

Associated Square Dancers of Superior California
Board Meeting

Date: December 14, 2008, 1:11 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 Cari
Jr. Past President – Bob Kamuf
Caller/Cuer Procurement Director – Bonnie Abramson (*Late – Not counted in quorum*)
Historian – Carolyn Matthies
Insurance/Membership Director – Pat Wilcox (*Not counted in quorum*)
Promotions Director – Jerry Little (*Absent*)
Sunshine/Blood Reserve – Keron Weisbart
Youth Director – *Vacant*
District 1 Director – Leo and Denise Springer (*Absent*)
District 2 Director – Bob and Margaret Hicks (*Absent*)
District 5 Director – Corky Bolin
District 6 Director – *Vacant*
District 7 Director – Sue Regadanz
District 8 Director – Joe White
Web Master – Morrie Weisbart

A quorum was met based on 11 of the 16 positions. The meeting was called to order.

OFFICER REPORTS

President - Mitchell Cari

Letter to clubs about new bylaws and 2009 officers

President Cari emailed and placed copies in US Postal to all 2009 officers

None returned as undeliverable so he is proceeding as all were received

They were mailed because some people were concerned that all clubs had not read the new bylaws

November Council meeting – No report – John Roloson represented ASDSC at Council but was not present to deliver his report

Our bylaws have meetings scheduled for 3rd Sundays of odd months however there were some 3rd Sundays that were not available at Royer due to prior commitments and so we changed the dates to accommodate those times.

Secretary – Christine Zell

Motion: Accept the October Board meeting minutes as amended.

Made by: Bob Kamuf

Second: Corky Bolin

Vote: Motion passed.

Treasurer - Suzanne Owens

- Handed out the latest on our checking and CDs
- Moved the money into a 13 month CD at 4 percent – put in \$75,131.25
- Moved \$10,000 into a business interest money maximizer account because we agreed to have it available to Harvest Hoedown. Harvest Hoedown didn't need it after all, so we need to decide if you want me to research a shorter CD. We originally had our money distributed into 1 year, 6 month and a 3 month CDs. We currently have a 13-month CD where the largest chunk of our finances has been placed.
- The checking account is pretty healthy having just received dues. Sitting at a little over \$12,000.

Discussion

- President Cari asked for confirmation that the 13-month CD has the ability to access the money prior to the 13 months. His recollection was that after 7 days we could access the money. Treasurer Cari did not remember it that way but will check into it.
- Keron Weisbart asked if we have paid our dues to Council. Suzanne Cari stated we have paid approximately 90%. We were awaiting information from Overalls. It has been trickling in. Our biggest obligations have been met.
- Keron Weisbart liked the idea of leaving money in the business interest maximizer to have access to the money when we needed it.
- Suzanne Cari questioned whether it was necessary to leave \$10,000 in there where we could possibly make a better interest rate in a shorter CD that allows a specified number of withdraws during a given month.
- Sue Regadanz stated we don't have any other income coming into the ASDSC. President Cari stated we may get some money from Harvest Hoedown.
- Suzanne Cari stated 5th Saturday dances haven't been doing well.
- President Cari stated if Long Beach does well we might get some residual in our dances from that. Though in the last years, our nationals have done that well.
- Morrie Weisbart recommended that we place it in an account where we get interest. However, we should put a recurring reminder in the minutes to trigger us when the CD is coming due vice just in the Balance Sheet. This will keep us on top of when it is coming due.
- Suzanne Cari stated that she would research the true amount that should be in the New Dancer Enhancement fund and label it as such. She was concerned that the majority of it was in the 13-month CD but funds had temporarily been intermingled during the consolidation of CDs and would ensure that those monies were accountably distinct in our minutes and finance records.
- Keron Weisbart stated that our expenditures exceeded our income last year so if it would be beneficial to set aside money in an accessible account to conduct business during the upcoming year.

- John Roloson had not yet responded to Suzanne Cari regarding setting next year's budget.

Motion: Leave the money as it is in Checking Account and Maximizer until after we pay our Council obligations then take half of what is left in the Checking Account and put it in the Maximizer.

Made by: Keron Weisbart

2nd: Christine Zell

Vote: Motion passed.

Motion: Mitch (President 2008), Suzanne (Treasurer 2008 & 2009) and Christine (Vice President 2009) get together to produce an alternate budget, that is not intended to embarrass John (President 2009) but provide him with a tool in case there isn't one.

