

Associated Square Dancers of Superior California
Board Meeting

Date: September 14, 2008, 1:10 p.m.

Location: **Natomas Raleys Event Center, 4650 Natomas Blvd. Sacramento, CA 95835**

Present:

President – Mitch Cari
Vice President – John Zell
Secretary – Christine Zell
Treasurer – Suzanne Owens
Jr. Past President – Bob Kamuf
Caller/Cuer Procurement Director – Bonnie Abramson (*Absent*)
Historian – Carolyn Matthies
Insurance/Membership Director – Pat Wilcox
Promotions Director – Jerry Little
Sunshine/Blood Reserve – Keron Weisbart
Youth Director – Heidi Jellested (*Absent*)
District 1 Director – Leo and Denise Springer
District 2 Director – Bob and Margaret Hicks (*Absent*)
District 3 Director – Joe White
District 4 Director – Jerry Grace (*Absent*)
District 5 Director – Corky Bolin
District 6 Director – *Vacant*
District 7 Director – Sue Regadanz
Web Master – Morrie Weisbart

A quorum was met based on 14 of the 18 positions. The meeting was called to order.

OFFICER REPORTS

President - Mitchell Cari

Attended State Council in August.

Eventful and entertaining going over the Council By-Laws. It was apparent that not a lot of people went through them. Didn't get as far on the By-Laws meeting as they had hoped. After advising them of what they could and could not do, the second half of the meeting was cancelled and tabled until November meeting.

They're changing their officers. A lot of opportunities for us to participate.

Significant Events

Ruth Moore, Mavericks, had surgery and is now home and doing well.

Death in the square dance family – Chuck Garrett of Guys and Dolls passed away late last month.

Royer dates for next year.

Contacted Royer finalizing dates for 2009 – two Sundays were not available (September and November)

1/18, 3/15, 5/17, 7/19, 9/13 and 11/8 (according to agenda)

By-Law Amendment

In July, when we redid the By-Laws we failed to outline the duties specific to the Executive Committee as opposed to the Board as a whole.

Propose amend the new By-Laws (probably in March 2009) to authorize Executive Committee to authorize contracts for callers, cuers and facilities, pay bills up to \$500, and oversee the Dancer's Enhancement Fund.

Need to be presented/read at two separate meetings. One in January and again in March.

Until By-Laws are amended, website should list all meetings as combined Executive Committee and Board.

Secretary – Christine Zell

Failed to attach the new ASDSC By-Laws, Standing Rules and Guidelines.

Although everyone has them, they needed to be attached as part of the minutes of that meeting.

Motion: Accept the July Board meeting minutes as amended.

Vote: Motion passed.

Treasurer - Suzanne Owens

- Handed out the latest on our checking and CDs
- Pulled the money from the 1year and 6 month CDs and transferred the money to the ASDSC checking account. Holding the funds there awaiting the maturity of the 3 month CD scheduled for October 15 to then move and redistribute the funds to better yielding CDs. They have not been yielding interest rates in comparison to other CDs and when they were rolled over, the new rates were even lower. We're moving the funds around to try and get a higher interest rate – at least 4.5 – 5% interest rate.
- The Dancer Enhancement Fund is going to lose about \$5000 to cover funds previously authorized for transfer to the ASDSC checking account – those fund had not been previously transferred.

Discussion

Keron Weisbart asked if this had been approved.

Mitch Cari stated that \$5000 had been presented, voted on and authorized for expenditure.

Keron clarified her question was regarding the closeout of the CDs, moving the money into the checking and losing interest in doing so.

Suzanne Cari stated that it was addressed at the last meeting, discussed and no one had any objection at that time.

Mitch Cari stated that we have three CDs that mature at 3 month, 6 month and one year. They were on staggered dates within the month for maturity. In an attempt to make it easier on the Treasurer next year, trying to get them all on the same day of the month cycle for accessing funds. Still going to keep them 3 month, 6 month and one year (quarterly, bi-annual and annual).

Keron read the minutes and noted there was no motion to withdraw the funds from the CDs. She stated that she felt “that it was improper use of the Treasurer’s duties...she didn’t have the authority... {and}... took exception to you {her} doing things that were not approved by the Board....not the first time ”

Suzanne Cari apologized.

Motion: Accept the Treasurer’s Report.

1st: Pat Wilcox

2nd: Corky Bolin

Vote: Motion passed.

Note: One opposed.

Vice President - John Zell

Nominations

One person for President – John Roloson

One person for Webmaster – Morrie Weisbart

Mitch Cari encouraged people to volunteer – many opportunities.

Jr. Past President – Bob Kamuf

No Report

Reported by Mitch Cari - The Board asked that Blood Reserves and Sunshine be rolled in the duties of Secretary. We failed to do that in the By-Laws. That will be brought up for the new President to deal with.

