

Central California Square Dance Association
Regular Meeting Minutes
May15, 2017

Agenda

Roll Call and Introduction of Guests Present:

Officers - Sheri Cummings - President; Annette Brown - Acting Secretary; Treasurer - Sharon Patterson; Kathy Moreau - Insurance; Ray Patterson - Parliamentarian & CAMA Representative; and Promenader Editor - Sharon Patterson.

Club Representatives - Kathy Moreau - All - A- Round Wunders & CCSDA Insurance; Boots & Slippers - Clayton Jones; Calaveras Twirlers - Rob & Kathie Merrick; Oakdale Squares - Robert Allmon; Round Robins - Audry Langlois; Single Skirts & Flirts - Pat Allmon; Turlock Steppin' Pards - Judy Webber; and Twain Harte Twirlers - Nadine Campbell.

Guests - Dennis Cummings - Turlock Steppin' Pards; Philip & Bev Jones - Twain Harte Twirlers; Richard Bethel - Boots & Slippers; Rey Varela - Twain Harte Twirlers; & James Webb - Boots & Slippers.

Minutes of Prior Meeting - March 20, 2017 - approved, as well as the minutes of the Jan. 9th meeting.

Treasurer's Report - approved as reported.

Total Income (5th Saturday Dance) \$424.00; Total Expenses \$284.38

Promenader Treasurer's Report - Sally Cole has pneumonia, so there is no Promenader report. The balance considering income & expenses is approximately \$1807. Approved as presented.

Correspondence - A letter was received from caller Bill Silver reporting that his wife, Lynn, has Stage 5 kidney failure, needs a kidney transplant and has been placed on the waiting list which could take 2 - 4 years for one to become available. If she can find a living donor, she can have the transplant sooner. They are seeking a volunteer. Contact UC Davis Transplant Center, if interested.

Also, an email was received from Phil & Bev Jones of the Twain Harte Twirlers regarding submission of dance schedules and a dance request.

Committee Reports -

President - Richard Bethel turned in his resignation as CCSDA Secretary. Sheri advised that Annette Brown was agreed to be secretary for the remainder of this term November. A motion made, seconded, and passed to approve Annette Brown as secretary. New dancer class info. for a CCSDA flyer is needed from the clubs by July 1st.

Vice President - Absent. Sheri reported that Alice Ann Ewing has received permission for CCSDA club dancers to put on a demo at the Stanislaus County Fair on Tuesday, July 18th, from 5 - 7:15 PM on the Coors Stage (near the beer gardens as in previous years). Dancers can get in free for the demo but will need to wear their name badges. Square dance attire is preferable, but club shirts can also be worn. As dancing will be on cement it is recommended that dancers wear tennis shoes. Ray Patterson advised that several callers & cuers have expressed an interest in doing the demo at the fair.

Insurance - Kathy Moreau said, "Everything's fine."

Parliamentarian - Ray Patterson stated he has nothing to report. He has done some research on a couple of items which will be reported on later.

Historian - Sheri Cummings stated that Dennis Fones took a lot of pictures of Audre Barney's memorial. They have been placed on the Flickr account under the name Audre Barney. Also a picture board in her memory was on view at the 5th Saturday dance.

Promenader - Sharon Patterson reported that membership is about the same. Win a few new subscribers & lose a few.

CAMA Rep - Ray Patterson advised that Joe Gonzales is a new member from Clovis. Another application has been received Jerry Dunn, a new caller from Mariposa. CAMA's share of the 5th Saturday dances was \$162 which was donated to Hospice in Audre Barney's name.

Publicity - Audry Langlois has resigned from the publicity position. Judy Webber stated that Mary Jane Moths will print the CCSDA flyers (the 5th Saturday Dances, the Inauguration, & New Years Dance) at no cost to CCSDA, as she is able to write off the cost of the ink & paper. However, she will not design the flyers!

Old Business -

2017 State Convention in Victorville - Sheri Cummings advised the State Square Dance Festival in Victorville was successful. They had 625 dancers which included 78 handicapables. They had a good Silent Auction and the raffle went very well. The basket from CCSDA (which included items donated by clubs) brought in \$90. A big thanks those who donated to the basket.

Wing Ding 2017 - A check for \$3,014.96 was received for the Wing Ding.

Other Business - Boots & Slippers Representative James Webb resigned, and Clayton Jones, who has been an alternate, will become the Boots & Slippers Representative.

New Business -

2018 Wing Ding - Audre Barney was to have been the chairman for the 2018 Wing Ding and with her death, Sheri Cummings has been unable to find a replacement. The current standing rules say that a CCSDA President cannot serve concurrently as Wing Ding Chairman. Sheri asked that that rule be suspended for the 2018 Wing Ding Festival and that she be allowed to take on that position herself. A motion was made by Nadine Campbell to allow the CCSDA President to take on said position for the 2018 Wing Ding. Motion seconded & passed. Sheri advised that Kathy Moreau has agreed to be Co-chairman for the 2018 Wing Ding and, if everything goes well, Kathy will become 2019 Wing Ding Chairman.

Coffee - Following a short discussion of clubs awarding coffee as an incentive for club dance attendance participation (large coffee, small coffee), it was decided to allow the individual clubs to decide on a coffee replacement, rather than CCSDA making that decision for them.