Made by: Morrie Weisbart

2nd: Keron Weisbart

Discussion: Keron Weisbart suggested we temporarily adopt last year's budget. A budget is a budget – nothing engraved in stone.

President Cari stated that historically it's been the January meeting when the incoming President presents the budget. Mitch did contact John R. regarding the budget and other housekeeping items like ordering badges and stuff like that. Don't know where it stands at this time.

Motion withdrawn by Morrie Weisbart.

Motion: Continue to operate under the current budget until one is submitted by the new President.

Made by: Keron Weisbart

2nd: Bob Kamuf

1st Amendment: Set a timeline – by January meeting.

Made by: Bonnie Abramson

2nd: Keron Weisbart

2nd Amendment: Adjust line item for Inaugural Ball – increasing to \$1

Made by: Christine Zell

2nd: Keron Weisbart

Amendments agreed upon by Bob Kamuf, 2nd on the original motion.

Revised Motion: Operate under the current budget up until January 18th, the next time the Board meets, with the exception of the line item for the Inaugural Ball has been increased to \$130.

Suzanne Cari recommended increase of Inaugural Ball line item. Suzanne believed that the caller and cuer for the Inaugural Ball may have fees and the line item would not suffice. President Cari recommended we address that in the January meeting.

Vote: Motion Passed

Fun Weekend Audit: Suzanne stated Carolyn Matthies (Historian), Mitchell Cari (President 2008), and Suzanne Cari (Treasurer – FW Audit Committee Chair IAW bylaws) are on the committee with John (VP – Fun Weekend Chair) and Bob Kamuf (Fun Weekend Treasurer) in attendance. She is planning on setting up a meeting for the second weekend in January. Please let her know days of availability.

ASDSC and Harvest Hoedown audits also need to be done. Bonnie Abramson volunteered her house for hosting those two audits.

Harvest Hoedown Committee: Suzanne Cari (Treasurer – HH Audit Committee Chair IAW bylaws), George Fox (Prime 8's Delegate), Christine Zell (Secretary 2008), and Mitchell Cari (President 2008) with Suzanne Cari (Treasurer), Sue Regadanz (Harvest Hoedown Treasurer), and Bonnie Abramson (Harvest Hoedown Chair) in attendance.

ASDSC Audit Committee: Bonnie Abramson (Caller/Cuer Procurement – ASDSC Audit Committee Chair), John Zell (VP), Bob Kamuf (Past President), and Sue Regadanz (District 7 Director) with Suzanne Cari (Treasurer) and Mitchell Cari (President) in attendance.

A communal date and time to be arranged.

Motion: Accept Treasurer's Report.

Made by: Bob Kamuf

2nd: Morrie Weisbart

Vote: Motion passed.

Vice President - John Zell

5th Saturday Dances – Got the Grange for January, May and August. The Grange is occupied on the 31st of October. We need to look at trying to get Royer for that dance or cancelling that dance.

Discussion

Bonnie Abramson stated that she had callers and cuers for January, May and August but not October at this time.

Motion: To cancel the October 31, 2009 5th Saturday Dance.

Made by: Morrie Weisbart

2nd: Bob Kamuf

Discussion: Having just finished Harvest Hoedown (24 & 25 Oct), same people working 5th Saturday as Harvest Hoedown, people wanting to do things with their families, and prefer trick or treating through Napa Valley wineries and chocolate factory.

Vote: Motion passed.

Hosting of 5th Saturday dances will continue in the rotation of clubs under District assignments. Vice President will make contact and coordinate with the Presidents of the Clubs assigned for each 5th Saturday dances.

Jr. Past President – Bob Kamuf

No Report

Board member reports:

Caller/Cuer Procurement – Bonnie Abramson

Fifth Saturday dances

January dance have Ben Goldberg caller for \$150 and MaryAnn Callahan cuer for \$85.

May dance propose Michael Leavy \$150 and John Flora cuer for \$80.

August dance propose Scott and Erin Byers, due to new dancers being involved, and that would be \$250 combined.

Motion: To approve contracts for January cuer be MaryAnn Callahan for \$85, May caller be Michael Leavy for \$150, May cuer be John Flora for \$80, and August caller be Scott Byars and cuer be Erin Byars for a combined rate of \$250.

Made by: Keron Weisbart

2nd: Corky Bolin

Vote: Motion passed.

Discussion: President Cari reminded the Board that the Delegates had voted for an Intro to Square Dancing to be held before each 5th Saturday dance. Bonnie Abramson clarified that this was correct however after further discussion with nowhere to send those completing the Intro to Square Dancing it would not be beneficial on months that did not precede an available class in the near future.

