

ASSOCIATED SQUARE DANCERS OF SUPERIOR CALIFORNIA
DELEGATES MEETING MINUTES: October 14, 2007
1:05 P.M.
110 Park Drive
Roseville, CA 95678-2749

President Cari called the Delegates Meeting of the Associated Square Dancers of Superior California to order at 1:05P.M. on October 14, 2007.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: President Cari led the salute to the flag.

The president explained how the meeting would be conducted and the procedures for voting. He also introduced Joe Boyajian, State Council President, Arnold Rose, Northern California District Vice President, and Dave Briggs who would be counting the votes. He also stated he gave each candidate an opportunity to have an observer to count the votes and that Mr. Roloson had appointed Tod Davis to observe on his behalf.

ROLL CALL: The Secretary called the roll. The Secretary declared a Quorum.

Proceedings:

Officer Reports:

President's report: President Cari reported he attended the August State Council Meeting. Most items were for State Council business, however Progressive Squares is declining in popularity amount the clubs and there is a possibility that may be discontinued.

The president stated there has been a lot of discussion on how motions are made. The ASDSC By-laws state we operate by our by-laws and Roberts Rules of Order. Our By-laws state that motions must be made by delegates. Some motions have different timetables than other motions. He is required to make his agenda for the meeting 14 days in advance of the meetings. The by-laws also state a motion to amend the by-laws must be to the delegates at least 25 days before the meeting. Roberts Rules of orders state the reason for motions is to get an action by the body. A motion needs to be written clearly and be something the body can act upon. There can be amendments to motions when they are on the floor. Once a motion is on the floor, it belongs to the body. The presenter cannot change the motion in and of himself. A request must be made for the motion to be dealt with.

Before the Delegates today is a motion to suspend Article 8, Section 3 g of our By-laws. Our By-laws state a delegate must present a motion. Christine Zell, Overalls Delegate, has presented it. The presidents' job is to bring a motion to the floor. In order for a motion to be acted upon, it must be seconded from the floor. Once the second is offered the motion is open for discussion.

The president brought the motion from Christine Zell to the body to suspend Article 8, Section 3 g of the Association By-laws. Mavericks John Schwartz made the second.

The president stated there are written ballots with the verbiage from the motion so they could read the verbiage that is going to be suspended.

Discussion was held. A question was asked if the motion is to temporarily suspend the action, or is it doing away with the by-law. The President explained that a suspension is a one-time action. It is being suspended for one election, one term.

A question was raised that if this is approved, does it mean that the current President's name will go on the ballot. President Cari stated no that is not what it means. It means it is suspended. Further questioning as to whether President Cari could be nominated for president for 2008. President Cari said that would have to be a separate nomination. It opens the door for any officers who have reach the two-term limit to run for office for 2008.

No further discussion. The vote was called for.

The President Continued with the agenda while the ballots were being counted.

Vice Presidents Report: Vice President Weisbart reported on the 5th Saturday Dance in September. The dance was a great success as was the previous 5th Saturday dance. He reported the format was red light, green light. 88 dancers, 9 squares with 12 clubs being represented. There were 11 of ASDSC officers and we made money. The last two dances have made money and he contributes it to the red light green light format and having the new dancers join the experienced dancers makes them feel welcome.

Secretary Report: The minutes from the July meeting was presented for approval.

The motion to accept the minutes was made and seconded. The motion passed.

Treasurer Report: The secretary reported on the banking summary and listing of unreconciled checks. She reported the money had been transferred from the CDs to replenish the checking account and directed during the July meeting.

The Fun Weekend Books were audited September 18, 2007. The financial records were audited from 9/1/06 - 8/31/07. Everything balanced and everything was in order. The Fun Weekend treasurer, Bob Kamuf, did an excellent job. All books were in order. There is a recommendation to close out the Fun Weekend books on August 31, or each year to provide for a consistent period for the audit. The audit committee consisted of Sue Regadanz, Chairman; members were Bonnie Abramson and Suzanne Owens.

President Cari asked if there was a motion to accept the treasurers reports as reported or because copies were not available to postponed approval of the treasurer reports until the January meeting.

Delegate John Roloson made a recommendation to postpone approval until January 2008. Starlight shufflers seconded. There was no further discussion. The motion passed.

President Cari informed the delegates there were copies of the Proposed Budget available. The budget will be presented to the delegates for Adoption or comments in January 2008.

