

Associated Square Dancers of Superior California  
Delegates Meeting

Date: January 13, 2008

Pledge of Allegiance

ASDSC Officers Present:

President – Mitch Cari  
Vice President – John Zell  
Secretary – Christine Zell  
Treasurer – Suzanne Owens  
Jr. Past President – Bob Kamuf  
Caller/Cuer Procurement Director – Bonnie Abramson  
Historian – Carolyn Matthies  
Insurance/Membership Director – Terri Jellested & Pat Wilcox  
Promotions Director – *Absent* (Jerry & Stephanie Little)  
Sunshine/Blood Reserve – Keron Weisbart  
Youth Director – Heidi L. Jellested  
District 1 Director – Denise & Leo Springer  
District 2 Director – *Absent* (Bob & Margaret Hicks)  
District 4 Director – Jerry Grace  
District 5 Director – Corky Bolin  
District 6 Director – *Vacant*  
District 7 Director – Sue Regadanz  
District 8 Director – Joe White  
Web Master – Morrie Weisbart

Roll Call

ASDSC Club Delegates Present:

District 1

- (1) Apple Jacks & Jills: Anita Hopkins; John Roloson
- (2) Main Street Strollers: Betty Hiatt
- (3) Sierra Squares: Ed Jennings; Elaine Jennings

District 2

Overalls: *Absent*

- (4) Patchwork Squares: 2 present during roll call but did not sign in
- (5) Starlite Shufflers: Don Herd; Suzanne Herd

District 4

Sacramento Single Squares: *Absent*

- (6) Guys and Dolls: Dorothy Vasion

District 5

(7) Capital City Squares: Larry Lauszus  
(8) Prime 8's: Steve Swanson; George Fox  
(9) Elk Grove Hoedowners: Emma Jellesed  
Free Spirits: *Absent*

District 6

Good Vibrations: *Absent*  
Paws & Taws: *Absent*

District 7

(10) Mavericks: Clay Spindler; Ruth Moore  
TNT's: *Absent*  
(11) Whirl-a-Ways: Pete Molteni

District 8

(12) Goldancers of Nevada City: Robert Green; Pam Green; Sandy Dille; John Dille  
(13) Buttons & Bows: Frank Hampton; June Hampton

A quorum was met based on 13 of the 19 clubs present. The meeting was called to order.

OFFICER REPORTS

*President's report*

At the Board Meeting held earlier:  
Quorum was established  
Appointments were made to vacant positions:  
John Zell - Vice President  
Terri Jellesed and Pat Wilcox - Insurance/Membership  
Denise and Leo Springer – District 1 Director  
Jerry Grace – District 4 Director  
Sue Regadanz – District 7 Director

Eliminating District 3 due to no clubs in that district  
District 6 – Vacant  
New Dancer - Vacant

February Council Meeting – Hosting Hospitality Room at the Doubletree, Friday, Feb 8 and Saturday, Feb 9 – double suite – request for staff and refreshments signup sheet going around

Sitting Officers acting as Delegates. We have been slack in the past and it has been pointed out correctly that it is against our by-laws to do so. From this point forward, elected officers will not be allowed to step down to act as a Delegate in an effort to make a quorum.

Motion: Suspend the duties of ASDSC District Directors for (12 months) January 1, 2008 – December 31, 2008. The District Directors' duties to be completed by ASDSC member, Club President or a club appointed replacement. Member/Club Presidents to become part of the ASDSC Board with one vote per club.

Board Advisory: Voted to oppose this motion

*Motion by:* Mavericks – Motion to reject it

*Second:* Goldancers

*Motion vote:* Motion passed. (This resulted in the Board to remain as it was)

Morrie Weisbart attended November State Council meeting on behalf of our President. Attended General Meeting and President's Meeting.

Same issues brought in both meetings

Delete the 40% proceeds on the Grand Prize tickets to the club that sold the most tickets. (Issue: the winning club only sold 30 tickets – no other clubs in that association sold tickets). Council went ahead and changed the policy. New policy: The winning club will be required to sell a minimum of 50 tickets to qualify for the 40% commission.

Motion to: Combine the Historian and Equipment Manager – due to someone leaving. Passed.

Motion to: Change the format of the State Conventions. In the past, each association put their 10 favorite callers into the Council and they were invited to perform at our state conventions. It has now been changed, beginning 2010, they can now bring in featured callers.

Badges for Progressive Square can now be ordered from Sandy Boone up to May 2008.

By Laws committee finished rewriting the By Laws. They are going to refine them and present them again in February.

They made changes to *How to Do a Festival* book. We have it on our website. Mitch was the main author of that book.

Motion: Postpone approval of October Delegate's meeting minutes until April.

