

Associated Square Dancers of Superior California  
Delegates Meeting

Date: April 6, 2008, 1:05 pm

Location: Veteran's Memorial Hall, Royer Park, 110 Park Drive, Roseville, CA

Present:

President – Mitch Cari  
Vice President – John Zell  
Secretary – Christine Zell  
Treasurer – Suzanne Owens  
Jr. Past President – *Absent*  
Caller/Cuer Procurement Director – Bonnie Abramson  
Historian – *Absent*  
Insurance/Membership Director – *Absent*  
Promotions Director – *Excused Absence*  
Sunshine/Blood Reserve – *Excused Absence*  
Youth Director – Heidi Jellesed  
District 1 Director – Leo and Denise Springer  
District 2 Director – *Absent*  
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 – *Excused Absence*

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

ASDSC Club Delegates Present:

District 1

- (1) Apple Jacks & Jills: Anita Hopkins; Linda Buchanan
- (2) Main Street Strollers: Bud Baker
- (3) Sierra Squares: Betty Hiatt

District 2

- Overalls: *Absent*  
Patchwork Squares: *Absent*  
(4) Starlite Shufflers: Don Herd; Suzanne Herd

District 4

- (5) Sacramento Single Squares: Mary Lehmann

Guys and Dolls: *Absent*

District 5

Capital City Squares: *Absent*

(6) Prime 8's: George Fox

Elk Grove Hoedowners: *Absent*

Free Spirits: *Absent*

District 6

(7) Good Vibrations: Donna Morris; Ted Barret; Linda Barnicutt

Paws & Taws: *Absent*

District 7

(8) Mavericks: Clay Spindler; Ruth Moore

TNT's: *Absent*

(9) Whirl-a-Ways: Edward Combs, Denise Combs

District 8

Goldancers of Nevada City: *Absent*

Buttons & Bows: *Absent*

Quorum was declared. The meeting was called to order.

9 of the 19 clubs present.

***Quorum erroneously declared. According to sign-in sheets, not enough clubs to meet the required number to meet 51%. Thus, motions that were made and voted upon at this meeting are null and void unless a Delegate from a club currently marked as absent that was actually present makes him/herself known to the President.***

OFFICER REPORTS

*President's report* – Mitchell Cari presented

- State Council is shifting some things - moving fluid things from By Laws to Standing Rules.
- Meeting next time in May to discuss those
- Council has split their action into two pieces
- Suppose to come back with our recommendation
- A lot of what they're doing is cosmetic things
- Two things:
  - Council is proposing to do away with the geographic boundaries
    - We have in our standing rule listed the major counties in our area
    - We currently have a small grey area that covers the Vacaville country
    - We're going to have an application from a club in that area and Council would allow us to consider that application because they call in that grey area

- Bylaws change would do away with these boundaries
  - Council is arranged into 4 geographic areas – we’re in the northern area
  - Proposing to assign affiliates by 4 Vice Presidential areas instead of by geographic boundaries
  - No restrictions to where the affiliate would be associated
- Example: We would have the potential to apply to San Diego
  - Association down in Ventura – backed out years ago and Council believes eliminating the boundaries may bring them back
- President Cari asks to consider proposing two motions:
  - Request that you authorize me to ask to postpone any action on the Standing Rules until August when we also act on the By-laws since the two work in conjunction with each other. Not good to work on the Standing Rules without having the By-laws in place.
  - If they turn us down on that, I’m going to ask that they put back into the Standing Rules the geographical definition of our Associations.

Motion: Authorize the President, as representative of the ASDSC to State Council, to postpone any action on the Standing Rules until August when the Council will act on the By-laws.

Board Advisory: Voted to oppose this motion

*Motion by:* Mavericks – Ruth Moore

*Second:* Mavericks – Clay Spindler

*Motion vote:* Motion passed.

Motion: Authorize the President, as representative of the ASDSC to State Council, if postponing Standing Rules does not pass, to request Council put back in the geographic definition of our Associations.

Board Advisory: Voted to oppose this motion

*Motion by:* Starlite Shufflers – Don Herd

*Second:* Mavericks – Clay Spindler

*Motion vote:* Motion passed.