State Counsel Area Vice President Rose presented the talley for the motion to suspend the Article 8, Section 3g has been passed. Mrs. Grant from the Buttons and Bows asked to have the tally of the votes for the motion. The Secretary reported that the vote was 29 in favor and 17 against the setting aside of the by-laws Article 8, Section 3g.

Jr. Past President: Robert Kamuf reported the By-laws committee is still working on the by-laws. He is shooting for the January meeting to have the proposed By-laws ready for their review.

At this time the president returned to the election and opened the floor for nomination for officers for officers for 2008.

Christen Zell, Overalls, nominated Mitch Cari for President. There were no other nominations and nominations were closed. Mitch Cari accepted the nomination.

Caller Cuer Procurement: Steve Swanson. No Report

Caller Dancer Representative: Vacant

Historian: Carolyn Mathis's reported that she and Mitch Cari work on the history update. Mitch Cari had talked to the past officers who had done an update for the State Council. Neither the past officers nor the State Council can locate the history. Some of the pictures are being developed and put into photo albums.

Membership: Larry Lazarus reported we have 7 clubs that have submitted all the membership materials. Three clubs have gone to State Council with payments. The seven clubs are: Mavericks, Good Vibrations, Elk Grove Hoedowners, TNTs, Paws & Taws, Guys and Dolls, and Patchwork Squares. If any of the packets have been sent to Ruby Trinidad, he does not have the information. The deadline is coming up. Both he and Ruby will be out of town in November so it is imperative the October deadline be met.

President Cari reported that for some time, District 3 had only one club the Free Spirits, and at the board meeting it was decided to roll them into District 5 and Corky Bolin has accepted the responsibility of another club.

New Dance Director: Vacant. President Cari reported on the Communal Dance Class. The prospect is still being worked on for having an association-sponsored class. A location is still being worked on and the date and caller have not been determined. It probably will not happen this January as planned.

He would like to get a report from the clubs on their New Dancer Classes to see how they are progressing to include the number of dancers. He would like to have the report at the January meeting. He would also like to know how the clubs got their dancers.

Bonnie Abramson reported she has received a newsletter from the American Callers Association that has a good article on new dancers classes and retaining new dancers. She provided the Secretary a copy so it can be included with the minutes so clubs can see it.

Promotions Director: Absent. President Cari reported. The thing that came up at the Board Meeting was to find a way to support clubs in their efforts to support new dancer classes. The motion was to reimburse clubs up to \$500.00, it was originally intended to be for advertising

and caller fees, there was a large discussion and the motion was tabled and put into committee and ask the committee to meet and come back with a plan on how to implement it. The committee decided instead of finding a single unified plan to present back to the board, that each committee member would come up with their own ideas and send them all to Mitch. He now has 5 ideas to try to figure out what to do with them. The idea was, some of the smaller clubs in particular have been hesitant to host new dancer classes due to the expense and if that was the only deterrent, the association might step forward and help those clubs defray some of the costs. There is no way to defray just to the smaller clubs, so there is a proposal to defray costs to all clubs up to \$500.00. It is still being worked on. He hopes that he can have all the plans pulled together by the January meeting and have a proposal for something later in the year.

Sunshine and Blood: Keron Weisbart reported that a Sympathy Card had been mailed to Bill Mc Cory, Prime 8s, on the death of his mother. She sent a Get Well Card to Bob Kamuf after his surgery and she had received a card from the President after her own surgery.

Blood Reserve. At the July meeting approval was given to present a Certificate to any individual who has donated 200 pints of blood. We had two people that were really close and it was brought up we would like to do the presentations at Harvest Hoedown, only one person made the goal at the last reporting. The one person normally does not attend Harvest Hoedown because she dances at the challenge level. She recommended we invite the recipients to the Inaugural Dance in January to present the certificates. We have 1595 credits to our account at Blood Source.

State Fair: This year we danced at the State Fair. They sent us a questionnaire, and on the questionnaire there was a personal note:. Apparently there were several people dancing in "Civilian Clothes". They pointed out that if we are dancing at the State Fair, we are entertainment and we are expected to be in Square Dance Attire to dance. We have had this problem in the past, but this is the first time they have written us a warning.

Youth: Terry Jellesed reported for Heidi. The kids have formed an Exhibition Group called Gold Rush. They are learning different maneuvers and they are taking their show on the road. They have rehearsal today. Because Square Dancing is only a portion of what they do, they have recruited class members and neighbors to participate. The kids are looking forward to showing up in mass as Harvest Hoedown, and they are having a Campfire at the Wagon Masters on Saturday night. They are having a fundraiser Spaghetti Dinner on November 18, for \$5.00 including dancing and all the funds will go to buy shoes for the kids that don't have the proper dancing shoes. It will be at Glory in Day Lutheran Church, 4910 Lemon Hill Avenue, South Sacramento at 5 PM.

