

Associated Square Dancers of Superior California  
Delegates Meeting

Date: July 20, 2008, 1:10 pm

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

Present:

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

ASDSC Club Delegates Present:

District 1

(1) Apple Jacks & Jills: (4) John & Peggy Cory; Anita Hopkins; John R. Roloson  
(2) Main Street Strollers: (1) Bud Baker  
Sierra Squares: (0) *Absent*

District 2

(3) Overalls: (4) Dale Baker; Shirley Baker; Harold Hayek; Carol Hayek  
(4) Patchwork Squares: (2) Michael G. Butler; Joanne Butler  
(5) Starlite Shufflers: (2) Suzanne Herd; Donald Herd

District 4

Sacramento Single Squares: (0)  
Guys and Dolls: (0) *Absent*

#### District 5

(6) Capital City Squares: (1) Brent Cutler  
(7) Prime 8's: (1) George Fox (late sign-in)  
(8) Elk Grove Hoedowners: (1) Steven Riley  
Free Spirits: (0) *Absent*

#### District 6

Good Vibrations: (0) *Absent*  
Paws & Taws: (0) *Absent*

#### District 7

(9) Mavericks: (2) David K. Nilmeier; Clay Spindler  
(10) TNT's: (1) Ruth Moore  
(11) Whirl-a-Ways: (1) Ed Combs

#### District 8

(12) Goldancers of Nevada City: (3) Hans Verhoeff; Julie Verhoeff; Robert Green  
(13) Buttons & Bows: (2) Frank Hampton; June Hampton

A quorum was met based on 12 of the 19 clubs present. The meeting was called to order.  
*Prime 8's delegate is not reflected as present during roll call. Actual 13 of the 19 clubs present.*

#### OFFICER REPORTS

*President - Mitchell Cari*

The delegates meeting in April did not have a quorum thus all business actions are null and void and will need to be readdressed in this next meeting.

We had nine motions – five of these motions are now mute point.

1. 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.

*State decided to postpone until August.*

2. 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.

*State decided to postpone until August.*

3. 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.

*Signs already purchased and are up here in front.*

4. Motion: Authorization to pursue KHITs promotion package for \$500 for 30 15-second commercials with them doing all the production costs and arranging to have them begin running in August.

*Radio commercial have already been purchased but the commercial has not yet aired so we probably could cancel the commercial if you want but we most likely would have to pay for the production costs. We'll open that for discussion later.*

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

*The money had already been advanced to cover Fun Weekend.*

The motions still open are:

1. Accept the January Delegate meeting minutes with amendment.
2. Accept the Treasurer's report for December, January and April
3. To have the Membership Director verify the identity of each delegate at each meeting.

Motion: Accept the January Delegate meeting minutes with amendment.

*Motion by:* Starlite Shufflers

*Second:* Overalls

*Motion vote:* Motion passed.

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

*Motion by:* Overalls

*Second:* Mainstreet Strollers

*Motion vote:* Motion passed.

Motion: Authorization to continue in the purchase of KHITs promotion package for \$500 for 30 15-second commercials with them doing all the production costs and arranging to have them begin running in August.

*Motion by:* TNT

*Second:* Mavericks

*Discussion:* Apple Jacks & Jills - John R. – Confirmation on the cost.

President - Mitch Cari - \$984 for 80 – 30-second spots. We will play that later.

Apple Jacks & Jills - John R. – If we don't go forward with it, we will need to pay for the production anyway. If we go forward with it, we don't?

President - Mitch Cari – Production was included in the cost.

*Motion vote:* Motion passed.

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 Hopkin

*Discussion Highlights:* President asked from Apple Jacks & Jills – John R. (author of motion) to clarify what was sufficient proof of identity?

Stated to ensure through Membership that the delegate was in good standing with the club they were representing. John R. made that it had not only been an issue in delegates but had also been an issue with the board.

Discussion regarding list provided by club to Membership could not accurately reflect that dues were current. It would necessitate contact to the club.

How would we verify? Are we going to trust the list submitted in January?

John R. stated it was a matter of trust. My club is responsible for letting Membership know.

President Cari stated that clubs have that responsibility now but do not always let us know.

Clay Spindler – This is treating us like a bunch of kids.

*Motion Vote: Motion Fails*

President Cari attended the May Council meeting.

Discussed the Standing Rules – they agreed to delay until the August Council meeting.