Mitchell Cari reported that at the March Board Meeting:

- Bob Kamuf requested that the Board approve Bonnie Abramson as co-chair of Harvest Hoedown. The Board approved Bonnie Abramson as co-chair of Harvest Hoedown.
- Board requested that President Cari organize a meeting of the Club Presidents with specifically two topics:
  - Jerry Little, Promotions Director, has come up with an idea for revenue sharing dances. Organize small groups of clubs to put on dances; reduce the number of competing dances; and increase the profitability of the dances.
  - 100% insurance – Our insurance provider provides insurance for our dancers and the clubs hosting dances and workshops with the assumption that all dancers are dues paying members. It has become apparent that

- some clubs are not having 100% participation in the program. The insurance provider is starting to raise concern and question this practice.
- o Other minor topics will also be discussed.
  - o Will not call it before State Convention. Project May or June.
  - o Will notify all the Presidents once I get a building and arrange a date for the meeting.

*Secretary's Report* – Mitchell Cari presented

Should have received your January meeting minutes. Comments?

Don Herd, Starlite Shufflers – Thank the Secretary for sending out the minutes to all the delegates. I think she did a great job.

Sue Regadanz – District 7 – Correction. Guys and Dolls Anniversary Sweetheart dance listed under District 7. Should be listed under District 4.

Motion: Accept the January Delegate meeting minutes with amendment.

*Motion by:* Starlite Shufflers – Suzanne Herd

*Second:* Mavericks – Clay Spindler

*Motion vote:* Motion passed.

*Treasurer's Report* – Suzanne Owens presented

Passed out accounting of books for April.

3 month CD will be coming up for Renewal on April 15<sup>th</sup> unless there are any objections, we'll let it ride

Audit performed on the Fun Weekend books – all in good order

Audit performed on the Harvest Hoedown books – questions regarding starting balances came up – waiting for Bob Kamuf to get back with us on that

Motion: Accept the Treasurer's report for December and January

*Motion by:* Mavericks – Ruth Moore

*Second:* Prime 8s – George Fox

*Motion vote:* Motion passed.

Motion: Accept the Treasurer's report for April

*Motion by:* Prime 8s - George Fox

*Second:* Starlite Shufflers – Don Herd

*Motion vote:* Motion passed.

IRS has come out with a new 990 form – in the past any organization that earned less than \$25,000 didn't have to file with the IRS. They decided they didn't like that. You now must file a 990 form – either by a postcard or in electronic form. IRS has come out with this for all non-profits. So might want to check with your Treasurers. They've been looking at non-profits very closely. San Diego Square Dance Association a few years back was audited by IRS and found they didn't have all the proper forms filled. To avoid some significant problems, they declared the Association bankrupt and started a new Association by changing their name.

Suzanne Owens, Treasurer – Clarification – It is the 990N form and it can only be filed electronically.

Linda Barnicutt, Good Vibrations – Is that for this year or starting next year?

Suzanne Owens, Treasurer - It's for this year

Mitch Cari, President - It's for the 2007 tax year that has to be filed by May 15<sup>th</sup> 2008. Personal taxes are due April 15<sup>th</sup>. Non-profits are due May 15<sup>th</sup> unless you have a different fiscal year.

*Vice President's report* – John Zell presented

Had 5<sup>th</sup> Saturday dance, great time, Andy Alemao from San Diego, had a lot of energy. Those that missed it, we had a lot of fun, 68 dancers, 7 squares, kept the 7 squares until the very end, very few sitting on the sidelines – everyone was up and dancing. Hosted by District 5, 6 and 7. Thank you so much. Corky's district brought a bunch of door prizes. Lot of food, lot of dancing and had a great time. Rounds were great with Maryann Callahan. Profit of \$58.50. Coffee went to Mavericks. Big thanks to John's mom for spoiling our Caller.

Coming up at the end of May, we've got another one coming up on the 31<sup>st</sup>. Dennis Young will be calling and Charlie Eskin will be cueing. Information in your packages. Will have another Intro to Square Dancing. Get them ready for Fun Weekend.

We had Intro to square dancing on the 29<sup>th</sup> which added a lot of energy to it.

*Past President's report* – Mitchell Cari presented

*By-Laws Committee*

Been working diligently and looking to have it to the Board by June and to you by July.