I have a typo in Article 13, I think, where I used a “v” instead of an “x” in the numbering. It appears in the right place in the document but will need to be corrected in the

Board member reports:

Caller/Cuer Procurement – Bob Kamuf reported on behalf of Bonnie Abramson

Ray Garza is requesting an additional \$200 over his initially approved contract for transportation (I think).

Mitch Cari asked if this was for Harvest Hoedown “09.

Motion: Caller fee for January 31, 2009 for Ben Goldberg of \$150 flat fee with him paying his own transportation. May 31st dance for fee of \$150 or \$20 a square whichever is greater plus economy airfare and one night’s lodging (with hope in someone’s home).

1st: Corky Bolin

2nd: Pat Wilcox

Vote: Motion passed.

Discussion:

Morrie Weisbart stated that this was the first caller or cuer that has come back to ask for additional funds. This may be the first with more to come – most likely because of transportation costs.

Mitch Cari stated that most of the contracts are written with “budget” airfare in the contract after suffering a significant cost a few years back. His may not have had the transportation in there.

Bob Kamuf said Bonnie stated there was mileage or transportation expense in there but it he didn’t believe it was enough.

Ray Garza is coming from San Diego – if he’s driving up here that would be a significant difference in cost. Air fare may be cheaper than driving.

Board collectively agreed to wait and look over the contract since there was plenty of time to amend or resolve the issue.

Returned to Treasurer Report

Mitch Cari requested to go back to the issue of the Treasurer / funds issue.

Motion: Open three new CDs – probably in the mid-month of October. There will a short-term (3 month), mid-term (6 month) and a long-term (one year) – depending on what the bank is offering. Distribution of the funds will be roughly in the same percentages as they were when taken out with the exception of \$5000 that will be held in the checking account to cover expenses previously approved for promotion expenses.

1st: Christine Zell

2nd: Pat Wilcox

Vote: Motion passed.

Motion: In the midst of finding the CDs, to find the most resourceful and user friendly CDs that will meet the needs of the ASDSC to do business next year.

1st: Christine Zell

2nd: Bob Kamuf

Vote: Motion passed.

Historian – Carolyn Matthies

Mitch Cari asked how the pictures were coming. Carolyn Matthies stated they were coming but money was a little tight. He asked if we needed to authorize some advanced funding for her to be able to get the pictures done. Carolyn did not reply. Mitch asked if we could have the pictures by Harvest Hoedown. Carolyn said she would try.

Morrie Weisbart stated that he had some pictures from the website, has the originals and can them print up on pages.

Carolyn received some very old pictures – black and white – from a lady that was directed to her. She would like to get the names of those people in the prints. Mitch Cari suggested having them posted at Harvest Hoedown and we could possibly get some names submitted to match up with the faces.

Mitch again emphasized having new pages for the scrapbook by Harvest Hoedown.

Membership – Pat Wilcox

Membership packets were mailed September 5th. If anyone hasn't received theirs, she had additional packets with her. They have a self-addressed stamped envelope in the packet to help facilitate their return. She put on the cover letter that they are due back by October 15th. They're not due until October 31st but this gave her a little time to gather them up and getting them out to the insurance.

New Dancer – Vacant

Communal dance – sent out a letter regarding a Mainstream dance to be held year round. Sent out to all.

One club said they liked the idea but couldn't support because they didn't dance at that level.

One club said that it wasn't a bad idea but they didn't have any time or people to help.

One club said it stunk.

One Board member said they were unhappy with the idea.

Mitch Cari, "Due to lack of support – I'm going to drop the idea."

In lieu of the President's meeting I was asked to have, the other two items I was asked to address were: revenue dance and the insurance program. Mitch sent out a secondary letter letting the clubs know that the insurance was based on 100% participation. A couple of clubs advised me that they had a few dancers that refused to pay their insurance dues. The insurance company has been doing random checks and if they can identify that you have dancers that do not have insurance they can pull your insurance certificate. That's the only really hammer they have.

It is the Club's obligation to pay \$10 per member. That fee is passed on to the club members but the letter goes to the club with a list of active members. It is the club's responsibility to pay the bill and recoup the money from the member.

Mitch decided to not hold the meeting since he was in fear of being the only one to show up since he wasn't getting a great deal of response on the requests submitted to the field.

Promotions – Jerry Little

Radio ads are running on K-HITs.

Signs are out.

Magnet signs are being noticed.

Haven't heard from Andrea to see if it's had any impact on the 800 number.

Jerry requested signs for Yuba City who is starting their classes in January

They could use all the signs people have to spare

Encouraged flyers in store windows with the price posted on the flyers.