Fun Weekend: Steve Swanson reported there are numerous changes being made to Fun Weekend. He reported that the format for Fun Weekend is being changed to a Plus-A2 weekend. The Grass Valley facility has raised their prices and we have investigated Yuba Sutter Fair Grounds and Colusa Fair Grounds. The Yuba Sutter Fair Grounds has offered a reduced rate because we also hold Harvest Hoedown there. They are also better priced for the RV and Tents. If we go Colusa they have two halls we can dance in. They are both concrete floors, one hall has floors that will need to be mended to make it safe for dancing. There is one big hall that has a wood floor, but it is really in need of repair and it is not a safe place to dance.

If we change facilities, we have to change the date for Fun Weekend. We have been looking at the 2nd week of June. Jet Roberts is a possible caller if his schedule can be rearranged with the Mavericks.

Bonnie Abramson clarified that we would not take out the Mainstream or New Dancer Blast Class. The only real change instead of having a Round Dance Party on Friday night, which only drew two couples for the last two years, we would make that a full A2 hall. The other programming that was A1-A2 would be full A2.

Bonnie Abramson, Prime 8s, made a motion, that if everything can be worked out satisfactorily, we can proceed with the change to the second weekend in June at the Yuba Sutter Fair Grounds. Terry Jellesed, Elk Grove Hoedowners, seconded the motion.

John Roloson questioned whether we had a profit/loss on Fun Weekend 2007. President Cari reported that had been at the last meeting. There was a loss in excess of \$2,000.00. He reported that we don't even know if the delegates want to keep Fun Weekend. President Cari stated there had not been a motion to do away with Fun Weekend. Mr. Roloson also questioned the fact that motions needed to be submitted to the President two week in advance in writing. President Cari replied, yes, unless this is an emergency motion. Bonnie Abramson stated it had been presented to the president in a timely manner with all the email that had been done in discussion of this. Further discussion between the President and Bonnie Abramson, the president questioned whether the emails were motions or only discussion.

Bonnie Abramson amended her motion to make it an emergency motion so we can act on this so it can be voted on today. Terry Jellesed accepted the amended emergency motion.

David Briggs commented on making this an A2 event instead of an advanced event, because some of the advanced clubs structure their classes so they take a two-year cycle to reach a full A2 level. If we structure the festival to be a full A2 festival then every other year we are automatically excluding all the class people from attending.

Dale Baker, Overall Delegates, commented that the facility at Yuba Sutter Fair Grounds is much nicer than what there is at Grass Valley.

Tod Davis question that if the delegates are not aware if they want to hold Fun Weekend in the future or not, is there going to be any financial granted to obligate the association for next year?

President Cari reported that we have a separate bank account for the festivals. The association gives out seed money and all the income and expenses of the festival come out that account. If there is excess after the festival, the excess comes back to the association. Harvest Hoedown has had excess and has returned money to the Association. Fun Weekend has not had excess and has had to have supplemental income to cover costs.

Tod Davis said that did not answer his question. He is asking if there is going to be money obligated.

Deb Carlson, Button & Bows: Does the motion also include the change to the format Plus and A levels. President Cari stated the motion is to change weekends and locations and does not specify the dance level for the event.

Bonnie Abramson pointed out the sheet that was passed out is only for the costs for facilities, RVs and Tents comparing Grass Valley to Yuba Sutter. That amount alone is nearly \$3000.00 difference so the money we lost this year would in essence be covered assuming we would have the same number of tents and RV. What it doesn't take into consideration is that Grass Valley we paid the Fair Grounds almost the same fee we took in for RVs and Tents. They charged us \$21.00 per day, per tent and that is what we charged. We gained a dollar on each of the RV parking per night. Yuba Sutter does not charge us anything for tents. The RV spots are \$10.00 a day, and if we dropped the RV rental to \$20.00 a night we make a profit of \$10.00 a night. The camping should offset all other costs and maybe this can be a profitable event. We have struggled every year with Grass Valley; every year they raise the rent. We have determined it is the facilities costs that keep us from having a profit.

Christine Zell, Overall, stated it appears the Association is trying to make a concerted effort to make this a profitable event. She believes the efforts that are being done to save this festival and make it a moneymaking event and this motion will help them save this festival.