The Delegates meeting will be addressing both the Council By-Laws and their Standing Rules.

There are asking for your approval of their changes

Proposing to move some of their working rules that have been located in their By-Laws and their Standing Rules have been minimal. Moving items from By-Laws to the Standing Rules to keeping only the core duties of the officers and those kinds of things. Placing all other items in the Standing Rules to allow an easier response to change over time. The biggest thing proposed is they are changing our geographical boundaries. Each association has a description of their geographical boundaries. They are proposing that we eliminate the descriptions. They alleviated our fears. Each association has attendance requirements so if Mavericks wanted to join San Diego's Association, they would have to send a delegate at least three times a year to attend Association meetings to maintain their membership so it is unlikely that clubs would make those kinds of changes. We are going to be able to hire callers for State Convention vice volunteers (which eliminates the chance for "no shows".) This will incur an expense that wasn't there before but our conventions have always made money

Unless there is an objection – I will go to Council representing that we support the changes they are proposing. *No objection was made.*

The only other change is that to win the Convention high ticket sales you will need to sell a minimum of 50 tickets. They found that there has been a time when someone won and didn't even sell 50 tickets.

The Board has approved a \$300 advance to pay for the President's travel to August Council meeting in Fresno.

The Board has also approved for ASDSC to pay their \$100 Council dues that are due in August.

Meeting of Presidents. In April, the delegates asked me to arrange for a meeting with the Presidents. I have not done that yet but will be doing that. We have a few things to discuss.

*Vice President - John Zell*

5<sup>th</sup> Saturday Dance held on May 31<sup>st</sup>. We need to do a better job in getting our information out about our 5<sup>th</sup> Saturday dances. We ended up losing money on that particular dance. This is also the last one for this calendar year. We need to get your new dancers out in the future.

*Secretary – Christine Zell (Absent) Mitch Cari, President presented*

No report,

*Treasurer - Suzanne Owens*

Reported July status.

Moving funds from the Dancer Enhancement Fund CD to the checking account for \$5000 in funds that were previously approved and used. We needed to wait until the CD came due to withdraw the funds and reimburse the checking account for those authorized expenditures.

Looking into moving the CD from CitiBank to another bank to see if we can get a better interest rate. The interest rate has gone down significantly in the last year. We have the 3 month CD which is available right now, then the 6 month CD and the year CD coming available on the 1<sup>st</sup> and the middle of August. We will be discussing that in the next meeting.

The tax returns have not been filed for the ASDSC. Waiting for a couple of reports which I received just recently. We filed for an extension and that was approved which we received that paperwork a couple of weeks ago. So hopefully before the August 15<sup>th</sup> deadline

President Cari clarified that the budget of \$5000 was approved for promotions. Approximately \$4000 of that has already been used. The signs and radio ads came to a little less than \$3000 and fronting other club expenditures for promotions, such as fair booths and things like that. It comes out of promotions. Not quite at \$4000 but we're going to move the money at this time.

Motion: Accept the Treasurer's Report.

*Motion by : Mavericks*

*Second: Apple Jacks & Jills*

*Discussion Highlights:*

Fun Weekend Accounting

Apple Jacks & Jills - John R. – Questioned the fact there were no expenses on the third page and wondered where Fun Weekend expenses were listed.

Treasurer – Suzanne Owens – Clarified Fun Weekend and Harvest Hoedown maintain separate checking accounts and provide close out reports individually.

Apple Jacks & Jills - John R. – Asked what was the timeframe for the closeout report.

Vice President & Fun Weekend Chairman - John Z. – 90 days after the event. He had the balance now but needed to double check figures before completing the report.

CDs

Overalls – Shirley Baker – Questioned – when the CDs are moved will the fund allocations stay the same or will there be movement of money. Better interest rates come with longer term CDs.

Treasurer - Suzanne Owens – Clarified no redistribution would be performed without prior approval of the delegates but that is a possibility.

President – Mitch Cari – Clarified that the \$5000 was budgeted in 2008 budget for promotions. That amount is being moved from the 1 year CD. We are trying to keep the CDs at 6 months, 9 months and 1 year to ensure we can get to the money if there is a need.

Apple Jacks & Jills – John R. – Page 1 shows we have \$1969.40 in the checking account on 7/19. Page 5 it shows a negative \$2616.80.

Treasurer – Suzanne Owens – Clarified the balance shown on page 5 of the report was not a balance in the checking account but an accounting of the inflows and the outflows of that particular period.