*Motion by*<sup>l</sup>: Apple Jacks & Jills - John Roloson

*Second:* Prime 8's - George Fox

*Motion vote:* Motion passed.

Motion: Approve ASDSC budget for 2008 as provided by President at October meeting.

*Motion by:* Starlite Shufflers - Don Herd

*Second:* Mavericks

*Discussion:* Question regarding monies for Promotions – broken into 4 categories: Demo Dances; Booths; Advertising; and State Fair and Progressive Squares – total of \$6,000

Division of the Motion: To take out the total for Promotions.

*Motion by*<sup>l</sup>: Apple Jacks & Jills – John Roloson

*Second:*

Division of the Motion fails due to no second. Original Motion stands.

*Original Motion Vote:* Motion passed.

Squarecaster – due to a lot of discussion regarding the publication.

Almost a totally new Squarecaster Board was elected.

Terri Jellesed remained as Treasurer

Andrea Schatz – President  
Mitch Cari – Vice President  
Suzanne Owens – Secretary

Intent of the Squarecaster Board to continue the Squarecaster. All aspects are being looked at, to include format, color, and mailing procedures.

January issue – can't do anything about that issue

February/March – can't do much about that one either

April/May – working on the prompt mailing

Squarecaster Board is asking for your continued support.

*Concern was brought from the floor that private enterprise should not be discussed if in the past we have discouraged it from others.*

Addressed by Mitch Cari – Delegates had requested during the last meeting that the association address the issue. This is the response as per the request.

Dance held on December 29<sup>th</sup> with Charles Bridges. The Association took partial ownership of that dance and voted upon in the Directors December meeting. The problem was the club hosting the dance could not get an insurance certificate in enough time to host the dance. The Association stepped in “in name only” so they could use our insurance certificate to hold the dance. Without our assistance, the dance probably would not have been able to be held – no other dances were being held that weekend.

*Vice President's report* – 5<sup>th</sup> Saturday dance is scheduled for March 29<sup>th</sup> ; 7 pm – 8 pm Pre-rounds; 8 pm – 10:30 pm squares; local Intro to Square Dancing 6 pm – 7 pm

*Secretary's Report* – No Report

*Treasurer's Report*

Audit for ASDSC books and Harvest Hoedown books

Committees formed at the Board meeting

Results at April meeting

*Past President's report* - No Report

By-law committee expired as of January 1<sup>st</sup>; new committee formed

Mitch Cari – President took the chair;

Bonnie Abramson – returning member;

Christine Zell – Secretary.

Will have revisions in April

Insurance company changed traveling club coverage to minimum eight (8) dancers – will change by-laws to reflect change

Club requirements: By-laws currently state 16 members – proposing to drop to eight (8) since that is the minimum required by the insurance. Some clubs currently have dropped below 16 members. Needed to preserve the clubs in our Association.

*Caller/Cuer's report* –

Don't currently have callers booked for our next two 5<sup>th</sup> Saturday dances which would be March and May. Made some calls for March but have had no luck.

Have contracts to send out to our Fun Weekend callers  
Reminder: Won't be having a Round Dance party so we don't have anyone booked for that

Don't have callers and cuers booked beyond 2008 for Harvest Hoedown – so will be also working on that. 2009 will be 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary for Harvest Hoedown.

*Historian's report –*

Partial draft of first 30 years.  
Developed some rolls of film and will keep updating.  
Looking for photos from 1985 – 1989  
May have a four year gap

*Insurance/Membership's report –*

Membership for 2008 – 712 members; 143 in class; 19 clubs; didn't lose any clubs this year  
Went back to 1996 where we had 1600 members and 37 clubs  
Certificates have been very slow coming back  
Whirl-a-Ways have not received theirs  
Reminder – new dancers are only covered for nine months  
Renumbering districts – District 6 only has one club but there will be no change to that district

*New Dancer report –*

New Dancer is vacant  
President put out a letter to the new dancers – not designed to circumvent clubs, just get out some valuable, consistent information to the new dancers  
Asked about communal classes – that falls onto President with the position being vacant  
Been in touch with some callers – looking at the Blast Classes concept

*Promotions' report –*

There was a motion to support clubs up to \$500 for hosting a new dancer class  
Committee was formed  
Leaning towards a reimbursement for a continuing class  
One idea: \$100 up front for advertising; \$100 for hosting; \$200 midstream; and \$100 at graduation

Motion: To not financially support new dancer classes from the Association

*Motion by:* Betty, Mainstreet Strollers

*Second:* Steve Swanson, Prime 8s

*Motion Vote:* Motion passed.

