

Associated Square Dancers of Superior California  
December 9, 2007  
Raley's Event Center  
Douglas Blvd, Roseville, CA

**BOARD MEETING**

President Cari Called the Meeting to Order at 1:02.

The secretary declared a quorum based on the sign in sheet with 11 board members present.

**Presidents Report.** President Cari asked Vice President Weisbart reported on the November State Council Meeting he attended in the Presidents absence. Progressive Squares Badges must be ordered from Sandi Booen by May 2008. You can Email her at <mailto:keystonecp@msn.com>. The state by-laws committee has finished rewriting the State By-laws. They are refining them and will present them at the February 2008 State Council Meeting. The new Festival How To Book, which Mitch Cari has completed, has been presented, there were a number of changes and corrections made, and they will summarize them before sending them to Mitch for repair. There were a couple of big pointers that came out of the meeting. The State Convention, the Grand Prize tickets has a rewards program, where the highest selling club in an Association received a 40% rebate back on the tickets. In one Association, a club sold 21 tickets and received the rebate. State Council has changed the rebate; now clubs must sell a minimum of 50 tickets and be the highest selling club in their district in order to receive the 40% commission effective for the 2008 Convention. The Grand Prize Tickets for 2007 lost a total of \$741.00. The 2007 Registration was 23, 891, only about 40% of the clubs sold Grand Prize Tickets. It behooves our Association to have every club sell Grand Prize Tickets since 2008 State Convention is going be in our hometown

On February 29, 2008 there will be special dances all across the nation, it has been billed as Dance Across America Day. All the proceeds of those dances are going to ARTS.

A motion passed to change the format of all State Convention for the callers. Beginning with the 2010 Convention, there will be featured callers instead of the present where each association nominates callers. They think they will be able to improve the attendance by having featured callers.

Our Association has agreed to co-host the 2010 August State Council meeting with the North State Association.

My expenses for attending the State Convention were \$261.07. I am returning a check for \$38.93 to the Treasurer from the \$300.00 advance.

President Cari reported our Association is hosting the February 2008 State Council Meeting. It will be held at the Doubletree. That meeting is preceding the State Convention. In the January meeting, I will be having a sign up sheet. Part of the activity is the Hospitality Room starting Friday evening and Going thru Saturday evening. We will need people to man the room and food and beverages donations. We do get a budget from council but we will need help. The council meeting is the 2nd weekend that is February 8th and 9th.

**Correction of Procedures:** We have allowed sitting board members to step down and represent a club as a delegate. It has been pointed out that is contrary to our by-laws. This is notification that this will no longer be allowed. The by-laws specifically say a Board Member may not act as a delegate during their term of office. Please notify your clubs that we need delegates to attend the Delegate meeting because we can no longer allow Board Members to step down and be a delegate.

**Status of Officer Search:** We have candidates for: Vice President - John Zell. Membership and Insurance: Terry Jellesed and Pat Wilcox. District 4: Jerry Grace. District 7 Sue Regadanz. We have vacancies for District 6, District 1, Progressive Squares Coordinator and State Fair Coordinator. These will be brought to the Delegates in January for Approval. Heidi Jellesed reported Jenna Jacobs would not be serving as Youth Director with her this next year.

**Secretary Report:** The minutes were mailed out and posted on the Web. President Cari asked for the time the meeting was called to order on page 1 be changed to 12:08 and page 2, midway down, the word "to" should be deleted. He called for a motion to pass the minutes as corrected.

***Fun Weekend Coordinator, Steve Swanson made the Motion. District Director Bud Baker seconded the motion. The motion passed.***

President Cari reminded the board that at the last meeting, Free Spirits was changed from District 3 to District 5. By the by laws we have to notify the club and they have 10 days to appeal. He mailed them a letter October 23, 2007 and has not had any response from them. District 5 Director, Corky Bolin reported he spoke with them and they had no problems with the change. President Cari said we would be renumbering our districts probably in January.

**Treasurer Report:** Treasurer Regadanz passed out the bank balances for review. She reported the \$5,000.00 approved by the Delegates to be transferred from the checking account CD will be transferred to the 3 month CD in January.

She reminded everyone she has State Convention Raffle Tickets if any clubs need them.

President Cari reminded the 2008 Budget had been passed out at the last meeting. He said we could action on it today or postpone it until January Meeting and present it to the New Board.

***Secretary Weisbart made a motion to postpone voting on the Budget until January Meeting and present it to the Board and Delegates. District 5 Director Corky Bolin seconded the motion. The motion passed.***

**Vice President Report:** Vice President Weisbart reported there have been two changes on the Festivals for 2008. Square A Rama has been canceled permanently and Bakersfield Fiesta is including Challenge level dancing this year. The Email address that is on the flyer is no good. The website is good.