*Caller/Cuer Procurement* – Bonnie Abramson presented

Presented Bonnie Abramson with the 15 year badge. Already had it. Approved today the contract for Dennis Young for 5<sup>th</sup> Saturday dance

Harvest Hoedown 2010 Callers:

Tim Crawford from Burlington Ontario, Canada

Jet Roberts from Sacramento

Eric Hennerlau from Corte Madera

And, Featured Cuers:

Sharon and Casey Parker from Manteca

Harvest Hoedown 2009 -

Tony Oxedine from Sumter, South Carolina

Ray Garza, Featured Cuer

Do not have the other two callers

*Historian's report* – Mitchell Cari presented

We're updating the ASDSC History

We're awaiting the audit from the Harvest Hoedown and we will be up to date through 2007 – Last time this was done was in the 80s so a long time recovering

*Past President's report* – Bob Kamuf stated no further report

*Insurance/Membership's report* – President Cari along with Pat Wilcox presented

In October, we elected Terri Jellesed and Pat Wilcox – co-chairing Insurance and Membership. Due to family situation, Terri has resigned. Pat Wilcox is now sole chairman. For those having classes graduating in the next couple of months, make sure you get up with Pat because insurance expires at the end of 9 months after classes begin.

Pat Wilcox – Please send me a new roster or submit names of those that joined your club with the money so we can get them on your club roster – address and phone numbers.

In the process of renumbering the districts. We have no clubs in District 3. We haven't terminated District 3 because Pat's been a little overwhelmed with learning insurance – didn't want to overwhelm her further.

*New Dancer report* – New Dancer is vacant – Mitchell Cari presented

Working on the communal Blast Class. Cost will be about \$200 for those callers that are willing to do it. Probably won't be until next year before we can get that together.

*Promotions' report* – Jerry Little absent due to a family event – Mitchell Cari presented.

Trying to find ways to advertise square dancing

Banner dances going very well.

- 12 clubs participating
- Still more room for those that would like to begin participating.

Director's meeting in March – Talking about signs – Looked at different ideas

Cost of signs – Learn to Square Dance (blue and white signs) - \$1500 for 200 – Stakes are about \$8 or \$9 each; Any objections of spending money on the signs?

Discussion:

- Ruth Moore, Mavericks - Last time I put them out, came back later and they were gone. City pulled up the signs.  
Mitchell Cari, President – Putting signs up in Sacramento would be breaking the law. If you put them in a place visible to the public, you must have a permit unless you are a realtor.
- Donna Morris, Good Vibrations – What about magnetic signs for the cars? Cost would be approximately \$30 a piece.
- Edward Combs, Whirl-A-Ways - Do we have 200 people willing to put them up? Like the idea of magnetic signs – money well spent vice? signs that might be collected up by the city.

- Chris Zell, Secretary – Agree with the magnetic signs. Voluntary. Mobile. Not going to be wasted by city picking them up and lost forever.
- Bud Baker – Hate to see signs around. If you get signs, rather see them on private lawns. (If it's visible, it needs a permit)
- Mitchell Cari, President – Magnetic signs with ASDSC 800 telephone number

Motion: Authorization to spend \$3000 to purchase 50 stationary signs and approximately 100 magnetic signs Learn to Square Dance promotion signs with the ASDSC 800 number.

*Motion by:* Mavericks – Clay Spindler

*Second:* Apple Jacks & Jills – Anita Hopkins

*Discussion:* Add Website on signs.

*Motion vote:* Motion passed with amendment to motion.

KHITs 92.1– Has a current promotion – for \$500 you get 30 15-second commercials They do all the production costs

If we purchase them now, even though it's a short term promotion, they will allow us to run our ads in August just before the new dancer classes. Unless you object strongly, I'm going to pursue this. This is a baby-boomer station.

Discussion: Suggestion made by Good Vibrations – Country Station. Focus advertising on people who might be interested.

Motion: Authorization to pursue KHITs promotion package.

*Motion by:* Mavericks – Ruth Moore

*Second:* Prime 8s – George

*Motion vote:* Motion passed.

Jerry Grace, Sac Singles – Saw the advertisement in the newspaper. Thinks the Association should get the advertising out – not the clubs. In the small community papers, advertise the clubs in that area. In the Sac Bee, advertise square dancing as a whole with the 800 number.

