 P.M.

Officers Reports

President Report: President Cari reported that he, Bonnie Abramson, Sue Regadanz and Bob Kamuf attended the February 2007 California State Square Dance Council meeting held in Riverside. He was asked to make nominations for the Northern Area Vice President and apparently there were something wrong in the nomination process so at the May Council meeting they may reopen the nomination for vice president and make a decision as to whether the nomination was proper. There have been two nominations for Northern Area Vice President.

He will not be able to attend the May State Council meeting so he has asked Joyce Booen to represent the ASDSC at the next council meeting. He called for a motion to have Joyce Boone represent ASDSC at the next State Council meeting.

Vice President Morrie Weisbart made the motion. The motion was seconded by Caller /Cuer Procurement Steve Swanson. The motion carried.

President Cari announced the March 18, Laura Cari Memorial Dance. He reported that Square D Fashions has offered a \$200.00 Shopping Spree as a gift for that the dance and he personally is matching the \$200.00 Shopping Spree. He asked the Web Master to put the announcement on the Web Site and also to include a note that the dance level has been changed to Red Light/Green Light. Bonnie Abramson also announced Robin Alpenglow said she would match whatever funds are raised at the dance. The proceeds will go to the American Cancer Society.

Secretary Report: Secretary Keron Weisbart reported the Minutes of the January 14, 2007 for both the Board and Delegates meeting were posted to the Web Site, www.ASDSC.org for anyone to view. She had also mailed copies to the Board and Delegates that have no computer access.

The revised December 2006 Minutes were also posted to the Web Site as directed, and mailed to each club at the address listed for the club on the Club Officer Roster. The revised Board List was also mailed. The total cost of the copies of the meeting items and for the mailing was \$98.48 and the postage was \$22.98 for a total of \$121.46. She recommended taking a close look at motion that has items being mailed out before we spend funds when the system of having them on the Web Site and in the folders for Board Members and Delegate has worked well in the past.

There were numerous difficulties encountered by the Secretary in preparing the Minutes from the January 2007 meeting. The Secretary reminds all board and delegates that the following items need to be adhered to at all meetings:

a. All Motions/Discussions must be made in the microphone. No exceptions. Several times people asked questions or made statement that were not understandable on the tape.

b. When making a motion, please state the motion in clear, concise one or two sentence statements. The person can give a little history before, but a second need to occur before any discussion is held. It was very difficult to determine exactly what the motion was in many instances because the person did so much discussion themselves and then changed the wording of the motion numerous times. If possible, please write out the exact motion and provide a copy to the Secretary.

c. The person making the second needs to state their name as well as their position. Numerous times in the January meeting, only the position was stated and I did not recognize the voice to write down the name or could not determine it from the tape.

d. We need to "hold the meeting" together. There were over 4 1/2 hours spent at the last meeting. Numerous complaints have been aired about the time that is being spent repeating the same items.

e. The secretary is asking for guidance from the board as to what constitutes a delegate. Does the Delegate need to be the same person who's name was provided to the Membership Chairman as a club delegate, or do we accept anyone who shows up at the meeting as being the club delegate? If we accept who ever shows up do we need to check to determine if that person is actually on the club roster? I have contacted the clubs that have no delegates listed and have received response from only 3 clubs with their delegates listed. One club has submitted 5 names, by-laws says only 4. Do we accept the 5th name as an alternate? I am also asking the clubs that do not have current officer listings, to please provide the Membership Chairman and Secretary with the correct officers listing.

f. When people start to leave the meeting, we must determine which clubs are represented so there is no question about a quorum throughout the entire meeting.

President Cari reviewed the Association By-laws and it was discussed that the board would accept any club member as a delegate. It was restated that only 4 delegates from each club would be allowed to vote no matter how many attended. It was allowable to accept anyone as representing a club as long as they were recognized as a member of the club based on the honor system. The issue of the Quorum issue was discussed. It was determine that if numerous people started leaving the meeting the board would help determine when we lost a quorum.