*Vote:* Motion passed.

Treasurer – Suzanne Owens – KHITs radio ads were \$995.

*Jr. Past President – Bob Kamuf*

No Report

Mitch Cari, President presented – At the June meeting, the By-Laws committee presented the proposed changes to the By-Laws, Standing Rules and Guidelines. At the June Board meeting, the Board chose to make a few changes. Those changes were incorporated. At that time, the Board chose to hold an electronic election. To the best of his knowledge, there was nothing to preclude that. With 14 day notice, 16 approved, 1 did not vote, 1 voted late and I cannot vote unless in case of a tie so all Board members were accounted for. They approved it along with the changes made on June 8<sup>th</sup>. It was then forwarded to you along with the incorporated changes prior to the 25 day advance notice so you would have time to meeting with your clubs and delegates and discuss them and vote on them at this time.

*Motion:* Move to accept the By-Laws, Standing Rules and Guidelines as presented.

*Motion by:* Goldancers

*Second:* TNT

*Discussion Highlights:* Apple Jacks & Jills – John R. – Addressed that not all delegates have email. Envelopes were dated July 14<sup>th</sup> and that did not meet the 25 day notification period. One item not recorded in the latest version that was changed on June 8<sup>th</sup> regarding the Blood Reserve. Added Blood Reserve

President – Mitch Cari – Clarified that a separate mailing, with a cover letter stating these were the By-Laws, was sent in June prior to the 25 day. The July 14<sup>th</sup> mailing was the minutes.

Caller/Cuer Procurement – Bonnie Abramson – Clarified that the Board agreed to incorporate the Blood Reserve and Sunshine into the Secretary's duties. However, when the committee met we decided since it was becoming an appointed position and we had someone still willing to do Blood Reserve and Sunshine. As an appointed position, they would not have a vote anyway being an appointed position.

Motion: Amendment to Proposal

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

*Second:*

We currently have 3 Emergency Motions. Would the delegates like to postpone the vote on the By-Laws, Standing Rules and Guidelines until the 3 Emergency Motions are presented or proceed with the vote?

Motion: Proceed with the vote.

*Motion by:* Overalls

*Second:* Mavericks

*Discussion Highlights:* Overalls – Harold Hayek – There is currently a motion on the floor to accept the proposal. The motion to amend was not seconded, thus the motion on the floor is still the motion to accept the proposal.

Motion: Emergency Motion Number 1: Approve the requested changes from September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2006, today July 20, 2008 and implement these changes July 20, 2008.

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

*Second:* Apple Jacks & Jills – Anita Hopkins

*Discussion Highlights:* Caller/Cuer Procurement - Bonnie Abramson – Clarified her understanding is that original motion would accept the By-Laws, Standing Rules and Guidelines in totality as presented. John's Emergency Motion is to reject the By-Laws, Standing Rules and Guidelines and start from scratch amending the By-Laws, Standing Rules and Guidelines. If you accept the Emergency Motion, you reject the previous motion on the floor.

Apple Jacks & Jills – John Roloson – Stated the current By-Laws, Standing Rules and Guidelines have approximately 30 changes that have not had the proper documentation and approval by the Board. I can give you samples if you ask.

President – Mitch Cari – Disagree. The committee presented the proposal to the Board in the required 14 days advanced notice required to review and vote on them. The Board approved them.

Apple Jacks & Jills – John Roloson – Each item was not brought back for discussion prior to being incorporated into the draft.

Caller/Cuer Procurement - Bonnie Abramson – If they don't agree, they can reject them.

President – Mitch Cari – That's why we're here today. The delegates received the proposals 25 days in advance to review prior to coming to this meeting.

Apple Jacks & Jills – John Roloson – My next statement I would like recorded in the minutes, "This Board is not in compliance with the By-Laws."

Apple Jacks & Jills – Anita Hopkins – If we change the By-Laws to Standing Rules, that means they can be changed any time. If they're By-Laws, everybody knows about them and they get discussed but if they're Standing Rules then they can just get changed, right?

President – Mitch Cari – Clarified the significant change. The way it stands right now, you the delegates are required to have 25 day notification to change the By-Laws. It doesn't specifically address Standing Rules. Under the proposal that is being presented today, is requiring different mechanisms and timetables for changing the By-Laws and Standing Rules. The proposal has it where a proposal to change the By-Laws would be presented at one meeting

and then could not be changed until they were read at a second meeting of the Delegates. That would require reading at two separate meetings. The Standing Rules have shorter rules. I can pull them out but they still have an advanced notification period 14 or 21 days. Guidelines can have motions made and changes effected at the same meeting.

