

**Central California Square Dance Association
Regular Meeting
January 8, 2018**

Minutes

Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call and Introduction of Guests

- **Officers** - Sheri Cummings – President; Alice Ann Ewing – Vice President; Sue Farver – Secretary; Sharon Patterson – Treasurer; Kathy Moreau – Insurance; Ray Patterson – Parliamentarian & CAMA Representative; Sharon Patterson – Promenader Editor; Sheri Cummings – Wing Ding
- **Club Representatives** – Kathy Moreau – All-A-Round Wunders; Robert Allmon – Oakdale Squares; Ray Patterson – Rockin W Rounders; Pat Allmon – Single Skirts & Flirts; Judy Webber - Turlock Steppin' Pards; Nadine Campbell – Twain Harte Twirlers
- **Guests** – Dennis Cummings – Turlock Steppin' Pards; Rey Varela – Twain Harte Twirlers; Judy Crawford – Single Skirts & Flirts

Minutes of Last Meeting Moved by Nadine C and seconded by Kathy M to approve minutes of the November 2017 meeting as corrected to add Rob Merrick to the Club Representatives as present. Motion passed. Sheri C asked for any feedback about having them on the webpage.

Treasurers Report moved by Nadine C. and seconded by Ray P. to approve. Motion passed.

Checking Account as of January 8, 2018

Beginning balance	2,764.09
Total income	308.50
Total Expenses	<u>178.70</u>
Balance	2,893.89

<u>Savings Account</u>	12,206.65
Interest (Nov. & Dec.)	<u>.61</u>
Balance	12,207.26

Promenader Treasurers Report Sharon did not receive a Promenader report but had the balance information.

Expenses (3 months stamps)	240.38
Income (3 ads from Silver State)	60.00
Balance	1716.29

Sheri C asked about current subscriptions. Sharon P stated two more people have been taken off. About 20 people are still due. Sheri asked that when representatives go back to their clubs, remind their members to renew their subscriptions to the Promenader.

Correspondence – No correspondence.

Standing Committees Reports

- **President** - Update on Jackson. Sheri spoke with Kip Garvey. They are still looking to join an association, and we still in the running. They have had some changes in their club leadership. Victor Penacho whom Sheri had been speaking with, has stepped out of the Treasurer's position and a new one has come on. Victor did say they were still discussing it, and it should be decided upon soon.
- **Vice President** – None. Sheri C. asked when we need to contact the fairgrounds, Alice Ann E said she thought it was still too early.
- **Insurance** - Kathy M reported that everyone should have their certificates. Annette Brown and Kathy M e-mailed copies to the club contacts listed in the Promenader. Let Kathy M know if your club has not received their certificate. There is a different procedure to follow. Please read the instructions and contact Kathy M if you have any questions. The club dance location does not get a copy of the full packet. The club contact needs to make a copy of just the page that has the certificate and give the copy to the location. There was one accident report from Skirts & Flirts last month. Sheri C commended Kathy M for getting out the certificates for all nine clubs in a timely manner. She reminded everyone that if clubs have members that paid dues/insurance after November, please be sure to update that information with Kathy. She also needs to know about new dancers that join. Let her know if club did not receive their packet. Pat A, the contact for Skirts & Flirts, said she did not get the packet. Kathy M stated they were sent out last week. She will check with Annette, and asked Pat A to check for an e-mail from Annette Brown.
- **Parliamentarian** – It is time to review the Bylaws and make changes. There have been quite a few suggestions and a few things that are outdated and need to be updated. Ray P requested that the President appoint a two or three-person committee to pursue the task of rewriting the Bylaws. Sheri C appointed Ray P as chairman. Rob Merrick, from Calaveras Twirlers, has expressed an interest to be on the committee. Alice Ann E stated she would also be interested. Rob is no longer President of Calaveras as of January 1. Janice and Norm are now the new Presidents. We will check with Rob to see if he is still interested. Sheri stated that you can be on the Bylaws Committee as long as you are an active member.
- **Historian** - Sheri C heard from Joann Fones that they are successful with putting things on Flicker. Sheri said that while we have been doing really well about getting our flyers and publicity out about our dances, it might be nice to put some pictures on Facebook after the dance.
- **Promenader** – Be sure people are renewing and to get some new subscriptions.
- **CAMA Rep** - We had a good 5th Saturday dance. There were the same number of squares at end as beginning. CAMA had an informative seminar prior their meeting. There is another caller that would like to do a seminar.