Ruth Moore pointed out the by- laws state a caller cannot call in the area within in 30 days. By hiring Jet Roberts it will interfere with other dates and bookings. Jet is scheduled to call on May 8.

The motion carried.

Harvest Hoedown: Chairman Kamuf reported we have a great program and great callers in two more weeks. He and Bonnie as Chairmen would like to welcome everyone to Harvest Hoedown. A committee meeting is today following this meeting. Plans are progressing well and it is only a couple of weeks away. As of today we have registration income of \$8,616.00, 155 full weekend registrations, two early bird registrations, two Friday night registrations, 11 all day Saturday ribbons, 9 Saturday night ribbons, 10 Handicapables registrations and 3 youth and two new dancer registrations, 6 Sunday registrations, 28 Committee and 13 guests promotion comps. Every effort has been made to get the word out that Jet Roberts has replaced Bronc Wise as one of our festival callers. On Saturday afternoon there is a mini Blast Class. There is a fashion show, Tri-Tip dinner and the Grand March on Saturday night, pattern room, and numerous vendors. There is a silent auction as well as the raffle. There is still time for clubs to put flyers in the goody bags that will be distributed to the RVers. They must be made available to Bob by October 19. Provide about 200 copies. He has ribbons available today for anyone who has not registered. The schedule is also available. Don't forget the rate for new dancer is almost 50% off the rate. There will be gently used square dance attire available to the new dancers at no charge in the New Dancer Hall. Contributions of clothing are still being accepted. See you all in Yuba City in two weeks.

Jerry Little stated he is the Raffle Representative for Harvest Hoedown and he has close to 100 gift certificates for dinners at the Harvest Hoedown and they are use for raffle on Friday night. Buy your tickets on Friday night and the same tickets are good for Saturday raffle. He stated he has passed out the flyer for the Blast Class all over Marysville and Yuba City.

Christine Zell encouraged everyone to bring friend to come to the blast class and dance all night long. She stressed this is a one day commitment and once they are hooked you can convince them to stay in dancing.

District Director's Report:

District 1 - Bud Baker. No Report

District 2 - Charlie Truax - Excused

District 3 Collapsed District to 5

District 4 - Vacant

District 5 - Corky Bolin reported Capital City is having a 26th Anniversary Celebration on November 17. Everyone is invited with Mike Kellogg calling. Prime 8 is hosting with Capital City for A1 - A2 dancing in the afternoon from 2:30 - 5:30 PM and then Mainstream/Plus with new dancers tips from 7 - 10 PM. At the Central United Methodist Church on H Street. Check the Web Site for Directions and the flyer.

District 6 - Absent

District 7. Carol Rhine. No Report

District 8. Joe White reported the Buttons and Bows with the help of the Overalls, and Mainstreet Strollers have been busy parking vehicles at the Home Show in September. The Anniversary Dance is coming up October 20th at the E.V. Caine School in Auburn with Jet Roberts calling and Milo Molitoris cuing. December 8th is the Christmas dance at the fairgrounds with Jet Roberts calling and Milo Molitoris cuing along with the Ghost Riders playing the music. The new dancer class is doing well.

The Gold Dancers has a new dancer class and it is doing good. They had a golf tournament and now they are planning their Christmas Party.

ASDSC Web Site: President Cari stated that in July he provided the delegates with the Revised Guidelines for the Web Site. The delegates chose then to postpone the vote of the approval of the guidelines. He called for a motion on the actions for the guidelines.

Delegate Bill Hinson moved to accept the revised guidelines. Prime 8's made the second.

John Roloson stated he understands the guidelines, but he would like a clarification of the two calendars that are on the web site. The difference between them and the purpose of both of them. President Cari reported the web site format that we have did not allow printing of the calendar. So the Web Master obtained another program to allow him to present the calendar in a format that could be down loaded and printed by PCs at home. The intent is to have the same information on both of them, but one allows for printing and the other does not.

John Roloson asked if both calendars are kept up to date. President Cari responded that the Web Master works very hard at keeping them up to date. Like most of us our web master is employed for a living and we do this on a voluntary basis, sometimes as volunteers, we can not spend all of our time working on association business. There was no further discussion.

The president called for a vote. ***The motion passed.***

Web Master Report: Web Master Weisbart reported the weekly and monthly reports are in the packets. The report is thru October 1. At the last board meeting the District 2 Director asked that the reports be printed on the 1st of the month so that it would not show a significant drop off. Unfortunately the web site provider takes the statistics automatically every Sunday morning and what he provided is a picture of those graphs. As of 1st October we were getting hit an average of 20,000 times a month. That is still quite significant and he believes there will be another rise in the next week or two. It is traditional that we see a high volume of activity before our festivals. On this particular handout I have also provided you with information from the website as to what the statistics are and how they are gathered. Web Master Weisbart said he maintains the web site almost on a daily basis as he receives information.