Treasurer & Member of the By-Laws Committee – Suzanne Owens – We left all the hard and fast rules in the By-Laws and took out the day-to-day business issues that seemed to be requiring a lot of time in between meetings.

President – Mitch Cari – Clarified the proposed procedures to change By-Laws, Standing Rules and Guidelines. What was approved by the Board is being proposed to you, the Delegates.

Any changes to -

By-Laws would require a 25 day notification to the first meeting. The first meeting they're read. Second meeting, they are read. At the second meeting, they can be read. They would go into effect the following January 1<sup>st</sup> following the vote.

Standing Rules would require 14 day notification and then you could have a vote at the following meeting.

Guidelines could be proposed and vote upon at the same meeting.

So the By-Laws extends the length to change them, Standing Rules there is not current rule and this is proposing a 14 day notification and on the Guidelines we currently don't have any timetable and the proposal says you can propose and vote on the changes at the same meeting.

Caller/Cuer Procurement - Bonnie Abramson – Things in the By-Laws are things like who the Officers are. What moved out of the By-Laws into the Standing Rules were the job descriptions for those positions. Because of the nature we've changed over the years, it became so cumbersome to have to change the By-Laws when we had to change someone's job description or eliminate a position that became obsolete or phased out because it was mute. Guidelines are policies for things like the 800 number, website, and Fun Weekend and Harvest Hoedown events. The hardcore items are still in the By-Laws. We evolved those things that needed to be not take a two year process to change.

Motion on the Floor: Emergency Motion Number 1: Approve the requested changes from September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2006, today July 20, 2008 and implement these changes July 20, 2008. on Applying September 10, 2006

*Motion Vote:* Motion Fails

Motion on the Floor: Move to accept the By-Laws, Standing Rules and Guidelines as presented.

*Motion Vote:* Motion Passes.

President Cari - We will draft amendment and bring that back for your review and vote.

### **Board member reports:**

*Caller/Cuer Procurement* - Bonnie Abramson

Received signed contracts for Harvest Hoedown 2009 from Tony Oxendine - Sumter, SC, Bronc Wise – Sweden coming back to Sacramento and Andy Allemao – Chula Vista, CA. Have not received back one from our featured caller Ray Garza.

Received signed contracts for Harvest Hoedown 2010 from Tim Crawford – Burlington, Canada and Eric Henerlau – Corte Madera but I'm still waiting for the signed contracts from Jet Roberts and Sharon and Casey Parker.

For State Fair, Bill Silver has agreed to be the caller for the Demo. Still looking for a cuer.

Four 5th Saturday dances next year – the Board decided we were going to do January 31<sup>st</sup>, May 30<sup>th</sup>, August 30<sup>th</sup> and October 31<sup>st</sup>. I will proceed on those. I wasn't sure about two of those dates but now I'll proceed on the approved dates. Spoke with Ben Goldberg for January 31, 2009. Don't want to write any contracts until we have a discussion which Mitch is going to bring up later.

Fun Weekend 2009 – I have not contacted any callers yet.

1. Want to make sure we're going to have it again.
2. Want to see if we're going to go a week later to avoid graduations and Father's Day.
3. Jet Roberts expressed an interest in working with us again. He is also interested in doing a possible different format.

President Cari resumed addressing the letter submitted by John Roloson. The letter contained three emergency motions.

Motion 1 – You already addressed.

Motion 2 – Refers to “After Motion 1 is passed”, since Motion 1 did not pass, it was deemed not necessary to address.

Motion 3 – Also refers to “After Motion 1 is passed”, since Motion 1 did not pass, it was deemed not necessary to address.

*Historian* – Carolyn Matthies

No Report

President Cari presented – We're in the process of wrapping up our history. We're waiting for the final analysis of 2007 Harvest Hoedown which I understand will be presented today. The last time this was done was back in the 1980s. We've gotten caught up to 2007 with exception of Harvest Hoedown.