President Carrie called for the approval of the January 11, 2007 Board Meeting Minutes. District 8 Director, Joe White, made the motion. Vice President Morris Weisbart seconded the motions. The motion carried.

Treasurer Report: Treasurer Regadanz presented the financial status reports. As has been previously decided the Treasurer Reports will not become part of the publicized minutes, but will be available to both the board and delegates at the next meeting.

Treasurer Regadanz reported that there were 3 checks made to John Roloson from 2006 that had not been cashed. Since Mr. Roloson was in attendance at the meeting as an observer, he was asked to deposit the checks so the bank records for 2006 can be closed. Mr. Roloson reported he had the checks and would be taking care of them.

Treasurer Regadanz questioned a line General Expense entry " CD's Reinvest Dividends, \$2500.00" on the approved 2007 Budget. A discussion was held and it could not be determine exactly where this figure came from. This figure was not allowing the budget to balance. It was determined that the funds from the CD could only be used for promotions and there should be a review to track the transfer of funds and promotion expenses to determine if there was promotion money still in the main ASDSC checking account and transfer back the excess money if necessary. Bonnie Abramson and Sue Regadanz will be reviewing the accounts to review the problems prior to the next board meeting.

District 2 Delegate Charlie Truax made a motion that the treasurer brings a report back to the board separating promotions money and expenses. Secretary Keron Weisbart seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Treasurer Regadanz reported the 2006 Taxes would be going to the CPA in March 2007.

Treasurer Regadanz reported she still has only received 4 raffle ticket books for the State Convention Raffle Tickets. She again asked that the clubs inform her of the status of the books. President Cari said he would send out an email and letter to all the clubs asking them to furnish the books back before April 1, 2007.

Vice Presidents Report: Vice President Morrie Weisbart reported the ASDSC Round and Square Dance Party is set for Sunday, April 22, 2007 at Clunie Hall at McKinley Park, Alhambra Boulevard and F Street, Sacramento, CA. Charlie Eskin Cueing and Bill Silver calling the Squares. The format for the dance is based on previous Round Dance Parties with 5 Rounds and a Single Singing call squares.

Jr. Past President: Bob Kamuf reported the By-laws committee was still working on the bylaws, and that quite a lot of the old bylaws were going to be put into the Guidelines, or Standing Rules.

Caller /Cuer Procurement: Steve Swanson reported that due to the death of Barbie Cooper, Dave Cooper cancelled for Fun Weekend. He replaced them with Sue and Phil Harris from Aromas, CA. for \$225.00 with 2 nights lodging or 2 nights RV parking which ever they choose.

President Cari called for a motion to accept the contract changes.

Jr. Past President Robert Kamuf made motion and District 8 Director Joe White seconded. The motion carried.

Caller Cuer Swanson reported he had a Cuer and Caller Contract for the ASDSC Round and Square Dance Party for April 22, 2007. Cuer Charlie Eskin for \$150.00 and Caller Bill Silvers for \$100.00 who will also provide sound. President Cari questioned the level of cueing to be certain the level of the cueing would accommodate the new round dance classes. Steve Swanson stated he would make sure the cued level would accommodate all levels of dance. President Cari called for a motion to accept the contracts for the Round/ Square Dance Party.

Secretary Keron Weisbart made the motion and Harvest Hoedown Chairman Bonnie Abramson seconded. No vote was taken at this time. Discussions continued.

District 2 Delegate Barbara Truax asked for clarification on the format for the dance with 5 Round dances and one Singing Call Square Dance. A discussion was held as to how many square dance tips and to what levels they would be.

Based on the discussion Harvest Hoedown Chairman Bonnie Abramson made a motion to change the format to 5 round dances and 2 singing calls. District 2 Delegate Barbara Truax seconded the motion.

Further discussion was held as to what level the square dancing would be. Vice President Weisbart reminded the board that the ad had already been placed in the Square Caster.

After further discussion President Cari called for a vote to approve the motion of 5 rounds and 2 singing calls.

A vote was taken and the motion carried.

Charlie Truax made the motion the level of the two signing calls should be at the floor level (all skate). Bonnie Abramson made the second. Vote was called for and the motion carried.