State Convention: Bonnie Abramson reported the State Convention's theme is Alice in Wonderland. It is the 49th California State Square Dance Convention; scheduled April 18 - 20, 2008 at Cal Expo in Sacramento. This is the 1st time since 2004 the convention has been held in Northern California. Lots of surprises are planned for you, along with all the things you would normally expect at a state convention. Thanks to the hard work and imagination of John and Christine Zell, Cal Expo is going to be transformed into a fantasy world that will transport you into the story of Alice and the wonderful characters you will meet at Wonderland. The 8 dance halls and the Queen of Hearts Courtyard will feature square dancing levels Mainstream thru Challenge and Round Dancing thru Phase 6. Special halls and sessions for the Youth and Handicapped will be offered along with introduction to round dancing and clogging as well as a sample of contra dancing for those interested and those who would like to give it a try. Attendees will get a chance to experience gender bender squares, hexagon squares and even dancing in the dark. Over 30 callers from throughout California have agreed to participate in the convention along with many of your favorite callers from throughout the state. The Vendor hall is already full with a wide variety of attire and products available for sale. There will be a pattern room, sewing demonstrations, exhibitions, plus a showcase of ideas so you can see what is going on in other associations. There will be a White Rabbits Trail End Dance on Thursday night. Admission to the Trail End dance is \$5.00. Parking that night only will be free. The proceeds from the trail end dance will benefit the Youth Square Dance Scholarship Program. On Friday there will be Twiddle Dumb and Twiddle Dee Wine and Chocolate tasting tour. It is a short trip to nearby Lodi. The tour runs from 9:30 AM to 2:30 PM.

Regular parking fees at Cal Expo are \$7.00 a day and does not include in and out privileges, but we have received special discounted parking tickets at \$5.00 which also does not include in and out privileges. To get the discounted rate the parking passes must be purchased in advance from the Convention Committee. She has some available today for anyone who wants to buy them. She also has Grand Prize Drawing Tickets. \$1.00 per ticket or \$10.00 per book gives you an opportunity to win a trip to Walt Disney World, or \$2,000.00 cash or a trip to Disneyland or \$750.00 Cash or Ribbon to the 2010 California Square Dance Convention and \$200.00 cash. By helping to sell Grand Prize Tickets you can earn money for your clubs. Once your club sells 50 tickets your club will start earning commissions on every ticket they sell. If you don't want to earn money for your club, you can purchase tickets in the name of the youth program and support the Youth Scholarship. Registrations are available from her, or on the Web Site. www.Castate2008.org. If you have already registered visit the web site. Morrie Weisbart keeps putting on extra stuff and it is a lot of fun to see. Come join us and come Dance in Wonderland.

Old Business:

President Cari reported that in July he provided the Guidelines for Hearing Enhancement. For those who do not know, when the Callers Association folded earlier this year they purchased 5 sets of hearing enhancements sets and donate them to the association with the caveat that we develop guidelines to make the sets available to square functions in our area. Not limited to association members. President Cari called for a motion on approval/disapproval of the Guidelines.

A motion was made by the Overalls delegate to accept the Guidelines. Capital City Squares delegate seconded the motion. The motion passed.

President Cari reported that at the July meeting, ***John Roloson made a motion to have both event calendars updated simultaneously on the web site*** and that he, President Cari, erred when he asked for the motion when he should have stated the motion. ***The motion has now been stated. President Cari called for a second to the motion.***

A Second to the motion was made. Discussion was called for and none offered. ***Vote was taken and the motion passed.***

Also in July, Mr. Roloson also made a motion to create a position of Board Parliamentarian. President Cari failed to state the motion and asked for the motion. ***He is now stating the motion to create a position of Parliamentarian and called for a Second. Sierra Squares seconded the motion.***

