

Associated Square Dancers of Superior California
June 10, 2007
Raley's Event Center
Douglas Blvd, Roseville, CA

BOARD MEETING

Vice President Morris Weisbart called the meeting to order at 1:02 P.M. President Mitch Cari asked to be excused from this meeting.

President Report: Submitted by President Mitch Cari who is excused from today's meeting.

State Council: Joyce Booen, former ASDSC President, represented the ASDSC at the May State Council Meeting. She reported there was a few changes proposed to the State Council Bylaws. The changes were technical and do not affect the local dancers. They also proposed guidelines for convention sound system contracts. Changes will be presented to the delegates for their approval at the July meeting.

Exhibition: ASDSC put on an exhibition for the Barnet Ranch Elementary School in Antelope on May 16, 2007. We had more than 2 squares of dancers and handed out flyers and bookmarks.

Home Schooling: ASDSC rented a booth at the Sacramento Home Schoolers meeting on June 1 and 2, 2007. We handed out several flyers and bookmarks. There were several positive comments from attendees about their Square Dance experiences in their youth.

Fair Booths: Three clubs have asked ASDSC to sponsor booths for them at local fairs – Mavericks, Good Vibrations and the Buttons and Bows. ASDSC will pay for the booth and provide materials. The local clubs will staff the booths. Flyers from any club may be provided to the booth for distribution.

Need Dancers for Exhibition: We have been asked to do an exhibition on Sunday, June 24, 2007, at 3:00 P.M. in Folsom for the 150th Celebration of the anniversary of St. John the Baptists Catholic Church. President Cari still needs two couples to finish the square. If anyone would like to dance for an hour on that Sunday, please contact him.

Actions Requiring Board Approval: Vice President Morris Weisbart reported there are three action items that require Board approval:

1. We have 50 National Convention Pins, which represent the State of California, for sale for \$1.00 apiece. We need an approval to reimburse to Joyce Booen in the amount of \$50.00. He called for a motion.

The motion to reimburse Joyce Booen \$50.00 was made by Harvest Hoedown Coordinator Bonnie Abramson and Seconded by District 8 Director, Joe White. The motion carried.

2. Vice President Weisbart called for an approval of \$251.61 to be paid to President Mitch Cari for the rental of the Home Schoolers Booth and printing of flyers that were handed out. The money should come from the Promotions Budget.

The motion was made by Secretary Keron Weisbart and Seconded by District 5 Director Corky Bolin. The motion carried.

3. Approval was called for to reimburse Joyce Booen \$235.44 for attending the May State Council Meeting.

The motion was made by Secretary Keron Weisbart and Seconded by Caller Procurement Steve Swanson. The motion carried.

OFFICER REPORTS

SECRETARIES REPORT: Vice President Weisbart reminded everyone the Minutes of Board and Delegates are posted to the Web for each person's download. Copies have been provided to those Board Members who do not have computer access.

The Treasurer, Sue Regadanz, pointed out that in the April 22, 2007 minutes on the Treasurers Report; the petty cash prior to the motion to increase is reflected at \$70.00. She states that the Petty Cash fund balance was \$75.00 prior to the motion last month to increase was passed.

District 1 Delegate Bud Baker made the motion to approve the April 22, 2007 Board Meeting Minutes with the above correction. Caller Procurement Steve Swanson seconded the motion. The minutes were approved with the correction.

TREASURER REPORT: Treasurer Sue Regadanz pointed out she provided a summary of all account balances. The banking summary from the last meeting in April 2007 thru current, itemization of the banking, and reconciliation of uncleared checks, and the budget to current.

She reported the CPA has completed the taxes through 2006. She provided a summary of what takes place for our taxes. All taxes have been brought current. Tax preparation is \$200.00 and we owe \$155.00 to the Internal Revenue Service. The State of California Nonprofit forms have been filed and the CPA charged us \$10.00 for the preparation. We also owe the State of California \$95.00 for 2006 taxes for a total of \$460.00 to bring all the tax liability and preparation current.

Vice President Weisbart called for a motion to pay all the tax expense and the CPA fees. The motion was made by Secretary Weisbart and Seconded by District Director Bolin. The Motion carried.