Caller/Cuer Procurement Steve Swanson was asked to rewrite the contracts to include 5 rounds and 2 singing calls at floor level. Bonnie Abramson was asked to send out notice on email that the levels have changed and Web Master Morris Weisbart was asked to change the level of dancing on the web site.

President Cari called for approval of the contracts as revised. District 1 Delegate Bud Baker made the motion to accept the dollar amount of the contracts. Membership Chairman Ruby Trinidad made the second. The motion carried.

Historian: Carolyn Matthies - No Report

Membership: Ruby Trinidad and Larry Lauszus - No Report. President Cari asked if the status of Square Generations had been determined since they were not listed on the Club Listing. Ruby Trinidad stated she had not received anything from them and she will check on their status and report back to the Board in April. Bonnie Abramson reported she had word from Lorna Garrett they are starting another Handicapables club, an addition of Guys and Dolls in the Elk Grove area and they are looking for a caller.

New Dancer: District 2 Director Charlie Truax reported on the new dance registration form that he developed. It is printed 4 to a sheet that can be completed by each new dancer and the bottom can be returned to the new dancers so they have something to know the Web site exist and to possibly promote square dancing to their friends. He said that this ties into the Web Site Being Changed so an e-mail newsletter can be sent to the new dancers. President Cari called for discussion. Secretary Weisbart pointed out the email newsletter has never been presented to the board and that the delegate had only approved the toll free number thru April 2007. Discussion was held about who would be in charge of the email newsletter and this has not been brought before the board that we would create a newsletter. District Director Charlie Truax also said he wanted the ASDSC Toll Free Telephone Number listed so the new dancers could call and find out where the next new dancer's dance was. Vice President Weisbart reminded the board the Toll Free Number was never set up to tell where a dance was being held. The purpose of the toll free number was so people who are interested in Square Dancing could be connected with a club that is having classes. Treasurer Regadanz also

stressed the fact an email newsletter could be very time consuming and also would require board/delegates approval and a committee to write the newsletter. Bonnie Abramson said she would be happy to add anyone's e mail address to the news articles she send out about upcoming events and if there was a quarterly news letter she would send it out if she was provided the e mail addresses.

Vice President Weisbart made a motion that we accept the form without the toll free number and any reference to the email address since that email address does not exist. District 8 Director Joe White made the second so further discussion could continue.

Discussion continued that an e-mail address for LetsDance@ASDSC.org could be established. It was also discussed with postponing the printing of this form until the decision of the toll free number was made. The suggestion was made that the form includes a section where the person give permission to use their e-mail.

Vote was taken the motion failed.

Bonnie Abramson made another motion to leave the toll free number and a section be added that they marked that offers to add them to our email list and delete the reference to the wording about the quarterly newsletter. Seconded by District 1 Director Bud Baker. Vote was taken and motion passed.

District 2 Director Truax was directed to modify the form and to have it printed and available at the April 22, 2007 Board/Delegates Meeting and to place 5 copies in the club's packets.

Promotions: Promotions director Jerry Little reported that we have not sold enough tickets in our name for the Kings to allow us to dance at the Kings Game, so all those who had purchased tickets would just have to go and have fun. He appreciated all the support from those who purchased tickets. He also reported about the success with signs his local club had made up and put up in people's yard and about small sized orange flyers being put in stores and they got 40 new dancers at their club.