Discussion of the motion was called. Deb Carlson, Buttons and Bows, stated: There are already a lot of vacant positions, so why create a new position. Someone asked for the functions of a Parliamentarian. President Cari explained a Parliamentarian is to be familiar with the by-laws, the constitution, and Roberts Rules of Order, and to make sure the business is conducted in accordance with them. Tod Davis stated he is in favor of a Parliamentarian so that person would be the person in charge, making sure that the Association and the Delegates run according to the By-laws and the Roberts Rules of Order. Bonnie Abramson stated the President has the authority to appoint a Parliamentarian if he so feels he needs on at any time. So there is no need for us to create a position and have another potentially vacant position on the board. Dave Briggs stated that a couple of Presidents ago there was an appointed Parliamentarian and whether or not that was a position that was de facto in the By- laws or not but it seems to him there is precedence already that we do have an appointed position of Parliamentarian available to the president. Betty from the Main Street Strollers stated that many of the large organizations she has been affiliated with have a Parliamentarian and one of the nice things about it is, it takes the weight of the decision off the President and it also stops some of this in-house fighting that has gone on because someone has misinterpreted the rules and she feels it is very valuable to have a Parliamentarian position even if it is empty. Steve Lichenberger Whirl A Ways, wanted to know if this position is counted in the quorum vote, because it is hard enough to get a quorum. President Cari reported that if it is created as a board position, it would count as a quorum. Secretary Weisbart stated she has been directed that if a position is vacant that position is pulled out of the count for our quorum. George Fox, Prime 8s stated that he feels that it is all well and good to have a parliamentarian but the current situation should not be used to base a new elected position on what is happening right now. The President can appoint a Parliamentarian at any time and if we elect someone then we do not know if it is someone the President can work with and then where are we if they are not working together.

John Roloson questioned how could the President choose someone on the spot that would be intimately familiar with the by-laws.

Vote was called for. Count taken and the motion was defeated.

The president called for election. He stated there are two ballots. The 1st is for the Office of President and the 2nd is for all the remaining offices that we have nominees for. The reason is that one of our officers appears on both ballots and the one issue needs to be resolved before the second issue.

The ballots that are being passed out for the Office for President has three names: John Roloson, Morris Weisbart and Mitchell Cari. Each Candidate will be allowed to address the audience for 5 minutes each before the marking of the ballots.

Tod Davis from the Mavericks questioned the Chairperson for Promotions and the Chairperson for Harvest Hoedown being able to vote. According to the by-laws, they cannot be a delegate and a Chairperson at the same time. President Cari responded that Jerry Little vacated the position of Promotions and Bonnie Abramson vacated the position of Chairperson for Harvest Hoedown and were serving as delegates. They are not holding two positions at the same time. Tod read the by-laws. "No person shall serve as a delegate of a club during his term as chairperson." President Cari reiterated that they have stepped down today from their elected positions be delegates. Tod Davis questioned them being listed on the Agenda as Chairperson for other meetings and this meeting. He questioned if they can vote because it states "No person shall serve as a Delegate of a Club during his term". President Cari stated an agenda is indicated order of items. The agenda, per our by-laws was prepared two weeks ago and the President cannot control everything that happens at the meetings two weeks prior. The agenda is not hard and fast, it is subject to change because of things that happen at the meeting. Bonnie chose to vacate her Co-Chair Position and Jerry chose to vacate his Promotion position in order to represent their clubs as delegates. They are not in service both as a director and delegate at the same time. Tod question Bonnie's report at today's meeting. President Cari reminded that Bonnie's report was for the 2008 Convention, which is not a board position but she was allowed to give her report as a courtesy because the State Convention is being held in our hometown next year. President Cari stated they have a right to vote in the election.

John Roloson addressed the audience: "Ok, some of you think my time is up, but it really isn't. Those who know me, you know for years that I am persistent and consistent on the things I believe in and I will continue to be that way as President of your club. He is willing to work with anybody to get things done, if you have something that needs to be changed, all that is needed is your ideas and how the changes would affect everyone, not one club over the other, every single club needs to have advantages of what is done by this board and that is what I would intend to do."

Morris Weisbart addressed the audience: "First I would like thank all of you for coming today, it is really a pleasure to see all of you and I mean that from the bottom of my heart. Putting my name in as a candidate for your Association President required a tremendous amount of thought and a tremendous amount of commitment. I essentially made that commitment a year ago. Based on your decision today, I want to thank you for your support, and I want you to throw

your support, those who were going to vote for me behind Mitchell Cari. I am withdrawing my nomination."

Mitch Cari addressed the audience: As a candidate I choose not to make a statement.

As President, the written ballot has three names on it. At this point only two of them viable since Morrie chose to withdraw. Based on this, if you choose to mark Morrie's name that vote will not be tallied, because he has chosen to withdraw. Please mark your ballots, fold them in half and the tally will be taken.