Vice President Weisbart reported he has reserved the Orangevale Grange Hall for March 29, May 31 and tentatively book November 29, but that is the Saturday after Thanksgiving. A decision needs to be made by the Board as to whether to hold a dance that night. The other 5th Saturday night in 2008 falls on Labor Day Weekend and the board had already decided not to hold a dance that night when the Mini-Fun Day was being planned. He also reminded the board that they had approved all 5th

Saturday Dances between June and October as Red Light-Green Light. He said he needs a motion to accept the dates and some discussion as to whether the Board wants to hold a 5th Saturday Night on the Saturday after Thanksgiving 2008. The Board discussed the Saturday after Thanksgiving and decided to not sponsor a dance that night. The President called for a motion to approve the other 2 5th Saturday nights.

*Secretary Weisbart made the motion to approved the 5th Saturday nights for March 19 and May 31, but to hold the dances at the Red Light /Green Light format since they have been profitable. Treasurer Regadance seconded the motion. The board approved the motion.*

**Jr. Past President:** Absent. President Cari reported he had received a copy of the By-Law Revisions. He had not had time to review them and he hopes to have something firm to bring to the Board and Delegates in January.

At the October Delegates meeting there was a proposal to go to the delegates with a recommendation to discontinue the job of district directors. He had asked John Roloson to give him the wording of the proposal and has not received that to date. He reminded him that he needs the wording by the 17th day of December to have the 25 days notice to the delegates for a proposal to change the bylaws.

**Caller Cuer Procurement:** Steve Swanson - No report.

**Historian:** Carolyn Matthies reported she is having pictures developed. Mitch Cari reported he is going through old minutes to update the history. He reported that there had been an update of the History that is on the web done in the 1990s but no one can locate it.

**Membership:** Membership Director Ruby Trinidad reported all the paperwork had been submitted to the Council. She has done a current Club Officer List for the Board. The Insurance Certificates should be here soon. The president asked her to provide a report on how many clubs and dancers we have in the Association. She reported the Square Generations are no longer active. She also reported the Paws and Taws have paid their dues, but are inactive.

President Cari reported he received an Email from Charlie Truax that there is a proposal for a new club. The name is "The Caravaneers" and they are a traveling club. He said he responded with the records that are required to joint the association.

Ruby said the insurance requirements for new dancers insurance should be brought up at the Board and Delegates meeting. She wants the clubs to know if a club has new members they have to be added to the insurance. The insurance company has a 100% participation clause and there was discussion of local dancers who do not want to become members of the Association. The insurance company is aware that some dancers are trying to circumvent membership and they are watching it.

**New Dancers:** President Cari said the Communal Dance class is still in the works. He has not had time to get everything done without a New Dancer Coordinator, but he still backs the idea.

**Promotions:** President Cari reported there was a motion to provided Financial Support to Clubs who hold new dancer classes. The motion was deferred to a committee and Jerry Little was chairman. He chose not to form a consolidated opinion of the committee but deferred it to the President. There were various ideas submitted some were complicated formulas. The committee does support some financial

support, particularly to the small clubs to encourage them to hold some classes. The general consensus is some money upfront for advertising and some money later for keeping the class running. He said if it goes to the delegates it would be to have a \$500.00 cap and it would be dispersed \$100.00 upfront, \$100.00 for the first 3 months and at the sixth month another \$100.00 and at the end of the 9 month class the remaining \$200.00 if they have graduates.

This came from the delegates so there needs to be a report back to them. Discussion was held about the cost of supporting 20 clubs with \$500.00 a year would deplete our money. A suggestion was made to help support the callers and not the clubs, but President Cari reported supporting the callers would be more expensive based on the caller fees. Advertising for the clubs was discussed. John Roloson suggested an incentive to the clubs for each dancer they keep in addition to paying the advertising. Discussion was held about the communal dance class as well as some ASDSC sponsored blast class. It was suggested that an all day Blast Class be incorporated in to the 5h Saturday Dances. It was decided the board was not in favor of paying the clubs to have classes.

***A motion was made by Secretary Weisbart that we do not support the \$500.00 per club for promotion of new dance classes. District Director Bud Baker made the Second. The motion passed.***

The President showed the Board signs that were used by the used by the Good Vibrations to promote square dancing. The club had good success from the signs and he is wondering if the clubs would be interested in the Association making signs for the clubs. President Cari did state laws forbid signs being placed. He proposes we invest in some signs and he is willing to pursue the costs. District Director Bud Bakers expressed opposition to the signs because of the law. Other suggestions were putting signs in the RT buses, magnetic signs or possibly a radio ad. President Cari stated he would check out prices.

**State Fairs:** No Report

**Blood/Sunshine:** Keron Weisbart reported she had sent Sympathy Cards to Jim Farris, Geri Farris and Carolyn Matthies. There is no report for Blood since we only received quarterly reports.