The 3-month Certificate of Deposit at City Bank has a maturity date of July 15, 2007. The last Statement that is available is for the end of April and in this Certificate of Deposit, we have \$7,752.62. The balance in July when this matures will have 2 more months of interest, which has been running about \$23.00 a month. We need to discuss whether we need any money out of this CD. She reported we have \$2,083.89 in the checking account. Discussion was held about the fees for the fairs, which will be a large expense. Yuba County Fair has been paid but the Placer County Fair and the fair in Auburn have not been paid. There is also an approved for an additional \$3,000 draw by Fun Weekend if needed. The only income between now and July 15, 2007 will be from Fun Weekend. A large discussion was held about the maturity date of July 15, 2007 and the fact that there is not sufficient money in the account to support Fun Weekend, let alone enough to pay the for the fairs.

The other two Certificates of Deposit mature in August 2007 and April 2008.

A discussion was held that we have been paying all promotions out of the general fund and not paid back the General Fund with any of the Promotions Fund since approximately 2004.

Bonnie Abramson made a motion that we withdraw up to \$5,000.00 from the CD that matures July 15, 2007. Secretary Weisbart seconded the motion in order to open up discussion.

Secretary Weisbart pointed out that there had been a previous motion at another Board or Delegates Meeting that there would be an audit of the books to see just how much money we had spent on promotions so we could determine how much money the promotions fund owed the general fund. She asked if the audit had been performed so we could actually have figures presented instead of generalizations. Without an accounting of the promotions expenses that have been paid out of the General Fund we have no way of knowing where our general fund stands. District Director Truax questioned the motion of withdrawing \$5,000 out of the promotions CD money but we do not know how much the promotions spent, but the budget does not show the difference between General Fund and Promotions money, which is what needs to be done and that was what the motion asked from two meetings ago. Bonnie Abramson pointed out that the Board or Delegates had approved the expenditure for promotions at the time the expense was paid for the last 3 years, but we had never transferred any money from the CDs to the General Fund. So this is just finally taking the money out of the CDs and putting it in the General Fund. Treasurer Regadanz pointed out on the Budget page it shows \$5,000 approved for the year. We have spent \$543.47 for 2007. We spent approximately \$4,400 for 2006. Secretary Weisbart again asked for an accounting of actual expenditures of promotion expenses that had been paid out of the General Fund since the last time that we had put money from the Promotions CD into the General Fund. She is concerned that without an accounting we would be putting more money from Promotion into the General Fund that we had paid out of the General Fund for promotions.

Vice President Weisbart pointed out the promotions money was put into Certificate of Deposits for safekeeping. However, we were supposed to be drawing money out of that account on an annual basis for promotions. Due to the fact that we had a surplus of funds in our General Account, the withdrawals did not take place. What has happened since we have not replenished the General Funds with promotion funds, our General Operating account is depleted to the point where we are unable to support the bills that we have coming due. We are asking for replenishment of that account for what was previously approved and spent on promotions.

She reiterated that we do have a problem in that we have only \$2000.00 in the checking account and we have bills due.

Vice President Weisbart called for a vote to withdraw the \$5,000.00 from the CD that matures July 15, 2007. The motion carried.

Treasurer Regadanz said she could have an itemization of the promotions expenditures and will have them at the July Meeting.

Bonnie Abramson made another motion to withdraw \$5,000 from the next long term CD when it matures and to put it into the 3 month CD because we can withdraw money sooner out of the 3 month C. Treasurer Sue Regadanz seconded the motion.

District Director Truax suggested to wait until the \$73,000 CD comes up and then transfer an amount to make \$25,000 in the \$10,000 account so we earn higher interest on all three accounts. Bonnie Abramson pointed out the one year CD does not come due until April 2008 and we would be waiting almost a year to replenish the fund.

Being no further discussion, Vice President Weisbart called for a vote. *The motion carried.*

Treasurer Regadanz passed out State Convention Raffle tickets. She put books in each district package. She asked that all the books come back to her so she can track the ticket sales. She has more if any club needs more.