President Cari thanked Morrie for his service, he stated, he has been very valuable in helping our association for the last year. He has stood in for me. Thank you very much.

The remaining offices that we have: Vice President has no nominees. Secretary - Christine Zell. Treasurer - Susanne Owens. Caller Cues Procurement - Bonnie Abramson. Historian - Carolyn Mathis. Membership/Insurance has no nominees. New Dancer Coordinator - Vacant. Promotions Director- Jerry and Stephanie Little. Sunshine/Blood Reserve - Keron Weisbart. Youth - Heidi Jellesed and Jana Jacobson. California State Fair Director - Vacant. Webmaster - Morris Weisbart. District 1 Director - Vacant. District 2 - Bob and Margaret Hicks. District 4 - Vacant. District 5 - Corky Bolin. District 6 - No Director. District 7 - No Director. District 8 - Joe White.

Vice President Weisbart pointed out the Steve Swanson was nominated for New Dancer Coordinator. President Cari question Steve about club membership and Steve responded he is a member of the Prime 8's.

Since there is only one candidate for those offices, the offices are eligible for what is called a White Paper Ballot. That means that unless there is a descent from the delegates we will accept those nominees being elected. Is there a descent? Ruth Moore question is Morrie could be put back in as Vice President. The president stated the motions were closed earlier in the meeting. John Roloson asked if an emergency motion could be made. President Cari stated the business at hand is the White Paper Ballot on the standing nominees. The Delegates can interrupt if they choose to open up an emergency motion.

Delegate John Roloson made an emergency motion to discontinue the jobs of the District Directors because 3 out of 5 starting today are vacant positions. Those District Directors responsibility at Board Meetings is to represent the dancers and clubs within their district. We have 5 out of eight seats vacant. The motion would be to replace these District Directors with each club President as the only delegate from his club. He may appoint somebody to attend the meetings in his replacement but he is the delegate. Benefits means today the President of the club would be here and he goes back to his club with the information.

President Cari interrupted and explained the motion had to be clear, concise, and focused. John restated the motion. ***Discontinue the jobs of District Directors.*** President Cari Called for a second. ***Buttons and Bows seconded the motion.*** Discussion:

Bob Kamuf stated this item is already under consideration by the By-laws Revision Committee to do away with the District Directors and putting the Presidents or their representatives from each club as the delegates.

Christine Zell, Overalls. She believes any tabling of this is not in the best interest. It seems that the committee on the by-laws has been out since their appointment in January, and we are here as delegates, and have the best turnout she has seen and she believes there is a good enough representation of the association for a change. She thinks that if this change is going to happen, it is going to happen right here. We have the most turnout she has every seen, and we should not wait for the committee to bring it back when there is lesser of a group of decision makers in the audience is not an option.

Point of order by the President. What he is hearing is an amendment to the by-laws. The By-laws specifically say that is if the by-laws are being amended, the delegates and the Presidents must be notified at least 25 days in advance so the motion is asking for a violation of the by-laws and that is not legal.

Sue Grant, Buttons and Bows, I don't remember the exact date, but his came to the clubs possibly in January of last year and our club voted to support it back then.

President Cari stated the action started in September 2006. There were several motions to amend the by-laws. The motion of the board was to send all the motions to a By-law Committee for review and to come back with a consolidated set of changes to the by-laws. The normal procedure is for the Committee to report to the Board, the Board offers an advisory vote to advise the Delegates of the Boards opinion on the suggested changes and the delegates actually vote the change. The by-laws specifically state that we have to notify the delegates and their club Presidents 25 days prior. Not all the Club President are here and you are asking the by-laws to be changed without the notification.

Christine Zell stated one of the things she has done as a new member of the Association is tasked with going back and looking for the history of some of these things. So I forced myself and I read minutes from the year of board meeting and delegate meetings. Because the Committee for the by-law changes was suppose to be meeting with the Presidents monthly, they were promising they would bring back a decision by June or July, I believe at the last board meeting when she heard there had been no really significant movement on this but a delay and they would come back in January to report, obviously, there have not been any minutes from the Committee meetings, to even show they are moving forward at all. She is asking the Board that if this was brought up in January as a motion and it went to Committee but the committee failed to do their part to make a decision to bring back to the Delegates in June or July and it is October and we have nothing and we are going to table it until January, and we are losing Delegates, obviously even a board that is more than space on the nominations, she believes there has to be a way, upon Committee failure there has to be provisions, that if it was brought up as a viable motion, we tried to do it one way, it failed, isn't there something in Roberts Rules that gives us upon Committee failure to move forward by delegate vote?