Discussion regarding posting donation on flyers

Morrie: If you list donation on the flyer – you are risking your non-profit status.

Mitch: IRS said they didn't care what you call it, you have to claim it as income.

Talking on radio stations, papers, and other sources for Free

Demo – request September 18 – 7:00 pm at an assisted care facility

Entertainment – Residents & Families will be there; They will publish it in their newsletter

TV spots – nothing didn't come of that so far

California State Fair Coordination - Mitchell Cari

Dancing at the State Fair on August 31st, 3pm – Center stage went well.

Total 57 dancers and a square from as far south as Stanislaus County.

Three squares on the stage at all times.

It was one of the biggest days at the fair too.

Weather was good and a zillion people came out.

Printed many flyers and only came back with a few.

Sunshine – Keron Weisbart

Sent cards to:

Lorna Garrett – on the death of her husband, Chuck – Guys & Dolls

Families of Dean Willis & Paul Maring – Cap City & Prime 8s – both passed

away

Get Well cards to:

Ruth Moore, Mavericks - surgery

Mary Hollister, Mavericks - surgery

Carol Rice going through a major medical – going to send her a card

Blood Reserves – Keron Weisbart

No report

ASDSC Website – Morrie Weisbart

A written report was submitted.

Spending a good deal of time on the website.

Eastern Europe spending time.

Pretty consistent – pretty constant

John Roloson has submitted a motion to be brought up at the next meeting. Objects to having two calendars on the website. We'll address at the next meeting.

Morrie received one complaint from the Tahoe club. Regarding a dance in Squaw Valley. Club in north Lake Tahoe sent us a request in late July or early August with an electronic flyer for a dance they were hosting in Squaw Valley. Mitch Cari advised that as soon

as we received \$5, in accordance with our policy, we would post the flyer. The flyer was immediately forwarded to Morrie, who held it waiting for the receipt of the \$5. Mitch emailed several times asking about the money. Got the \$5 check two days before the dance. Had Morrie post the flyer. Mitch received a nasty gram stating he had sent the check three weeks prior to the dance. That was confirmed by the postmark however we did not receive it until two days before the dance.

Motion: In order to promote Good Will, send back the check with an apology and encourage them to keep us informed of their dances in the future.

1st: Keron Weisbart

2nd: John Zell

Vote: Motion passed.

Discussion:

Suzanne Cari stated that we are getting notices that mail was delivered to the wrong address. Let people know that we are not always getting the mail in a timely manner even though it is sent.

Youth Director – Heidi Jellesed - Excused Absence

Submitted report – Christine Zell read on her behalf

She's created the MySpace profile for youth dancing and has been asked by 19 youth where they can go to learn to dance. So far so good!

Suzanne suggested someone go and checkout the MySpace to ensure the site is appropriate

Mitch will contact Heidi

Fun Weekend - John Zell

John Roloson had asked how many Committee members there were – there were 16.

It states what they covered. A few additional things.

Pre-registration

Breakfast and lunch – made money off of that

Money breakdown

Bottomline - \$2379.82 we went in the hole this year

We don't have '09 scheduled.

Bonnie was talking to Jet about a different method – with profit sharing or something like that. Left a message and she hadn't gotten back to me prior to this meeting.

No reservation has been made at this time.

John has already penciled us in for the 3rd weekend in June to avoid Graduation and Father's Day weekend. It will be used a Trail In for Nationals in Long Beach.

Suzanne Cari asked when the funds would be turned in from Fun Weekend.

Bob Kamuf, Treasurer for Fun Weekend, would turn in the money after the books had been audited.

Audit Committee:

Suzanne Cari, Chairman

Carolyn Matthies
Mitch Cari

Mitch Cari – So I assume the Board wants to continue to plan for Fun Weekend 2009.
Any objection. Hearing no objection – we will continue planning Fun Weekend 2009.

Harvest Hoedown – Bob Kamuf on behalf of Bonnie Abramson

2007 – is still waiting for a final accounting line

Bonnie and Sue are still trying to get together – having difficulty due to schedules.

Don't know what they have to correct.

Sue Regadanz provide a check from the Treasury for \$1257.74

Mitch Cari stated that our taxes were due back in May, we asked for an extension until August, we've gone beyond August, and because it was income earned in 2007...It is my understanding that it must be included in 2007 income tax.

Sue Regadanz stated that as soon as Bonnie's conference is over she would get with her. The check presented should be good but did not want to present the final report without going over it with Bonnie since she was the Chair. The check is accurate.