District Director Charlie Truax reported on the October 6, 2007 event. He presented the budget and copies of the flyers he proposes to use. Contracts have been issued with Joe Kula, Jet Roberts and Casey and Sharon Parker so the dance is going to happen. The flyer has the information about the blast class, a BBQ Social Hour and the dance. He reported the dance is not costing ASDSC anything at all. The first \$250.00 of the proceeds is going to pay for the hall so there is no hall expense. The dance is zero profit or loss. The BBQ is his idea to promote good will and bring more people to the dance. He reported the income from the BBQ would only be about \$125.00. Basically charge \$1.00 for a hot dog or hamburger and the cost are the food and the kitchen rental in the basement and printing up the flyers. The net result would be a loss of \$477.00, which he feels should come out of the promotions budget. His whole idea in his opinion is we have the CDs sitting there and it is time to give back to the existing dancers some kind of benefit from ASDSC membership. His idea is not to make money, the idea is to try and cover a little bit of the cost but to promote goodwill among square dancers and have it just before the dance since a lot of square dancers will get groups together and go to dinner anyway. This is just a way of getting them all together at the same location at the same time and having ASDSC foot the bill. Since we are going to have the hall rented, it is also an opportunity to have a new dancer promotion in the afternoon before the evening square dance. The callers have agreed they are willing to have the first tip or two of the evening at the level that was just learned in the afternoon. It is a way for a new dancer to go to a teach and participate in a dance to see what a dance looks like, because you don't really get that feeling when you just go to a teach lesson.

He has budgeted \$ 40 - \$60 to pay the callers for the teach for up to two hours. The hall is being used for the Mavericks Clothes Closet in the afternoon and they get done at 4:30. The teach could be held from 4:30 to 6:00 P.M. There is also the basement that could be used, the Young Marines have a meeting there on the first Saturday but he has talked to the Sergeants Masters and she is very cooperative. She is willing to give up the hall, or adjust her hours. She is willing to move her troops upstairs or out in the park. There is another alternative and that is renting the slab in the park. There is a cook shack in the park that has a grill that we could also rent for \$60.00 but he is concerned about the weather. We can use portable BBQs in the park as long as the BBQs are on the slab. The Cook shack and concrete area can be reserved at a cost of \$120.00 so that no one else can use that area.

Bonnie Abramson questioned the timing of the events, with the introduction to square dance and the dinner in the down stairs area of the hall and not having time enough to set up for the dinner. She suggested we rent the slab for the teach. She questioned the budget for the food to include plates, napkins, and plastic forks, coffee and punch. . Charlie reported he did figure all that into the budget and it includes soda and water. She also questioned the admission price of the dance. Charlie reported the dance was not our involvement. Joe Kula and Jet Roberts Dance, Sharon and Casey Parker are going to charge whatever fee they want to charge for the dance because we are not receiving any money on it. Bonnie Abramson pointed out the fee needs to be on the flyer, because it is not fair that people would think it is free and then be charged when they got there.

Secretary Weisbart asked for clarification of the arrangement. It sounded like the ASDSC is only sponsoring the teach and dinner and the callers and cuers are sponsoring the dance after the dinner. President Cari stated we are sponsoring the dance by running the table; the arrangement is the first \$250 goes to pay for the hall to break us even and all the rest of the money goes to the callers and cuers. Secretary Weisbart pointed out this fact had never been discussed at the board meetings.

President Cari called for motions for doing the dinner.

District Director Charlie Truax made a motion that our Association host a BBQ and foots the bill with the exception of \$1 offset. Bonnie Abramson seconded for the purpose of further discussion.

Bonnie Abramson questioned the \$1 price and suggested we do as much advanced sales of the dinner as possible because there is no way of knowing how many people to buy for. She is concerned that with out knowing how many people will attend we will either over buy or under buy especially since we are not selling to cover the cost. She suggested selling the tickets and then buy a limited number of other food so we are not just buying food that may not be used.

District Director Truax modified his motion to increase the cost to \$2.00. Bonnie Abramson accepted the revision with the caveat that presale be pushed and a limit is set as to how many over the presale.

District Director Barbara Truax pointed out she felt it very important that current dancers see that it nice to bring in new dancers and existing dancers together and that is why the cost is so low. She also pointed out that if you over buy there is always an opportunity to sell anything that is not used so there is no loss.