- **Wing Ding** - Richard Bethel has been starting to collect some Silent Auction items. If your club members have Silent Auction items, please let Richard know so he has an idea of what's coming. Check with friends and businesses you know that might like to donate items. The auction items really help offset some of our expenses. Kathy M and or Richard Bethel will talk to the Jackson Casino. We are asking that each club bring a gift basket with a \$50.00 value. It can be a purchased basket, or a collection. Make them fun and different. Turlock is doing all things nuts. Kathy suggested putting together local items from your area, possibly including flyers for things to do, that might encourage people to check out the area. We are giving RV'ers welcome packets when they come in. If your club would like to have a flyer included in the packet, give them to Sheri C, Dennis C or Kathy M by February 19th. There will also be tables at the Festival where flyers can be put out. Tri Tipery will be at the festival. They will be up front this year, so they will be easier to see. They will be serving lunch and dinner on Saturday. Ray P has the Welcome Dance all set up. Your ribbon gets you into that dance as well. It is not a "drop-in" dance. You do need to be registered for the Festival. You can do a one-day ribbon, but economically, it's usually less expensive to do the whole weekend.
- **Vendors** - Helgas Design, Signs by Scott and Dave Brown are coming back. Ray P is shooting for 8 to 10 booths this time. We have a lot of space that Mondiki will not be occupying. Ray P has posted the festival on two festival network sites, so craft people can see what is coming up. If anyone knows a craft person who might be appropriate for the Festival, get that information to Ray. Sheri said that she and Dennis will have ribbons available at dances.

Old Business

Audit Committee - Judy W will be getting the paperwork from Sharon. She has not heard from Rob M, who also volunteered. She got some good pointers from Chuck Strand. Waiting to contact Sally Cole for the Promenader books.

December 30 – 5th Saturday Dance Sheri C reported that the dance went really well and was enjoyed by the dancers. We need to look at December 2018, as we have a similar situation as 2017. The 5th Saturday would be Dec 29, and Monday is New Years' Eve. We need to decide if we want to do a 5th Saturday Dance and a New Years' Eve dance, or one or the other. Kathy M reported that there was a really good turn-out and she heard positive things in that people had the opportunity to go to the 5th Saturday Dance, and a New Years' Dance. Sheri asked if we wanted to make decision tonight or take it to the clubs first, and then decide in March. Discussion to let Reps go back to their clubs to get feedback: both dances, or one or the other. Judy W felt the Reps should get feedback. It was decided to get feedback from the clubs and report at the March meeting, when a decision will be made. Sheri hasn't spoken to CAMA about it, but we need to consider that if we do a 5th Saturday Dance on Saturday night, we are asking the same callers and cuers to come back on New Years' Eve. Unless there is a strong reason for both, it might be easier to do one. Nadine C suggested we do a dance on the 29th only. Kathy stated that it would also benefit CAMA callers and cuers as they would have the opportunity to pick up another dance. Ray P felt it would be better to do a 5th Saturday dance, and free up New Years' Eve. He suggested if we do both, we hire a caller for the NYE dance. It would be difficult to get callers to do back-to-back dances. This will be taken to the clubs and brought up for a vote in March.

State Convention Basket - CCSDA is doing a breakfast basket. So far, we have pancake mix. Items were to be brought tonight or no later than March. Sheri will accept items if they are brought to an upcoming dance.

State Council meeting will be held this weekend, Friday and Saturday, January 12 and 13 at the American Legion Hall in Turlock. Friday night will be committee meetings. Saturday will be the public meetings. There is a Promotions meeting from 9:00- 9:45 with discussions for the betterment of square dancing; ideas to get and retain dancers. Tim Moreno from Oroville will be talking about some web pages he is doing for dancing promotion. The General meeting starts at 10:00 and is usually done by 3:00. There may or may not be a lunch break. Sheri stated that this is a neat way to find out what State Council is about. You don't need to stay for the whole day.

New Business

New Dancer Classes - Sheri C asked what clubs are holding new dancer classes this winter? Skirts & Flirts will be starting Wednesday, January 10th. Boots & Slippers will be starting Monday, January 15th. Alice Ann E stated that new dancers will get a free night and then they get a "surprise" when they come. Skirts & Flirts is doing one free night. Turlock is hosting an open community dance on January 31st. to introduce square dancing to the community. They will also be doing a new class. Twain Harte is not doing a new class. Rockin' W Rounders started Jive class tonight, January 8th, and a 2-step class will start on Thursday, January 11th.

Club Reps – Sheri C stated that we need the Club Reps to come to meetings. If they can't be at the meeting, please let Sheri know. She has a list of the Reps and the Alternates. There is a form that tells who the Alternate is. For voting purposes, the Alternate Rep needs to be on the form. More than one name can be listed. A reminder to make sure the information from the meeting goes back to the clubs, and that the Reps would vote according to how you feel your club would vote. Please e-mail or text Sheri C if you need to have a substitute.