Ruth Moore, Mavericks - Placer County Fair – June 19 – 22. The ASDSC has paid for a booth. Everyone's welcome to bring flyers but we need help manning the booth. Put 30,000 flyers in the Sac Bee with a poor turnout. Advertised in all the newspaper.

Denise Springer, District 1 and Mainstreet Strollers – For the advertising through KHITs but caution the Board, make sure you're in charge of the copy and deadlines. We approved a copy and then they tried to change it and we withdrew. Just make sure they don't say dumb stuff about square dancing because they don't know what it is.

*California State Fair report –*

We've submitted our application and received their standard letter stating they've received our application and will let us know.

*Progressive Squares report –*

Try and tie that to the State Fair

*Sunshine/Blood Reserve's report –* Keron Weisbart submitted a written report

Sympathy card to Bob Kamuf – Bob's mother passed away – service is next Tuesday and sending a flower arrangement

Sent a card to Tom Wicksted – new dancer in the Maverick

Have 1625 units at the Blood Reserve – Anyone need blood – can withdraw under the Association's name and account number

*Youth Director's report –* Heidi Jellesed presented

New Youth Exhibition group called Goldrush – first actual exhibition at Convention Friday night, Saturday afternoon and Saturday night

*Fun Weekend Chair's report –*

Fun Weekend changed

Not in July – we're in June

Not in Grass Valley – we're in Yuba City

Jet Roberts and Mike DeSisto. Cards, games, lots of fun. Lots of fun, lots of space; working with the Water Park located next door; Weather's going to be great; Franklin Hall and Expo Hall. Bill Silver is going to be doing a Blast Class – bring your non-dancing friends.

Taken care of some of our bills. We only have 18 early birds, two 3-day packages and one non-dancer; \$3380 is due April 15<sup>th</sup> - they've worked with us in the past and they usually let us extend it out and pay it right before the event. Asking for pre-approval for the \$3380 to pay the bill only if we need it.

Motion: Authorization to advance \$3380 to pay the bill for Fun Weekend if the Yuba County Fairgrounds will not allow for an extension on the payment.

*Motion by:* Mainstreet Strollers – Bud Baker

*Second:* Mavericks – Clay Spindler

*Motion vote:* Motion passed.

Please promote this year's Fun Weekend. Registration available today. Next year we're hoping to get it as a trail-in dance for the National Convention next year.

Last year's financial report is available. The relocation of Fun Weekend has provided a significant savings on the facilities that should offset the losses we've had in the past. Any significant change, such as location and date, has a historic reputation of showing a loss of about three years.

Ruth Moore, Mavericks - Over at Placer County Fair, we can have a demo every night.

I'm sure you would approve a fee of \$50 for a caller. If we can get the dancers out, we can put on the demo – except Saturday night because Mavericks has a dance that night.

Mitch Cari, President – agreed. Mitch Cari reminded everyone that a year or so back the Board approved reimbursement of a booth fee if you wanted to have a booth at a fair and

a fee of up to \$50 for any demo. The caveat to that is that it can't be for just one club and all clubs can put out their flyers and participate in the demo. In an attempt to help smaller clubs and make it easier on the clubs, we will front the \$300 for a fair booth fee to help promote the clubs.

*Harvest Hoedown Chair's report –*

Working very hard

Callers: Dan Preedy,

Cuers: Jack and Judy DeChenne

2008 Harvest Hoedown - October 24<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>

Same dinner as before - Barbeque Connections – do not have to choose chicken or barbeque

Still working on getting the flyers printed

*2008 State Convention – Bonnie Abramson presented*

Mitch Cari asked Bonnie - How many cash boxes do you need? Bonnie needs as many as can be spared.