2008 Harvest Hoedown – great line of callers and cuers

Fabulous dinner

Come out and support us

We only got 51 so far: 3 day – 21 Early birds; 17 Committee ribbons; 2 Friday night; 2 Saturday night; 25 dinners; RVs – 1 Wednesday night; 3 Thursday night; 19 Friday and Saturday

Total pre-registration is \$3456

Take flyers and push them

Christine Zell – trying to hold off until after Mavericks have their Clothes Closet but we're having the New Dancer Clothes Closet. We're not going to monitor it as closely as we did last year. Encourage donations.

2009 National Convention - Mitchell Cari

Another meeting – things are going along

Have Raffle tickets

Have 2010 State Convention – holding those back to keep from having two sets of tickets out there

We're tasked with decorating the stage

They were hoping for a state Capital backdrop or image

Ways and Means store – looking for volunteers – check with Sue Regadanz for volunteering for 2 hour increment

District Directors

District 1 – Leo and Denise Springer -

Main Street Strollers will have their Harvest Anniversary dance next Saturday, September 20, 2008. The dance level is Plus with Scot & Erin Byars doing the calling/cueing. Rounds begin at 7:30 pm and Squares at 8:00 pm.

Officers for Main Street Strollers for 2009 have been selected. They will be included in the Insurance information submitted in the next week or so.

Apple Jacks and Jills started their new dancer class September 3rd. 14 new dancers so far. All are doing well.

Apple Jacks and Jills will have their anniversary dance Saturday, **October 11**, 23008. The dance level is Plus with line dancing in between tips. Caller is Charles Bridges. Line Dancing begins at 7:00 pm and Squares begin at 8:00 pm.

Officers for Apple Jacks and Jills are not selected yet. This is in process.

Officers for Sierra Squares will be finalized by September 22.

District 2 – Bob Hicks - Absent

No report

District 3 – Joe White

Buttons N Bows

Got their Anniversary Dance on October 18th

Had a great turnout at their Party Night

Had a booth at the Auburn Fair advertising their new dancer class

On Nov 21 will be their Party Night with Jet and Ken Ritucci from New York

Their Christmas dance will be Dec 13 with Eric Henerlau calling and the Parkers on the Rounds. They got the Ghost Riders playing.

Golddancers of Nevada City

Having a good turn out at their workshop

Got a new dancer class starting.

District 4 – Jerry Grace - Absent

No report

District 5 - Corky Bolin

Capital City Squares:

November 15, 2008 – Capital City Squares' 29th Anniversary Square Dance

Central United Methodist Church, 5265 H Street, Sacramento, CA 95819

Alternating Mainstream & Plus Squares 7:00 pm – 10:00 pm

Soft soled shoes required. Square dance attire optional.

Caller: Bronc Wise, CapCitySqrs@aol.com

Stumptown Stomp 2009

May 15 – 17, 2009 - Each year in late April or early May Capital City Squares hosts our annual fly-in in the rustic town of Guerneville, CA right on the Russian River. Capital City Squares and Prime 8's of Sacramento invite you to joins us for a weekend of dancing, fun and friendship. Our callers this year are Mike DeSisto and Jet Roberts from Sacramento, CA

Info: George Fox (916) 929-8697 or email CapCitySqrs@aol.com

Prime 8's

November 15, 2008 – Prime 8's Advanced Square Dance

Central United Methodist Church, 5265 H Street, Sacramento, CA 95819

Alternating A-1/A-2 2:30 pm – 5:00 pm

Soft soled shoes required. Square dance attire optional.

Caller: Bronc Wise, Info: George Fox (916) 929-8697 or email CapCitySqrs@aol.com

Elk Grove Hoedowners:

September 26, 2008 – Sixth Anniversary Sock Hop

Elk Grove Park Pavilion, 7:30 pm – 8:00 pm Rounds; 8:00 pm – 10:30 pm Plus Squares

Caller: Joe Kula; Cuer: Charles Bridges

Steve Riley: sjrbear@comcast.net

Free Spirits: No Report

Friday, September 26th – Two dances – Solicited volunteers to represent ASDSC

Elk Grove Hoedowners Anniversary Dance – Corky Bolin

Whirl-a-Ways – Denise Springer

District 6 - Vacant

District 7 - Sue Regadanz

Ruth Moore is home and doing well. She called and asked how the new dancer class was going and how many dancers showed up the first night of the class.

Phil Smith starts beginning Round Dance Class – Sept 10, 5:30 pm – 7:00 pm

Mavericks New Dance Class started Sept 10th

NEW BUSINESS

New Dancer Class list available

Flyers – gather them up

Harvest Hoedown meeting after this meeting

Lots of opportunities for Board positions – talk it up

Meeting was adjourned at 2:45 pm.

Next meeting is October 14, Royer Park (downstairs) – Board at Noon and Delegates at 1:00 pm.