*Membership* – Pat Wilcox

We're going to renumber the Districts –

District 1 – Apple Jacks & Jills, Mainstreet Strollers, and Sierra Squares

District 2 – Overalls, Patchwork Squares, and Starlite Shufflers

District 3 – Buttons & Bows and Nevada City Golddancers

District 4 - Sacramento Single Squares and Guys and Dolls

District 5 – Capital City Squares, Elk Grove Hoedowners, Free Spirits and Prime 8s

District 6 – Good Vibrations and Paws and Taws

District 7 – Mavericks, TNTs and Whirl-a-Ways

Motion: Renumber districts as presented by the Membership Director.

*1<sup>st</sup>*: Mavericks  
*2<sup>nd</sup>*: Starlite Shufflers  
*Vote*: Motion passed.

I need names of new dancers and insurance money - \$4.10 per person.

Pat will be preparing the insurance and registration packets. Those will be mailed out to you shortly. Those are to be brought to us in October along with the complete membership and officers. We ask that you get those back to us as early in October as possible or sooner so we can start ordering insurance certificates. If you hold off on your packets until the last minute, you may not get the certificates in time.

*New Dancer* – Vacant – President Cari presented.

Trying to put out a list of new dancer classes.

Only got about 4 back – that have given me dates, times and callers.

If you are hosting a new dancer class and want your new dancer class on our list, you need to get that in as soon as possible. We've got things coming up very soon. If people are looking for a new dancer class, we want to be able to get that information out.

President Cari will pass along this information to the Webmaster and Andrea for the toll free number.

Webmaster also received new dancer information directly.

*Promotions* – Jerry Little (*Absent*) – President Cari presented.

There are 100 magnetic signs. Start out giving 4 per club. Some clubs have already received theirs. Check in with the Secretary at the end of the meeting and tell him if you're taking them.

We got 50 lawn signs with stakes. Once again, check in with the Secretary at the end of the meeting and tell him if you're taking them.

Purchased 80 spots – 30 second ads on K-Hits. Played ad for Delegates. Ads will start to run August 26 for two weeks – heavy on the weekends and heavy on the commute times. They will be providing times to us as we get closer. The Board approved the ads and the text at the last meeting.

There is actually a place at the bottom of the signs for you to put a local telephone number. We ask that if you do this, use medical tape or masking tape so you're not actually writing on the sign. Get these out to whoever was willing to put them out.

Suggest putting the Lawn Signs in visible place. Warning about the Lawn Signs. If you put them in the public right of way, you are breaking the law. You might be subject to them being confiscated. You will not get them back so it is suggested that you use visible private owned places. These were purchased from your Dancer Enhancement Fund.

*Sunshine* – Keron Weisbart (*Absent*) - Morrie Weisbart presented report for Keron.

Everyone must be well because Keron has not received any notification of any illnesses or needed cards.

*Blood Reserves* – Keron Weisbart (*Absent*) - Morrie Weisbart presented report for Keron.

We're not receiving monthly reports from the Blood Bank so we've placed a phone call into the Bank to get those numbers.

*California State Fair Coordination - Mitchell Cari*

Dancing at the State Fair on August 31<sup>st</sup>, 3 pm – Center stage for 45 minutes. There is a sign-up sheet for Megan's Law. If you want to dance, you are required to give us your full name, your driver's license number, date of birth and the zip code of your residence. Need a final list a week out. If you want to dance, you must wear square dance attire appropriate for your club on a party night. That will also get you in free to the fair at any gate. We ask that you wear a badge. Dress like entertainers. No shorts when dancing. You can change into shorts to walk around the fair after entry but must be back in square dance attire prior to dancing.

*Fun Weekend - John Zell*

2008 Fun Weekend was changed to the second weekend in June. Thank you to the committee, helpers, supporters – the countless hours they put into this. Couldn't have done it without the committees and the coordinators out in front helping to coordinate and organize the event.

Two Halls in Yuba City – Franklin Hall – Plus, Mainstream and Handicapables. Expo Hall – Advanced and the Blast Class.

After the awards, we moved Mainstream and Handicapables out to the slab. This gave all levels additional dance time and space which worked out really well.

Activities – We had 22 games

Outdoor activities 9:30 am – noon

Indoor games from noon – 1:30 pm.

Outdoor games 3:00 pm – 3:30 pm.

Great time. 11 teams – which include one family that was not associated with any club.

84 participants in the games who participated in 528 different games.

Thanks to Jerry Little for his efforts. He collected a good supply of food vouchers and for the first time 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place winners for all the games received a prize along with their award. The final standings for the teams were 1<sup>st</sup> Place - Elk Grove Hoedowners, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place - Guys and Dolls, 3<sup>rd</sup> Place - Overalls, 4<sup>th</sup> Place - Lucky Steppers, and 5<sup>th</sup> Place - Cloverleaves.