Vice Presidents Report: Vice President Weisbart reported on the ASDSC Round Dance Party. We lowered the level of the rounds. We lowered the level of the squares based on a lot of discussion at the Board meeting before the event about bring the level of the dance to the class levels. He thanked the 20 people who attended the event, because that is exactly what we had in attendance was 20 people. One person who attended was in a new dancer round dance class and everyone else was a plus dancer. We received the refund of our deposit for the rental of the hall, and the Round Dance Party lost ASDSC \$404.10. He asked for a motion to terminate the association's hosting of the Round Dance Party

Secretary Keron Weisbart made the motion to terminate Round Dance Parties for ASDSC. District Director Bud Baker seconded the motion.

Vice President Weisbart pointed out this has been a heated discussion on terminating the round dance parties in the past. He pointed out that Charlie Eskin was the Cuer and there were no other round dance events that Sunday. Win Robinson's class had been cancelled for the day and her class was aware we had a Round Dance Party scheduled and they failed to support the event also. Marie Hathaway had fliers and her students were made aware of the Round Dance Party and the level of the dancing. It was advertised on KCRA TV, KVIE TV, and the Sacramento Bee in the calendar section and the ASDSC web site and also in the Squarecaster and there were 20 people in attendance of which 8 of them were from your Board. Secretary Weisbart pointed out that the Vice President and Harvest Hoedown Chairman shared the left over refreshments with the homeless people at the church across the street from Clunie Hall.

A Vote was taken and the motion passed.

5th Saturday Night Dances

Vice President Weisbart reported that the next 5th Saturday Night Dance is June 30, 2007 at the Orangevale Grange. He pointed out there are flyers on the dance in each person's packet and there are flyers for each of the District Directors to take to their clubs. He pointed out that the Board had previously approved to hold all 5th Saturday Dances at the Orangevale Grange.

Charlie Truax question why all the dances were moved to the Grange because it makes the impression that Overalls are getting more activity than the other clubs and it is not as local to some of the other clubs. Vice President Weisbart said he researched that issue the decision was made at a Board Meeting in 2006 that while some of the halls that we had held 5th Saturday Night Dances were \$100.00 halls, the majority of the halls were rather expensive. Since most of the dances were losing money, we needed to hold the dances at one centralized facility that had a low or consistently low rental fee. The Board made that

decision. It was done to keep the cost to a minimum, and keeping to one centralized location. What has happened in the past is the attendance dropped off for dances that were held at facilities in the different districts. Vice President Weisbart called on Former Vice President Bill Hinson because the decision was made during the time Mr. Hinson was Vice President and the Vice President is the officer in charge of the 5th Saturday night dances. Mr. Hinson also pointed out that he had difficulty in getting support from the clubs in the district where the dance was to be held. He said some districts were very helpful in booking the halls and others did not book the halls and it fell on him to travel to the areas and find halls. The idea of the 5th Saturday Night Dances is supported and paid for by ASDSC and hosted by district clubs and some clubs became very inactive with their assistance. Cost was also a factor. We had been booking Royer Hall and the cost was much higher. The Orangevale Grange was much less expensive. The Board took the vote to the Delegates and the Delegates approved holding all 5th Saturday Night Dances at the Orangevale Grange. District Director Bud Baker asked for the cost of the Grange. Treasurer Regadance reported it is \$175.00 a night. Mr. Hinson said the only club that gave him negative feedback was the Elk Grove Hoedowners. They feel like they must do all the travel.

Club Delegate John Roloson started to address the board, Vice President Weisbart reminded him this is Board Meeting and his comments would be heard at the close of the meeting since he had not previously asked to address the board and he was not on the agenda. When Mr. Roloson challenged this, Vice President asked the Board if they wished to hear from Mr. Roloson at this time and there was no response from the Board. The meeting continued per the agenda.

ASDSC Jackets: There was a question as to what fund the money that was approved for the Set Up Fees of \$200.00 for the ASDSC jacket would be coming from. The original proposal was for the funds to come from the Promotions Budget but was not part of the motion that approved the \$200.00 fee. Vice President asked for a motion to use the Promotions Funds for the Set Up Fee.