Morrie Weisbart had a concern for the Intro to Square Dancing being delayed for one hour for round dancing. Suggested making Intro to Square Dancing 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm, pre-Round Dancing 7:30 pm – 8:00 pm, and Square Dancing 8:00 pm – 10:30 pm

Historian – Carolyn Matthies

Carolyn made a proposal of purchasing a new 18” x 18” scrapbook from Michael’s for \$80 due to no longer being able to find pages for the scrapbooks currently in use (they don’t make that size anymore). 16 page refills costs \$16. This would provide us with 36 pages of usable space.

Morrie Weisbart recommended limiting the size of expansion to reduce cumbersome and possible breaking of expanders if dropped. Bonnie Abramson stated some organizations do one scrapbook per year. Morrie also recommended money being budgeted for that each year.

Motion: To purchase a digital camera for the ASDSC for the ASDSC Historian to use vice film.

Made by: Christine Zell

2nd: Keron Weisbart

Discussion: Limiting price of the purchase, Carolyn had researched and found them ranging from \$100 to \$1300, some cameras easier to download than others, Morrie stated Kodak Easy Shares were easy to use but motherboard only lasted two years, Mitch and Suzanne have been looking at Canons and Olympus, Sue recommended rechargeable batteries and larger memory card, Morrie recommended 1 gigabyte memory card, Sue stated that her Nikon that she's had for four years has given her no trouble and that was after her grandchildren dropped it, and the Zells volunteered to make the purchase since Carolyn felt unsure of her knowledge of cameras to make a good selection.

1st Amendment : To authorize the Zells to purchase a digital camera on behalf of the ASDSC for the maximum price of \$250.

Vote: Motion passed.

Motion: Purchase a scrapbook with a 16 page refill from Michael's for about \$100 maximum.

Made by: Carolyn Matthies

2nd: Corky Bolin

Discussion: Might go over \$100 with tax. Suggest using a 50% off coupon that are available in the newspapers.

Vote: Motion passed.

Membership – Pat Wilcox

95% of the membership money has been given to Suzanne. Insurance money has been paid. We have about three situations causing a few stragglers. \$60 is expected to be coming in, Mavericks have a few new members and Overalls have two or three new members.

Insurance certificates are taking about 6 – 8 weeks to receive. This is a busy time of year. So if you have an upcoming event, Pat has a form that can be completed that states insurance has been ordered and most facilities will take that in place of the actual insurance certificate.

All dances that Pat had already received have been submitted for certificates.

Promotions – Jerry Little (*absent*)

No report submitted.

Sunshine – Keron Weisbart

Sympathy cards sent to:

Lawrence Johnston – father passed away while we were at Harvest Hoedown.

Family of Jim Penrod – caller from the Stockton area
Family of Dottie Stevens – Member of Mavericks and Rainbow Stars

Get Well cards to:

Bob Hicks, District 2 Director – accident – fell off ladder

Friendship card to:

Dale and Lila Hepple – Longtime Board members – series of hard times and illnesses

Blood Reserves – Keron Weisbart
1689 unit on file.

ASDSC Website – Morrie Weisbart

Making these reports from last meeting to this meeting. Since our October meeting there have been 1303 visits. Lot of activity. Morrie was asked why isn't the Overalls and Whirl A Ways dances for Saturday not posted on the website and he stated that he couldn't post what he doesn't receive. Dave Briggs sent the flyers last night, Morrie hadn't been able to post last night but will post soon.

Website is a popular medium. We've been getting a lot of hits from more than just the United States.

Scanned documents can create extremely large files. Recommend submitting them as Word documents whenever possible.

New Calendar is really easy to use.

Morrie Weisbart will not be attending January meeting due to being at Winter Festival. Mitchell Cari and Suzanne Cari will also be at Winter Festival.

Youth Director – Vacant

Fun Weekend - John Zell

Bonnie Abramson asked if we should plan for Fun Weekend to resume in 2010 and should she start procuring callers and cuers.

The weekend dates were questioned.

March and April weather is unpredictable. Lots of other festivals. Deeper into summer conflicts with other issues.

After further discussion, June is best month. June 20th is Father's Day weekend. Concentrate on June 18th – 20th. Using it as "Come Join Us for Father's Day Weekend". Limit breakdown to Sunday.

Motion: Proceed with looking into Fun Weekend 2010 – June 18th – 20th.