**Youth Report:** Heidi Jellesed reported on the Goldrush Exhibition Benefit Dance and they raised over \$1,000.00 for the group. They are planning on dancing at the State Convention and Golden State Roundup. There is a youth caller, Hunter Keller, coming from Montana and he is having a plus dance on Saturday December 29 at the Orangevale Grange. Charles Bridges will be cueing.

The President reported the Bylaws do not allow for the flyer to be posted on the Web without it being sponsored by a club. Extensive discussion was held pertaining to the promotion of square dance and the limits placed on the Web master as to what could be listed on the Web Site.

***A motion was made by the Secretary to sanction this dance as an ASDSC Sponsored dance so the dance could be covered by insurance and also advertised on the ASDSC Web Site. District 1 Delegate Bud Baker seconded the motion and the motion passed.***

Ruby Trinidad, Insurance, reported the Association has an insurance certificate that is in effect at the Orangevale Grange. Web Master Weisbart said he would get it on the web.

**12-Banner Group:** President Cari reported that Jerry Little has been promoting the 12 Banner Group. It is designed to work so each of the 12 clubs sponsors a dance sometime during the year and each of the other 11 clubs send 4 dancers to the dance. This guarantees you 44 dancers at your dance. He has proposed this to our Association's clubs but has had very poor response. There are 8 clubs, 3 from our Association and 5 from other Associations in the group. There have been two dances and the third one is today. There has been very good responses from the clubs that are participating. President Cari strongly urges the District Directors and Clubs to join this group.

Vice President Weisbart said that our Association members who attended the State Council Meeting (Bonnie Abramson, Bob Kamuf, Morrie and Keron Weisbart) made it a point to attend the dance that was held in Lathrop. It was a great dance and was well supported. They got more attendance than normally.

John Roloson raised the issue of these 12 Banner Dances not being listed on the web site because of the limit of the guidelines and whether the association has sanctioned this. President Cari stated it has not been sanctioned and that possibly the web guidelines would have to be modified to allow the posting of these dances.

**Fun Weekend:** President Cari reported the contract with the Yuba Sutter Fair Grounds has been issued. The callers are being arranged. State Council has been notified. Advertising will be started. It will be the 2nd Weekend of June in Yuba City. The Secretary will send a letter to the Nevada County Fair Grounds notifying we will not be using their facilities.

**Harvest Hoedown:** The budget is being distributed. Suzanne Owens has volunteered to be treasurer of Harvest Hoedown. President Cari called for a motion for her to be appointed.

***Youth Director, Heidi Jellesed made the motion. District 1 Director Bud Baker made the second. The motion passed.***

Harvest Hoedown Budget for 2008. You will see the actual expenses for 2007 and proposed budget for 2008. The figures for the 2007 are not final as there are some bills still outstanding. The Committee expects that \$1,500.00 will come back to the Association. The Budget for 2008 is just a projection.

President Cari asked for a motion to approve the Budget for 2008.

***District 1 Director, Bud Baker made the motion. Secretary Weisbart made the second. The motion passed.***

**State Convention:** Bonnie Abramson - Absent. President Cari encouraged the clubs to attend.

**2009 Nationals:** The National Committee has asked each Association to sponsor a hall. Sponsor means decorate. We have agreed to decorate a plus hall. It is to be decorated with something from our region. **We will be working on this.**

**District 1 Director:** Bud Baker. No Report

**District 2 Director:** Charlie Truax - Absent

**District 4 Director:** Vacant

**District 5 Director:** Corky Bolin. No Report

**District 6 Director:** Absent

**District 7 Director:** Absent

**District 8:** Joe White reported the Button and Bows had the Christmas Dance last night with 22 squares. January 11 is the Friday Night Party Night and they will be celebrating Jet Robert's birthday.

**New Business:** The Association Inaugural Ball is on January 13 at Royer Park. There are flyers and it will be in the Squarecaster.

The Good Vibrations is having a 12 Banner Dance on January 5 and also the Squarecaster is having a dance that same night.

Terry Jellested reported the order of business at the Square Caster's Board meeting in January, will be the dissolution of the magazine. The readership has dropped and costs have gone up.

John Roloson told the President the papers he presented were the bylaws of the "Caravaneers" Membership director Ruby Trinidad will be reviewing the requirement for a new club and report back.

**Web Master:** Web master Morris Weisbart provided the Web report and explained the reports. He said that for the week ending December 7, we had 1,751 times someone went to our web page.

**Toll Free Number:** Andrea Schotts reported the only call we had on the was from a person from a church and she wanted to know how we organized a Grand March" because she wanted to have a grand march for an event at her church.

**Proposed Motions:** President Cari reported there would be some motions for January. One involves wanting a date the minutes are posted and to establish an email list notifying the membership when the minutes are posted. Discussion was held about not having emails for the membership and who should be responsible to disseminate the information.

There was no other New Business and the meeting was adjourned at 2:30 PM