President Cari pointed out the IRS rules make it very clear that we cannot use our funds to benefit our existing dancers. We can use promotions funds to promote square dancing, which is the intro classes; if your intent was to take money out of the promotions funds and use it to subsidize the cost of the meal we are on very shaky grounds with IRS if we are ever questioned. Being a non-profit club we

are very limited on how we can use our funds to benefit our dancers. We can use the funds to subsidize the meals for new dancers, but using it for existing dancers is very shaky. Jr. Vice President Bob Kamuf questioned if it could be taken out of the Association funds. President Cari pointed out we cannot use funds to benefit existing dancers. Caller Cuer Steve Swanson questioned if we are selling food, don't we have to have a "food handlers permit". Bonnie Abramson suggested we table this until the next meeting. President Cari suggested that he and District Director Charlie Truax have a meeting and iron out the facts. President Cari called for a motion to table the decisions on the event.

Bonnie Abramson made the motion to table all actions on the October 6th event. District 1 Director Bud Baker made the second. The motion carried.

President Cari reported that we have been asked to do a demonstration at a school in Antelope on May 16, 2007, in the evening. He has a caller and has 10 people ready to dance. He would like to take 2 squares. He said he would provide the information to be put up on the web site to solicit dancers.

He also reported we have been asked to dance in the afternoon of October 20, 2007 in Old Sac. He postponed discussion until the April 22, Board/Delegate meeting.

Sunshine/Blood Reserve: Oral report postponed due to time. Written Report is attached.

Youth Director: Absent

Fun Weekend Report: Vice President Weisbart reported the Fun Weekend Committee met on January 28, 2007. He reported we still need hall monitors, and a Games and Activities Chairman. Bonnie Abramson and George Fox have volunteered to keep the scores. Flyers and Poster Boards are completed and all the ads have been submitted to the square dance magazines. The next meeting is scheduled for 2:00 P.M. March 25, 2007 at the Weisbart house.

Harvest Hoedown: Bonnie Abramson reported everything is going as scheduled.

District Directors: Reports postponed due to time.

Web Site Guidelines: Vice President Weisbart reported that the guideline committee had met and the revised guidelines had been distributed at the January meeting. President Cari requested a motion to accept these guidelines as proposed.

Bonnie Abramson made the motion to accept the proposed changes to the guidelines and Secretary Weisbart made the second.

President Cari stated he would like to see the guidelines be revised to allow advertisement on the Events Page for Council Recognized Festivals that are held within 100 miles of Sacramento instead of just listing the link to other festivals.

Secretary Weisbart made an amendment to the motion on the floor to modify the revisions to include a statement "That any State Council recognized Festivals that are held within 100 miles of Sacramento can be listed on the events page". District 1 Director Bud Baker made the second. Bonnie Abramson accepted the amendment to her motion.

There was no further discussion on the Web Site Guidelines. *A vote was taken to accept the revised guidelines with today's amendment and the motion carried.*

Web Master Weisbart was asked to post the Guidelines on the Web Site so all interested parties know the rules.

President Cari postponed discussion of the Web Site Calendar. He reported the State Fair had received our application but have not told us the dates.

Vice President Weisbart expressed his concerns that the ASDSC Jackets had been put off for two meetings. He expressed great displeasure that we have missed the opportunity to have our jackets worn at the State Convention in April.

Bonnie Abramson reminded anyone who has youth dancers in their clubs that the deadline for submitting application for scholarships is April 1, 2007. She also stated she is not allowed to distribute early bird registrations for the 2008 State Square Dance Convention until April 13, 2007. Early bird registration is only available between April 13 and April 30, 2007. The early registration will save \$8. She is trying to get the word out to take advantage of the early bird registration. The registration form will be available at <http://www.castate2008.org/> on April 13, 2007. She will send a blast email out reminding everyone also.

John Roloson asked to address the board about the dancer enhancement fund. He stated that he has heard at the last few board meeting there are several promotional type activities going on that are going to ask for the money to come out of promotions account. When he was Promotions Director the Promotions Director was the only one who could sign off on the reimbursement forms to take money from the promotions account. We only have one Promotions Director. His concern is that by April, as a Delegate, he would expect an itemized listing of the promotions activities that are going to happen and what the total budget for those promotion activities will be. President Cari stated at the present time there are no firm items that are going to come out of the Promotions Funds.

All other agenda items were postponed until the April 22, 2007 Meeting due to time constraints.

President Cari adjourned the meeting at 3:10 P.M.