Dance schedule - Sheri Cummings stated that CCSDA Standing Rules say that each club is entitled to an Anniversary Dance, a Newer Dancers' Dance, and one Special Dance per year. We don't want two dances on the same night and try not to have two dances back-to-back on the same weekend. Anniversary dances have priority in scheduling.

An email was received from Phil & Bev Jones of the Twain Harte Twirlers requesting that the CCSDA Standing Rules of the CCSDA Bylaws, Article 5, Section G, be amended to read, "Clubs shall submit a written request for dance dates for the following calendar year to CCSDA each June, and receive approval before advertising and/or conducting a dance. Decision of the CCSDA regarding date approval requests will be made and communicated to Clubs no later than the third Monday of July of each year." Phil Jones stated, "Allowing Clubs additional time to obtain Callers for special dances will improve the opportunity to obtain desired Callers, and lessen the likelihood of a desired Caller being already booked for a desired date. This is especially true for Clubs having dances the first quarter of the year." Sheri asked that Club Reps go back to the clubs to find out what problems there would be requesting Dance dates be

submitted in June. She did advise that Turlock Steppin' Pardis cannot request the use of the school for their special dances until the new school year starts. A general discussion followed. Rob Merrick of the Calaveras Twirlers advised that his club has two dates that conflict with Rockin' W Rounders' dances which were booked prior to his club joining CCSDA. Sheri advised that one of those dates the Rockin' W Rounders will be dark (June 24th). The other dance does conflict, but this year because of prior scheduling they can proceed with the dance on Sept. 23rd. As Clubs who have dances in January & February need to secure their callers early, Sheri advised that this can be done by Special Request until the By-laws are amended. As no other Clubs hold their January dances on the 2nd Sunday, the Twain Harte Twirlers were given permission to book their January 2018 Snow Dance for January 14th to secure their caller. Sheri reminded Club Reps. to discuss with their dance scheduler the motion to change to an earlier submission date for Club requests.

Nomination Committee - Current officers to stay on for the 2017 -2018 year, except the position of Secretary which needs to be filled. Kathy Moreau & Judy Webber are on the Nominating Committee. Need a Secretary! A requirement for the position is that the person be an "active dance member". Nominations will be in July, elections in September, and Installation in November. A question posed as to whether a Club Rep could be Secretary. Sheri advised that a Club Rep could be elected to a CCSDA office, but could not also serve as Club Rep at the same time.

State Council Meeting Report - Sheri advised on May 12th she returned from an interesting and long State Council Meeting. Friday evening were 3 short meetings - a Budget/ Financial Committee Meeting, a 501C3 Meeting for the Youth, and a Convention Advisory Meeting. Saturday morning was the Presidents Meeting with the Presidents from the different associations to decide on the meeting agenda. Suggestions to make dances special events, greeting people, not cleaning up until dancers have left, showing appreciation for volunteers, and smiling. The Sacramento Association is handling contact with the California State Fair and information will be coming out on how dancers can dance at the State Fair. Dancers will need to be vetted under Megan's Law. The Fresno Association is doing a Wounded Warriors Dance where they are collecting money for the wounded warriors. State Council meets three times a year. New state officers were elected, and now Nadine Campbell has concluded her term as Vice-President.

State Council does have a Youth Scholarship program, and there have been no applications this year. Qualifications - must be a dancer, under 21, and a high school graduate.

5th Saturday Dance, July 29th - Discussion regarding a trophy for the 5th Saturday dance with a plaque for the most dancers from a club attending based on a percentage in the club's insurance rolls. This would allow some of the smaller clubs a chance to win the trophy. Due to the summertime heat, square dance attire will be optional.

5th Saturday Dance, Sept. 30th - September is National Square Dance month. It will be recognized at this dance. Ray Patterson suggested getting some newspaper coverage. Square dancing classes will be starting then. Possibly getting a reporter out to do some interviews and a picture in the paper.

Modesto Nuts Game - Clubs asked to report back on a possible date for a CCSDA social outing to the Modesto Nuts baseball game were given three dates in June 9th, June 11th, & August 18th. The Turlock Steppin' Pardis reported that they were interested in a June date for a group outing. First preference June 9th; June 11th OK.

What is a club member? Discussion followed with club reps advising how their clubs handle membership and whether their club collects annual dues. It was learned that each club handles membership differently. Some collect annual dues; others do not.

Announcements- (All dances at the Oakdale Grange Hall, unless otherwise scheduled.)

Turlock Steppin' Pards - "Hootenenny" on Friday, July 7 with Bob Elling calling & Vernetta Thompson cueing at the Dennis Earl Elementary School.

Boots & Slippers - "52nd anniversary Dance" on Sunday, May 21 with Ben Goldberg calling and Mirdza Ward cueing at the Merced Senior Community Center.

Round Robins - "June Bug Dance" on Saturday, June 3rd with Ben Goldberg calling and Steve Wey cueing at the Oakdale Grange Hall.

Calaveras Twirlers - "5th Tuesday Hoedown Party" on May 30th at the San Andreas Town Hall with Scott Byers calling the July & August 5th Saturday dances. He may become their club caller.

Skirts 'N' Flirts - "50's Sock Hop" on Saturday, June 17 with Lawrence Johnstone calling and Steve Wey cueing at the Oakdale Grange Hall.

On Saturday, July 15th, they will have a "Firecracker Dance" with Andy Allemao calling.

Meeting Adjourned.

Next Meeting - Monday, July 17th.

Respectfully submitted,

Annette Brown, CCSDA Secretary