Bonnie briefed:

- Got pink ribbons? Are you registered?
- Over 40 callers
- 13 different cuers
- 7 dance halls and a vendor hall
- Lots of stuff going on
- Thursday night Trail End dance - \$5.00 and Free Parking
- Discounted parking for the other days - \$5 from us as opposed to \$8 at the CalExpo gate
- Exhibitions
- 4 different educational demonstrations
- Sewing room
- Grand Prize tickets to sell – get them turned in
- Part of the proceeds from the Trail End dance will go to support the Youth Scholarship program
- Make sure you put the word Superior on the registration form
- This Association will get a kick back for every registration from this area that is annotated
- The Decorations Committee has been working hard and will be turning CalExpo into Wonderland....so come play with us!
- Grand March will be led in by Alice and rumors have it that there will be a Rabbit there as well.
- We've gone above and beyond to create the atmosphere
- This is the last chance for you to attend a State Convention in your close proximity to you until 2012
  - 2009 – no State Convention in order to support the National Convention
  - 2010 is in Fresno
  - 2011 is in San Diego

- 2012 is in Modesto

*2009 National Convention* – Mitch Cari presented

- Will be in Long Beach next year
- They've asked each Association to sponsor a hall
  - We've agreed to sponsor a Plus Hall
  - That means we'll be decorating that hall – we'll be talking about that more

*District 1 Director's report* – Denise Springer presented

Representing Apple Jacks & Jills; Sierra Squares and Mainstreet Strollers

Apple Jacks & Jills will be having their Spring Ice Cream Social on Saturday, May 10<sup>th</sup>

Line dancing; Red light/Green Light – Mainstream and Plus level 7:30 – 10 pm

Caller: John Hall

Line Dancing led by Geri Porepaul 7:00 – 7:30 and between squares

Cost \$7.50 per person; \$15 a couple

Hangtown Grange on Smith Flat Road, Placerville

Sierra Squares will be dark the next two Mondays because caller Scott Pearce is going to be in Colorado and Montana

Mainstreet Strollers had nothing to report this time

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

*District 4 Director's report* – Jerry Grace presented

Sacramento Single Squares will be starting new Round Dance classes starting Tuesdays,

April 8<sup>th</sup>, 6:30-7:30 with Danny Drumheller

On July 3<sup>rd</sup> Free square dance with Bill Silvers calling and Free fireworks display at

Lou's Hamburgers on Watt Ave in North Highlands, 7:30 – 10:00 pm

*District 5 Director's report* – Corky Bolin presented

Capital City and Prime 8s is having their Stump Town Stomp in Guerneville

April 25<sup>th</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup>

Callers: Tim Crawford from Ontario, Canada and Andy Shore from Florida.

Mainstreet/Plus/Advanced/C1/Workshops too

For more information: George Fox or Bonnie Abramson

*District 6 Director's report* – Vacant

*District 7 Director's report* – Sue Regadanz presented

Representing Mavericks; Whirl-A-Ways; and TNTs

Mavericks' Spring Dance

Saturday, April 12<sup>th</sup>

Caller – Jet; Cuer – Charlie

Royer Park

Whirl-A-Ways Round Dance Party

Friday, April 25<sup>th</sup>

Cuer – Gwen Robinson  
Royer Park  
Mavericks and Overalls Spring Thing  
Saturday, April 26<sup>th</sup>  
Caller – Ken Bower; Cuer – Dan Drumheller  
Royer Park  
Mavericks's 45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dance  
Saturday, May 10<sup>th</sup>  
Caller –Jet; Cuer – Charlie  
Royer Park  
Whirl-A-Ways Round Dance Party  
Friday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>  
Cuer – Charlie  
Royer Park  
TNTs  
Saturday, June 7<sup>th</sup>  
C1 Dance  
Caller – Vic Cedar  
Royer Park  
TNTs  
Sunday, June 8<sup>th</sup>  
C3A Dance  
Caller – Vic Cedar  
The Cook's Barn

*District 8 Director's report* – Joe White presented  
Buttons and Bows dark through the month of July  
Quite a few people going to McCloud  
Have party night 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of the month for Plus Dancers  
Have party night 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month for Mainstream Dancers  
Parking vehicles at the rodeo on the 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> of this month

We were going to have Jet Roberts and Joe Saltel call on the 4<sup>th</sup> Friday of the month but Joe's contract stipulates that he can't call in the northern area for a specific length of time so the event fell through.

*Webmaster report* – A written report was submitted. Getting a lot of hits.

Motion presented by an Apple Jacks & Jills Director – made back in December to be acted on in this meeting.

Motion: To have the Membership Director verify the identity of each delegate at each meeting.

*Motion by:* Apple Jacks & Jills, John Roloson

*Second:* Apple Jacks & Jills, Anita Hopkins

Discussion was conducted.

*Motion Vote:* Motion Fails

Meeting adjourned at 2:25 pm