Secretary Weisbart made the motion; District Director Bolin made the second.

A question was raised as to whether Square D Fashion has been asked for price quotes. Vice President Weisbart reported that Andrea Schatz had declined to give a price quote. District Director Truax brought up that since it has not web site or phone number on the jackets, he does not believe it is a promotions item.

Vote was called for and the motion passed to use the promotion funds for the Set up Fee for the ASDSC Jackets.

Fun Day, August 30, 2008. District Director Truax reported that the two-person committee is working on the flyer. Vice President Weisbart reminded everyone that if this is to be a replication of Fun Weekend, it would take a lot of help to do the games and other activities.

JUNIOR PAST PRESIDENT: Past President Bob Kamuf is excused from the meeting and did not provide a report.

Caller/Cuer Procurement: Steve Swanson had no report. Vice President Weisbart inquired about Caller for the Proposed ASDSC Sponsored Class for January 2008. Caller/Cuer Procurement Swanson said he has not attempted to locate a caller for that at this time. Vice President Weisbart asked that this be started soon, so we can bring the proposed Caller to the Board/ Delegates for approval.

Historian: Carolyn Matthies had no report. Secretary Weisbart asked the Historian to bring all the Association History up to date so it could be posted on the Web Site and made a part of our official records. The last update to this history was 1985. We have lost a lot of history and it would be nice to bring it up to date. Carolyn Matthies stated she would try.

Membership: Larry Lauszus reported that Ruby Trinidad would be on vacation so if anyone requires insurance documents to contact him. She has given him the information to obtain the membership from the clubs and that will be handled at the next Board/Delegates meeting. He will be providing verification to the Good Vibrations that they have insurance for the Yuba Sutter Fair grounds.

New Dancer Coordinator: VACANT. Vice President Weisbart said that at the July Delegates meeting we will be asking all clubs to indicated if they are having a New Dancer Class and for Dates, Times and locations of the classes.

PROMOTIONS: Jerry Little stated he would like to have a banner with our toll free number and our Web site Address and the words Learn to Square Dance for the Demonstration Dances. Vice President Weisbart reported that he believes there are banners and he would check into the location of the banners.

He would like to see for Fun Weekend that all the clubs bring their club banners and put them on display in the Plus hall so everyone could see who is supporting these dances.

Jerry Little reported he is working on a Banner Dance Visitation Program with the ASDSC clubs and some other association clubs to sign up for the program. It consists of 12 clubs that sign up and he is asking each club to send a minimum of 4 dancers to the other clubs dances so there will be a minimum of 48 dancers at each dance. He is sending out the memo to the clubs next week to get the clubs to sign up. Each club can schedule two banner dances a year. He has 5 clubs already on Board.

Sunshine/Blood Reserves: Keron Weisbart reported there were two deaths in our Association. Mr. Bud Libbe from the Mavericks and Gil Lanzo from the Overalls. Cards have been mailed. She sent a Friendship Card to Alan and Rochelle Best from the Main Street Strollers, Alan is suffering from a grave medical condition.

Youth Director: Absent. Bonnie Abramson gave a report on the 2nd Annual Youth Family Jamboree to be held at Discovery Kingdom, 6 Flags in Vallejo on July 27 and 28, 2007. Hunter Keller who is a youth caller from Billings Montana and Scott Byers from Sacramento California will be the featured callers. Erin Byers will be cuing the rounds. There will be a Friday night dinner and dance. Saturday there will be breakfast. The price includes all of that plus admission to Discovery Kingdom., \$15.00 in Dolphin Dollars for lunch on Saturday and Dancing at Discovery Kingdom and a commemorative T-Shirt. The registration fee is \$95.00 per person. Any one can attend for these fees. They would like us to dance in opening ceremonies and there will be dancing at some of the stages. The rest of the time if open for you to play and tour the park and view the shows. Make your own hotel reservations. Sorry there is no RV parking, but there are two RV parks in the Vallejo area. The flyers are included in the Board Packets. She also pointed out there are reduced fees for the people who hold season passes, check the flyer for information. She pointed out the Hotel list on the Flyer and said the Courtyard by Marriott is directly across the street from Discovery Kingdom, but it is also the most expensive. Several others have free shuttle from the hotels so check directly with the hotels.