Made by: Joe White

2nd: Keron Weisbart

Vote: Motion passed.

Mitch Cari, as current appointed Harvest Hoedown Chair, will check into Yuba City Fairground costs for 2010.

Harvest Hoedown – Bonnie Abramson

Formal wrap-up meeting after this meeting.

We either broke even or made a little.

Early Bird registration – suspect I'll get one or two more but as of right now have 56 adult and 4 youth. Bonnie made a deposit of \$1102 of registration money and an additional \$624 will be deposited next week. Again, whatever I get in the mail. We're nearly double over last year's registration. Out of all early registrations, only one couple of those registered is local but with a club that is not part of this Association. All Early Bird registrations are from outside our Associations. This is why it is so important to promote Harvest Hoedown locally since all registered are outside our Association. We are currently not getting support from our own clubs.

Morrie needs the new registration form.

Bonnie has not confirmed registrations at this time – other than by email – since we have no ribbons to mail. Mitch has ordered ribbons – under the authority of the current committee – working with Ben Goldberg based on gold color. Bonnie has a box of Harvest Hoedown for Mitch.

Transfer of all materials to promote Harvest Hoedown will be given to Mitch.

2009 National Convention – Mitchell Cari

We have an obligation to decorate one stage – 24' x 8'. Bonnie asked if they wanted to use the train – she still has in her garage. We want it easy for transport – backdrop vice something that needs to be assembled.

Train could be used in front of the stage.

We are under 200 days until Nationals.

Motion: Use \$250 for National stage decorations.

Made by: Bonnie Abramson

2nd: Keron Weisbart

Discussion: Needs to look professional, set a committee, easy to transport items, backdrop of the Capital at night, collage of various pictures of Sacramento – Capital, Old Sacramento, the railroad, Sutter's Fort...some of those blown up – different photos on a backdrop.

Vote: Motion passed.

Suzanne Cari suggested not too busy, when dancing can be dizzying.

Committee volunteers: Bonnie Abramson, Keron Weisbart, Suzanne Cari, Mitchell Cari and Morrie Weisbart.

District Directors

President Cari thanked all District Directors for their hard work this past year.

District 1 – Leo and Denise Springer - Absent
No report

District 2 – Bob & Margaret Hicks – Absent
Written report.

District 3 – Joe White

Buttons N Bows had their Christmas dance - a pretty good dance last night. About 15/16 squares and needed 20 squares to break even.

Next Thursday we're having a special Christmas dance for our new dancer's class at the school.

Goldancers on Sunday, December 21st having a new dancer's party and potluck at the Grange.

Morrie talked to Scott Pierce to get information for Goldancers to increase attendance at their dances. Evidently have a large new dancer class. All of them are younger people. If we as an Association help them, they have a good source of new, young dancers that need to be encouraged.

District 4 – Jerry Grace - Absent
No report

District 5 - Corky Bolin
It's been a pleasure and he'll miss it.

District 6 - Vacant

District 7 - Sue Regadanz
Mavericks New Year's dance. Need people to pre-register.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion: Put in front of the Delegates/new Board, do away with the toll free number and voice mailboxes.

Made by: Bonnie Abramson

2nd: Keron Weisbart

Discussion: If approved, as soon as possible. Morrie recommended auditing and have figures ready for the January meeting. The investment and return on this. The Delegates have taken the recommendation of the Board in the past and this source has had minimal return on the investment. We need to be able to present the information intelligently. Morrie clarified dollars spent versus incoming phone calls. Signs can be taped over with local number. Paying approximately \$46 a month.

Vote: Motion passed.

ASDSC Trailer – Joe White

No left turn light or stop light, wiring connection that goes through the frame, re-duct taped top of the trailer, next summer we will get a fiberglass repair, currently duct tape is keeping the water out, 6 inch piece of fiberglass should take care of it. Mitch and Dale Baker will try and get up there to check it out. Right-hand side of the trailer has a hole. Keron recommended a small vent cover to be placed over the hole to protect it from rain. That is what the RV people did for hers when she had a hole in her RV.

Thanks to Mitch for three years.

Sue Regadanz has a box for Harvest Hoedown she inherited from previous Treasurer. Probably has copies of contracts and other historical documents. Mitch asked her to bring to January meeting.

Flyers available for a variety of dances. Please pick them up and distribute them to your clubs.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:00 pm.

Next meeting is January 18, Royer Park (downstairs) – Executive Committee at Noon and Board (Delegates) at 1:00 pm.