Ice Cream Social – big hit - took an hour.

Raffles – lot of prizes from a lot of different areas – gave a wide variety and better chances of winning.

Ran into some problems - Second weekend in June is Father's Day weekend and a lot of graduations taking place during that time. The pool next door, they rented that out for senior graduation lock-in. Music until 3:30 or 4:00 in the morning. Thought they were going to do that the weekend before. We'll need to look at a new weekend. We need to do a better job at promoting it.

Haven't had a chance to sit down with the group to have a close out meeting but I had them send me reports. We have some things to go through before submitting a final report but it looks like we lost about \$2300 - \$2400.

President Cari stated that we should have a report to you by the October meeting.

John Roloson asked for number of attendees and number of committee members.

*Harvest Hoedown – Bonnie Abramson*

We thought the close out report had been presented months ago.

Presented an overall income and expense report.

Net profit of \$2050.25

Sue is still trying to figure out some deposits for 2008 and advanced registrations but we should be turning back in \$1257.74. That's where we stand with 2007 Harvest Hoedown.

2008 – Flyers in all your packets to take back to your clubs

Program Callers: Pat Carnathan, Dan Preedy, and Nasser Shukayr.

Featured Cuers: Jack & Judy DeChenne.

New Dancers: Bill Silver

Handicapables: Jerry Yerby

Committee meeting immediately following this meeting.

**District Directors**

*District 1 – Leo and Denise Springer - Absent*

No report

*District 2 – Margaret Hicks*

Glad to see a representative from each of my clubs today

Patchwork Squares –

Meet the first and third Wednesday of the month, 7:30 – Joe Kula is their caller.  
Church at Norris and Pasadena

They're having a picnic down on July 30<sup>th</sup> in Elk Grove Park and all their old members are welcome to come.

Starlite Shufflers –

Meet every Tuesday at the Fair Oaks Community Center. Have a wood floor – which is wonderful. Charles Bridges does the rounds and the squares.

They had a picnic in June. Fortunately, the smoke lifted a little that day and we were able to have a nice time.

Dark during July.

Overalls –

Meet every Monday at the Grange Hall in Orangevale. Joe Kula is their Caller and Marie Hathaway is their Cuer. Marie teaches rounds on Thursdays at the same time.

Planning a campout at Alta

Their big excitement is Mitch Cari and Suzanne Owens are going to get married August 2<sup>nd</sup>. Our congratulations to them.

*District 4 – Jerry Grace - Absent*

No report

*District 5 - Corky Bolin*

Flyers are in the packets for Anniversary Dance.

*District 6 - Vacant*

*District 7 - Sue Regadanz - Absent*

No report

*District 8 - Joe White*

Buttons & Bows -

Dark during the month of July

Nevada County Fair is the first week in August – so we'll be dark that night.

Joe Saltel will be calling at the Fair first Thursday of August.

Square dance attire and badge – you get in for free.

Starting a New Dancer class – can't remember if it's the 11<sup>th</sup> or the 18<sup>th</sup>.

2<sup>nd</sup> Friday in August we got a party night called Hot August Nights – Jet Roberts calling and Marie Hathaway cueing.

*ASDSC Website – Morrie Weisbart*

Our website is doing quite well

34,000 requests in June

34,000 requests in May

37,000 requests in April

Added Google Analytics – one of the free tools is the calendar

What's your feeling on it? Positive Response

Flyers can be posted on the website for events – submit flyers to Morrie for posting.

Problems with PrintMaster – had to change the fonts to make sure they weren't distorted. Once the flyer is posted, Morrie notifies the sender.

Morrie showed the geographic locations of people accessing the website. Included locations from Canada, South America, Eastern Europe, Ireland, Benin, United Kingdom, Australia, China, Italy, Thailand and list goes on and on. We're highly visible!

Every event is being found.

John Roloson asked if Morrie had any future plans to put a place on the website to leave their information on the website in case they didn't find what they are looking for.

That has always been there – they would send an email to the Webmaster and all Board members are listed.