Fun Weekend Committee: Fun Weekend Co-Chairman Weisbart reported we have deposited \$1546.00 to date. We have 49 people registered, which also include the committee. We have people registered from as far away as Fort Bragg and San Diego.

Harvest Hoedown Committee: Chairman Bonnie Abramson reported that Bob Clark and Sandi Boone have resigned as Vendor Chairman. Bonnie contacted the list of vendors who have made deposits and she will issue the contracts. She has contacted all the callers; she had a chance to meet Betsy Gotta in Denver.

District 1: Bud Baker reported that the Main Streets Strollers were having a dance on Saturday night and they are not going to have a new dancers class.

Sierra Squares are not having a new dancer class. He has no knowledge of the Apple Jacks and Jill.

District 2: Charlie Truax had a question for Promotion Jerry Little about him mailing out the invitations and the clubs that had signed on. There is extensive discussion about the Banner Dance Visitation Program: **However, the entire discussion is not audible on the tape because neither individual used the microphone.**

District 3: Vacant

District 4: Vacant

District 5: Corky Bolin. No report.

District 6: Jennifer Foster - Excused. No report

District 7: Carol Rhine. No Report

District 8: Joe White reported he attended the Gold Dancers Anniversary Dance on their workshop night. They had 6 squares but there were only 4 dancers who were not members of their club. They never advertise their dances, the only way he knew is he got a letter from them. Web Master Weisbart also said it was on the web.

Buttons & Bows is going dark for the month of July. In August they are changing the workshop from Friday night to Thursday night but the second Friday will still be the Party Night.

State Fair Coordinator: President Cari is handling the coordination and left no information.

Web Site: The Website reports are in the folders.

2008 State Convention Chairman: Bonnie Abramson reported that the Convention is being held in Sacramento for the first time in 4 years. She asked for support from the clubs in getting the flyers out and supporting this dance. There will be a Trail End Dance on Thursday Night for \$5.00 and Cal Expo is not charging parking on Thursday night. She asked that if any club holds workshops on Thursday night to consider canceling their workshop and coming to the Trail End Dance that half the proceeds from the Trail End Dance supports the youth scholarship program. There are a lot of trips planned.

Old Business:

Vice President Weisbart Reported we have not heard anything from the Committee for the October 7, 2007 Dance in Old Sacramento. We are waiting to hear from that Committee addressing our concerns on the area where we are scheduled for us to dance.

The Hearing Enhancement Guidelines Committee composed of President Cari, Caller/Cue Coordinator Steve Swanson, and Historian Carolyn Mathis have discussed the guidelines but they are not finished.

Turning over the 800-telephone number to another monitor. There were a number of people who volunteered to take that responsibility. President Cari shared with the Vice President the names of the individuals and they discussed the individuals and have decided on Andrea Schatz be the person to take over the 800-number and be the responsible person to report back to the board.

Vice President Weisbart called for a motion from the Board to approve Andrea Schatz to become our toll free phone monitor. *Secretary Weisbart made the motion and Harvest Hoedown Bonnie Abramson seconded the motion.* Vice President Weisbart called for discussion. *The vote was taken and the motions passed.*

New Business

There was a suggestion to mail or email the Board Meeting Minutes directly to Club Presidents. Vice President Weisbart reported that the Club President should be getting that information directly from their Directors or Delegates and it is also available on the Web Site. Vice President Weisbart asked for additional information from the person who made the suggestion. District Director Truax stated the suggestion came thru him. He does not know all the information behind the request, but he can see the advantage if the minutes are mailed directly to the Presidents. It verifies that the minutes are being provided. District Director Truax stated he thought the suggestion was to let the Presidents know when the minutes were available. Charlie Truax recommended instead of the email saying the minutes were posted that a copy of the minutes be attached to the email. Bonnie Abramson states she sends out the notices and also President Cari sends the notice out. Secretary Weisbart stated she has not been provided email addresses for all Club Presidents. She also stated she has not received current Club information as to who the President is from all clubs. She also reported that there are people who have asked her not to send large files because they do not have DSL and their dial up internet jams with something as long as the Board and Delegate Minutes. She did not think that sending it as an attachment is the answer. She asked for each District Director to secure the correct name and e-mail address for the Club Presidents and she will compile an email and notify them the minutes have been posted.