President Cari said Roberts Rules states the by-laws may not be amended unless the by-laws themselves have a clause to allow an amendment. Our By-laws do allow amendment by a clause. My interpretation is that if you are going to take this out of committee and bring it directly to the delegates, it would have to be a clear, concise, focused motion that the delegates can act upon. John's latest motion meets the clear and concise and focused. The only hang-up is the by-laws state 25 day notice must be given to Presidents.

John Hurd, Starlight Shufflers, stated he is against eliminating all the District Directors. The Club Presidents can't always make all the meetings of the association; by having District

Directors there they can get the information to the clubs. To eliminate them first and then say the Presidents are going to take over when they can't make all the meetings at the club level. He believes this is going to far out and the delegates are needed. He believes if we go to the clubs and give them a chance to maybe change the by-laws here so they can be a District Director and also a representative from the club, they could get more District Directors on the Board.

Deb Carlson made a motion to table this until January. That gives the Board time to notify all the Club Presidents, satisfy the 25-day requirement. President Cari called for a second. The Whirl A Ways seconded the motion. Vote was taken and the motion passed. President Cari asked John Roloson to provide him something in writing that he can submit to the clubs 25 days prior to the January meeting so it can be sent out to the Presidents.

ELECTION RESULTS

State Council President Joe Boyajian told the Delegates he had results of the election. He stated he is here as an impartial observer because he know John, Mitch and almost everyone here.

The result of the election is that Mitchell Cari has been elected President for one year for the Association. John Roloson asked for the tally. Joe Boyajian stated he would prefer to keep the results confidential so as to avoid any embarrassment. John Roloson again asked for the results and stated he would not be embarrassed. Mitchell Cari gave his permission to read the results. Joe read the results. John Roloson 9 votes. Mitchell Cari 37 votes.

Bonnie Abramson, Prime 8s, made a motion to destroy the ballots from both elections. Overalls Seconded. The motion passed.

President Cari requested a White Paper Ballot on the nomination presented for the offices. The Prime 8s made a motion. Overalls seconded the motion. Vote was taken and the motion passed.

Back to the Agenda:

Mr. Roloson made a motion to have the Fun Weekend, Harvest Hoedown and the Association checks books audited. President called for a second. John Roloson interjected the motion was not stated correctly. John Roloson restated the motion. The motion is to audit the checking account, the Harvest Hoedown Account, and Fun Weekend Account in the same manner in what they did with the CD. John stated it was a total accountability as to what was drawn out, what was moved, what was put in the checking account. President Cari interrupted because there had not been a second and John was trying to discuss the motion. President Cari called for a second, again. There was no second and the motion died for a lack of a second.

ASDSC Trailer. President Cari reported we purchased a canopy for use at various county fairs. That canopy is missing. It was used at Fun Weekend for official business and he was told it was put back in the trailer. He has searched the trailer and cannot find the canopy. So if anyone knows where the canopy went, please contact him. The keys to the trailer have been changed. There is a new set of keys for the trailer.

Delegate Dale Baker asked to make an emergency motion. The trailer is in need of tires and there is damage on the back of the trailer that needs to be repaired, he wants permission to find out the cost of the tires and repairs. The TNTs seconded the motion.

Tod Davis asked the requester to amend the motion up to a certain cost so the tires and repairs could be taken care of.

The president stated there is a budget item for next year for \$50.00 for trailer maintenance, which obviously will not cover new tires.

Dale Baker agreed to amend the motion to request up to \$1,000.00 for tire and trailer repairs. The TNT accepted the amend motion.

Jerry Little asked if we had insurance to cover the repair. President Cari states he has not been able to find any insurance that would cover just the trailer. The insurance of the person' that tows the trailer covers it when it is being moved, but the trailer is not covered when it is parked.

Vote was taken and the motion passed. Dale Baker agreed to get the tires on the trailer.

Sacramento Kings: The Sacramento Singles have an opportunity for square dancing to be promoted at Sacramento Kings game. What they would like to do is sell tickets and for selling the tickets it would give us an opportunity to dance on the basketball floor. For a half time performance we would have to sell 150 tickets. Those slots are gone and now they want a pre-game opportunity and we must sell 75 tickets in order to have 4 minutes on the court in a pre-game. The President called for motion.

No motion was made. The item died.

President Cari asked Mrs. Jellested if it was possible for a representative of the SquareCaster to be available to address the January Meeting. Mrs. Jellested said she would be sure to have some one available.

The Delegates meeting was Adjourned.