President Cari reminded everyone that our Guidelines state that only events that are sponsored by the Association or by their clubs will be posted on the website. We've had requests come up where we've declined their requests – one of which is the Nevada dance that is

coming up. The way around that – one of our clubs co-sponsored the event. The discussion in the past was that being a member of our Association allowed you to advertise on our website. The website has become more and more an advertising source for dances and events in our area. Is it time to think about changing the Guidelines to allow us some latitude to list things like the Nevada City dance? Or the club over in Vacaville wanted to advertise their first dance which a lot of us tried to support but we couldn't advertise it because they're not members of our Association. Would you like to have us expand our list to include other events other than those associated with our Association?

Morrie Weisbart previously posted some of the non-associated dances that he thought was information that would be helpful for the dancers in our Association. He was forced to remove them. If it is approved to post additionally events to the website, Morrie requested that he be given discretionary leeway to post events as they are submitted.

Motion: Establish a nominal fee of \$5.00 per listing for non-associated clubs or organizations to advertise on our website.

*Motion by*: Apple Jacks & Jills

*Second*: Starlite Shufflers

*Discussion Highlights*: How are we going to handle these postings?  
Money will be required upfront with ad submission.

*Motion Vote*: Motion passes.

### *Toll Free Number*

Andrea reported no new calls since the last meeting.

Since she took it over – she's had a total of 5 calls with several hang-ups.

Hopefully with this advertising we'll get some calls.

### NEW BUSINESS

#### Emergency Motion

*Motion*: *Adjust the timetable for sending out the minutes.*

*Reads*:

- a. To have the ASDSC Secretary minutes completed and sent to the Webmaster for posting 30 days prior to the meeting at which they are to be approved.
- b. To have the Webmaster have the minutes posted to the website and notice sent out informing the clubs that they are posted at least 21 days prior to the meeting at which they are to be approved.
- c. The ASDSC agendas be posted to the website 14 days prior to the meeting they pertain to.

*Board Recommended Modifications*:

- a. To have the ASDSC Secretary minutes completed and sent to the Webmaster for posting 21 days prior to the meeting at which they are to be approved.

b. To have the Webmaster have the minutes posted to the website and notice sent out informing the clubs that they are posted at least 5 days prior to the meeting at which they are to be approved.

c. The ASDSC agendas be posted to the website 14 days prior to the meeting they pertain to.

Motion: To accept the motion as an emergency motion.

*Motion by*: Buttons & Bows

*Second*: TNTs

*Motion Vote*: Motion passes.

Motion: To have the ASDSC Secretary minutes completed and sent to the Webmaster for posting 21 days prior to the meeting at which they are to be approved.

*Motion by*: Overalls

*Second*: Buttons & Bows

*Motion Vote*: Motion passes.

#### Nominating Committee

Chairman – John Zell, Vice President

Committee consists of all District Directors

Please contact John Zell if you would like to run for one of the positions.

John will be contacting all currently serving members to see if you are interested in running again.

Mitch Cari announced he would not be running again for President.

Bonnie Abramson recommended reading the officers and appointed officers according to the new By-Laws.

#### **President Cari briefed the new By-Laws Board Officials:**

Delegates go from 4 to 1 – Those Delegates are members of the Board

#### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE – Elected Offices

President

Vice President

Secretary

Treasurer

Membership Chair

Promotions Chair

Website Chair

#### APPOINTED POSITIONS

Fun Weekend Chair

Harvest Hoedown Chair

Soliciting for the Elected Positions. We will hold elections in October.

Mitch Cari addressed the “Dance 85” letter. For those who hadn’t seen it, basically he wrote it as an individual dancer not as the President of the ASDSC because the letter was not approved by the ASDSC Board. There’s been a lot of advertising and promotion on the national and state organization. Three points have consistently come up:

1. People don’t like our attire (We are slowly addressing this and have seen a change in this with the women going from the poofy skirt to the prairie skirt)
2. We need to find a way for them to come into the activity more than once a year (We haven’t seen this addressed yet)
3. That there are too many calls for a person to try and learn in a shorter period (There has been a lot of discussion of there maybe being a Mainstream program rather than something in between)
  - There are numerous other programs – as little as 3 to 5 days through the Blast Class system; 5, 10, 15 or 17 week programs to allow secondary entry into the market for our activity.
  - The Delegates have already approved the Communal classes. In all honesty, this would probably be something that would be a negative expense for a while.
  - This will come out of your Dancer Enhancement Fund.
  - This will give additional entry points other than the traditional times.
  - Clubs will still offer their new dancer classes. This is an alternative to the traditional format.