Web Master Weisbart reported that he uses his extensive e-mail list to notify people the minutes are posted. Bonnie Abramson also puts the information out on the State Wide mail list and so does President Cari, so these people who are not receiving it, should be receiving it from numerous sources.

Treasurer Regadanz reported that there are people like herself who do not want it to appear as an attachment to her e-mail. She stated she would rather choose the time she reviews the minutes and not have them loading up her system. Bud Baker stated he is one of the people who does not use computers and he states he is receiving the information from another member in his club. Jerry Little states he has old computers and sometimes he is not able to open up and down load information.

District Director Truax questioned that since he was going back to the Presidents one of the questions he was asked was about the address "LetsdanceatASDSC.Org" e-mail address and the fact that the information coming from Bonnie Abramson is a personal email address and does not belong to ASDSC. He was wondering if it doesn't make sense to send out the emails from our Association e-mail address rather than a personal e-mail address. As long as we are talking to the clubs maybe we should offer this also.

Vice President Weisbart clarified the e-mail system that the Association has with Host-way for the ASDSC Web Site does not include out going e-mail accounts. The only account it includes is mail-forwarding accounts. The mail forwarding accounts that you see on the web site only forward an e-mail to the recipient without disclosing that person's personal email address. What Charlie is asking for is an outgoing e-mail account. We do not pay for any outgoing account. He sees no purpose in paying for another account. Secretary Weisbart asked who would be monitoring this incoming e-mail account.

Promotions Director Jerry Little proposed that the Association purchase the plastic bins so that the flyers can be put in them at the dance. He suggested that the bins could be used to stand up the flyers instead of laying them flat on the tables.

Being no further business or discussion Vice President Weisbart adjourned the meeting.

Vice President Weisbart reminded the Board he had offered John Roloson time to address the board and any Board member who did not want to stay was excused. John Roloson questioned the fact that the recording was still on. The Secretary advised him the tape was still running.

John Roloson made the first statement on behalf of the Delegates concerns 5th Saturday Dances. The statements was made that in the early part of 2006 the Board made the decision to change the location of the 5th Saturday Night Dances to Orangevale Grange. The information he has is that the decision was not made until December 10, 2006 Board Meeting. To his knowledge it was never presented to the Delegates as was stated and it should be.

The topic of ASDSC Jackets came up as to which account the money would come from. We have made a decision of which account, but he says we do not have delegate approval to spend the \$200.00. (The Secretary reported that the approval was at the last Delegates meeting) He stated he would check that.

John Roloson reported that one ASDSC Banner is in his possession and the other he believes is in the possession of the Buttons and Bows in Auburn. He will make sure that Jerry Little gets the banner he has and Joe will retrieve the one in Auburn. (Vice President Weisbart thanked John for this information) He suggested that somewhere on the Web Site there be a statement that we have the banners and an Association owned popup which are available for clubs who need to use them. Vice President Weisbart stated that was a good idea and he would do that.

He stated that the understanding he has is the e-mail address of LetsDanceAtASDSC.org does not exists. He pointed out at the last meeting as delegates he was handed a document for new dances that has it listed on it. He questioned why is it on the new dancer document and what is the purpose of it if it does not exist. Vice President Weisbart stated he was not sure where that email addresses had come from or why it was on the documents. He said to his recollection that was not approved when the form was approved. He also stated he has never received information on setting up the e-mail address.

John Roloson stated what he really wants is some instruction on how to use this form. He said it was provided with no instructions.

John stated the next thing that needs to be remembered by the board is the "The delegates shall establish the general policy relating to all association activities". This board seems to be forgetting that. Anything involving money and decisions on how the board is run should be presented to the delegates.

Thank you.