*Sunshine/Blood Reserve's report –*

Keron Weisbart  
Sunshine hasn't been sending out any cards lately because no one has reported anything to her  
Will send a card to Terri Jellesed

Also sending one to a member in the Free Spirits whose father passed away  
Blood reserve with the Blood Source  
Every January we ask for people to sign up - Donor # 1375 – 1625 units  
Available to square dancers and square dancer family members  
Get a dangle for 100 units donated  
Get a plaque over 200 units donated

Turned over all Secretary disks to Christine  
Have minutes from 2007 – will give to President

*State Fair report –*

Position vacant  
President Cari will make contact to dance with them again this year

*Progressive Squares report –*

Dying among dancers – designed to dance at outlying areas and work your way in to end at the State Fair

*Youth Director's report –*

Scholarships – USDA \$1000 – to be a senior or first year of college and the deadline for application submission of 1 February  
California \$500 – to be a senior in high school up to 21 years old with a deadline for application submission of 1 April  
Will have a youth competition at the State Convention  
Youth Exhibition group called Goldrush – raised over \$1000 in their fundraiser to get started

*Fun Weekend Chair's report –*

Fun Weekend changed 13, 14 and 15 June at Yuba City; Lots of fun, lots of space; working with the Water Park located next door; meeting following this meeting; Jet Roberts and Mike DeSisto

*Harvest Hoedown Chair's report –*

December 3<sup>rd</sup> had a wrap up meeting at the Zells – low turnout but very productive meeting evaluating 2007 and planning for 2008  
Most of the committee members will be returning for 2008  
2008 Harvest Hoedown - October 24<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>  
Briefed callers and cuers; budget approved; Suzanne approved as Treasurer  
Bonanza Inn host hotel – cutoff for special rate is Sept 24  
President Cari presented gift cards to Bob and Bonnie for their hard work

*District 1 Director's report –* Mainstreet Strollers; Red/Green Light; February 16<sup>th</sup>

*District 2 Director's report –* Absent – No Report

*District 4 Director's report –* No Report

*District 5 Director's report* – Capital City and Prime 8s are putting on a Cast a Shadow on Spring on February 2<sup>nd</sup>

*District 6 Director's report* – Vacant

*District 7 Director's report* – Guys and Dolls anniversary sweetheart dance on February 9<sup>th</sup>

*District 8 Director's report* – Buttons and Bows had Jet Roberts' birthday party – good turnout; Thursday will have red/green light dance; 1 square left on their new dancer class

*Webmaster report* – Provided statistics of website access – approximately 9800 weekly hits; continuing to be a valuable source of information;

On behalf of District 7 – Wednesday, European special, hosted by the Mavericks; Jet Roberts and Bob Weiss; no rounds; alternating Plus and A2

Circulate signup sheet to update addresses for the website

*2008 State Convention Chair's* –

Bonnie promoted State Convention; handicapables Jerry Yerby is arranging for their program; fashion show application forms available for Saturday afternoon; program advertising space in the program book; parking will be increased to \$8 but we have special \$5.00 discount tickets available through registration forms or through the committee; Thursday night Trail End dance – no charge for parking Thursday night; Grand Prize tickets still available – Bonnie provided explanation of profit sharing commission for clubs; new caller showcase for upcoming youth callers on Saturday afternoon in the courtyard; donations for door prizes welcome; decorations volunteers still needed; April 18 - 20

*2007 Fun Weekend Recognition* –

Morrie Wiesbart and Steve Swanson were presented gift cards

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Motion: When Minutes and Agendas are posted to the website, should list not only the effective date but also the date they are posted to the website.

*Motion made by:* John Roloson

*Second:* None

*No vote:* Motion died for lack of a second.

Motion: When Agendas and Minutes are posted to the Agendas page of the Website, send out an email informing the General membership that they are posted.

*Motion made by:* John Roloson

*Second:* Patchwork Squares

*Discussion:* Issues included already send a notice to Board members; Ms. Bonnie Abramson has a personal email list that she sends out as well and is willing to add any name if they wish; no mailing list maintained for the 712 ASDSC members; 2006 survey performed and asked for voluntary participation in emailing and got only 5 people to respond; last year's email traffic cause

*Motion vote:* Motion failed.

*Emergency Motion:* To go back and amend the minutes for 2007 to include all the officers present and the sign-in sheet and added to the minutes for 2007.

*Motion to Declare an Emergency Motion:* Buttons and Bows

*Second:* Starlite Shufflers

*Motion vote:* Motion failed to declare motion as an emergency.

Motion will be postponed until the next meeting.

John Roloson addressed the District Directors elected and appointed. Asked them to supply the meeting minutes to their clubs.

Next Delegates meeting – April 6<sup>th</sup>

Next Board meeting – March 9<sup>th</sup>

ADJOURNED