Budget Discussion - we have been doing well with our budget. Coming out a little bit ahead. We have three funding sources:

- Dues \$20 per club. The extra dollar per dancer collected goes straight to State Council, so CCSDA sees \$20.00.
- 5th Saturday dances which runs around \$50-\$60.
- Wing Ding. Last year brought in \$3,000. As our dancers in our clubs lower, the dancers at our Festival lowers as well. We need to be sure our Wing Dings are profitable, as this is the leading income source for CCSDA. Discuss with your clubs the need to look at the \$20.00 per club and try to come up with a way of increasing our Association dues in a manner that is fair to both the small and large clubs. To say the Association will survive on the \$180.00 that the nine clubs currently bring in is not really realistic. Sheri C asked Sharon P her thoughts. She stated that if Wing Ding were to lose \$3,000, we would be in trouble. Sheri C stated we can't ask dancers to go much beyond the \$45.00 pre-registration or \$50.00 at the door. We are right where other festivals are. This is why we also rely on the Silent Auction and club baskets to bring the income up.

- **Free Dances** – A suggestion was brought up as to whether we should continue free dances. We were taking it back to our clubs. Sheri C asked Judy W what the consensus was at her club. She stated that no one objected to paying at least a nominal fee (\$5.00 instead of \$8-10) and eliminating the free dance. There are two free dances – the Installation and the New Years' Eve dance, when we do it. We do have expenses for the hall, sound system, etc. Sheri C asked for input from other clubs. Nadine C from Twain Hart stated that none of her club would object to paying \$5-\$8 to attend the dance. Kathy M. stated that there aren't that many THT members that attend these dances, but those that do would not mind paying. Alice Anne commented that attendance at the Installation dance was not very high, so it probably doesn't matter if there is a fee or not. Sheri suggested we wait to see where the Installation ends up falling and what we decide about New Years' Eve. We will look in the Bylaws where it mentions what we are paying for dances. Sheri C thinks it's open, but that there should be some reference.

Bylaws Committee - Sheri asked if there is there anything committee should address? Ray P stated that clubs would like a positive definition of who they have to let in free to their dances. It needs to be narrowed down. It should be Dancers of the Year and CCSDA President. Ray P was asked to find out specifically what titles they were questioning. Callers do not get in free. Alice Ann E asked if there was anything else you got "free" besides the State Golden Dancer Certificate when you turned 80. Sheri C felt that would be a club decision. Ray stated it should be in the Standing Rules or Bylaws. Banners and coffees – How many club attendance sheets can you sign on. Keeping track of banners is a problem at times.

Standing Rules - Sheri C commented that there are some things that work well in the Standing Rules and Bylaws when there are many clubs with high memberships, but with fewer clubs, smaller memberships and many belonging to more than one club, this doesn't work. Judy W commented that the fee is a donation.

Next Meeting March 19, 2018 – Oakdale Grange

Announcements

Singles Skirts & Flirts – Saturday, January 20 - Teddy Bear New Dancer Hoedown. At the Oakdale Grange.

Pat asked if there are any new dancers that might come. It was suggested that if your club is bringing new dancers let Pat A or Bob Elling know where they are at.

Singles Skirts & Flirts – Saturday, February 17 - Mardi Gras Dance with Andy Allemeo and Vernetta Thompson. At the Oakdale Grange.

BUNKO - January 12 and February 9. The second Friday of every month. Bunko is one of the things that keeps the Grange going. Not many rentals. Win \$50 gift cert. from Walmart.

Oakdale Squares – Saturday, February 10 – Valentine's Day Dance with Scott Pearce and Carolyn Wunder. At the Oakdale Grange.

Turlock Steppin' Pards – Friday, February 2 - Black & White Ball with Kip Garvey and Mary Anne Callahan. Dennis Earl Elementary.

Rockin' W Rounders - January 27 – 57th Anniversary Dance and from 6:00-7:00 a wedding reception for Michael and Jean Soto. There will be “regular” dancing from 6:00-7:00. Everyone is invited.

All Around Wunders – No information

Twain Hart Twirlers - Sunday, January 14 - Snow Dance with Jett and Sylvia Roberts and Sharon Patterson. Soulsbyville Elementary in the new gym. 1:30-2 prerounds, mainstream and plus 2:00-5:00.

Twain Hart Twirlers – Saturdays, February 10 & 17 – Plus Refresher/Tune Up Class. 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. Church of the 49ers Faith Hall, in Columbia. \$25.00 for both classes due by February 6. Call Phil Jones about attending one day instead of two. Kathy stated last year they had exactly the right number so everyone could dance. If there is an extra couple (or one less), couples have to rotate and will be paying but not dancing every tip. It would probably be workable if the club knew ahead of time.

Boots N Slippers – February 11 – Purple Heart Dance at the Senior Center.

Wing Ding – Sheri would love to see full clubs at Wing Ding. Grand March will be on Saturday evening. There will be some different ideas for that. Bring your club banners and your clubs!

Meeting adjourned at 8:02 pm.

Next Meeting – March 19 – Oakdale Grange 7 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Farver, CCSDA Secretary