President Cari proposed that the Delegates take back to the Presidents and their clubs to authorize the Association to establish off-cycle classes and off-cycle dances to have an opportunity to learn what they’ve learned at their classes.

*Discussion Highlights:* TNTs – Ruth stated that she talked to Jet Roberts about this concept. He said it would work if the entire state went to this concept. There are so many events all over the state that these dancers would not be able to dance Saturday night dances.

President Cari’s comments. Travel to a lot of dances that have Mainstream halls. There are a number of festivals that are Plus and Advanced only but there a number that have Mainstream. A lot of our dancers in this Association don’t travel a great deal. They mostly dance locally. He’s seen about 15 – 30 dancers dancing Plus level for the exception of Silver State which does get a large group from California and they have a Mainstream Hall. I didn’t see that as a stumbling block.

President Cari asked if there was any objection to him placing this on the agenda for the Presidents’ meeting?

*No objection was raised.*

Friendship Badges - Council asked associations to push these. Individuals earn them for participation in events.

President Cari passed along a suggestion from Bonnie Abramson. She suggested that due to no entry point for those that attend an Introduction to Square Dance class other than in the summer and fall, we discontinue those offered in spring.

President Cari asked the Delegates if they wanted to discontinue the spring Introduction to Square Dance class offerings or hold off until a decision is made regarding the alternative program is presented to the Presidents.

The Delegates agreed to postpone any decisions to discontinue classes until President Cari meets with the Presidents.

Have Raffle tickets for National Convention. No State Convention will be held next year. Tickets are \$20 a piece and the clubs get a \$5 kickback.

Capital City Squares – they've been doing local party nights. They invite the community in one night a month and do Intro to Square Dance to expose them to square dancing and encourage them to come back for the New Dancer Class.

John Roloson brought up some questions that needed clarification regarding the makeup of the Board according to the new By-Laws.

Why have two separate meetings – Executive Committee and Board?

- Bonnie Abramson clarified that currently 4 Delegate meetings and 8 Board meetings a year. Under the new By-Laws there would be 6 meetings a year. The Executive Committee can meet – bring recommendations, proposals, etc. Avoiding sitting through long discussions.

Some Appointed positions would not have voting rights, true or false?

- President Cari stated there are two appointed positions that the Board recommended and you approved to have voting rights. The active Harvest Hoedown and Fun Weekend Chairmen. There are a number of other appointed positions that do not have voting rights.
- Bonnie Abramson – however, if I am a Caller/Cuer Procurement, since I do not have a vote, I can be a Delegate. We had four clubs in arrears so they didn't have any representatives here. There were people who didn't want to step up to be on the Board because they wanted to represent their club as a Delegate. We wanted to give people a chance to participate in the working positions but still represent their club.

So if the President appoints you (Bonnie) to two different positions, he could?

- Yes. If I was stupid enough to take both. All appointments have to be voted upon by the Board.

The positions of Fun Weekend and Harvest Hoedown are now appointed instead of being duties of the Vice President and Past President. There is a big blurb of what the requirements are of their functions. Why do we still have Guidelines for those people? They're already there in the job descriptions.

- There not the same thing.

If you read them, there are some things that are listed in the appointed positions to do. They are also in the Guidelines.

- There are also items in the Guidelines that aren't in the Fun Weekend duties.

But you put them in the Guidelines so you could change them more often. That's why you put them in Guidelines. So why not put them all in the Standing Rules?

- I suppose we could have. There were a lot of things that we could have done but we gave it our best shot. That's all I can say. We're trying to make things run better.

The Board specifically had their time limit to have a meeting to discuss these changes. You talked about every item, you talked about every solution. You did not give the Delegates that opportunity.

- Ruth – What I have to say is everybody on the Board has done a fantastic job. Mitch has served many, many, many years and many, many hours and so has Bonnie...Morrie and anyone who has served on this Board has done a great job. Volunteering...I have volunteered many years and it is a thankless job. And on my behalf, I thank all of you.

Steve Riley – I'm now a representative of Elk Grove Hoedowners and I'm also the President of San Joaquin Valley Square Dance Association. One of my goals is to work more closely with this Association. They almost overlap.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:21 pm.

**Next meeting is October 12, Veterans Memorial Hall, Royer Park, 110 Park Drive, Roseville, CA – Board Directors (12 – 1 pm) & Delegates Meetings (1 - 3 pm or until done).**