

Central California Square Dance Association
Regular Meeting
July 17, 2017

MINUTES

Meeting Called to Order at 7:05 pm

Attendees: President – Sheri Cummings, Vice President – Alice Ann Ewing, Treasurer and Promenader Representative – Sharon Patterson, All Around Wunders and Insurance – Kathy Moreau, Calaveras Twirlers – Cecelia Munshaw and Jim Turner, Oakdale Squares – Bob Allmon, Rockin W Rounders, Parliamentarian and CAMA Representative – Ray Patterson, Single Skirts N Flirts – Pat Allmon, Twain Harte Twirlers – Nadine Campbell, Turlock Steppin Pards – Judy Webber

Absent: Secretary and Insurance – Annette Brown, Historian – Dennis and Joann Fones, Boots N Slippers – Clayton Jones, Round Robins – Audre Langlois

Guests: Dennis Cummings – Turlock Steppin Pards, Rey Varela – Twain Harte Twirlers, Phil and Bev Jones – Twain Harte Twirlers

Minutes of Last Meeting – Nadine Campbell had one correction to the minutes – Single Skirts N Flirts Dance listed as June 15 and should be July 15. Nadine Campbell made motion, Bob Allmon seconded to approve minutes as corrected. Approved as corrected. Comment made that Annette Brown did an excellent job with the minutes.

Treasurers Report - Judy Webber made motion, Bob Allmon seconded to approve Treasurer's Report as presented. Approved as presented.

Promenader Treasurers Report – Sharon Patterson read the Promenader Treasurers report. Currently four less subscriptions than last month, current subscribers as listed in the July Promenader is 112. Extra Promenaders are distributed to new dancers, at demonstration dances and festivals. Suggestion was made to publish the CCSDA minutes to the webpage rather than in the Promenader, thereby reducing the need of six pages.

Correspondence – 2018 dance schedules have been received from Single Skirts N Flirts, Oakdale Squares and Twain Harte Twirlers, Received a request from Twain Harte Twirlers for approval of their 50th Anniversary dance date for 2019. Received a billing reimbursement for Mydomain, the license for the CCSDA webpage.

Standing Committees Report

- **President** – Sheri Cummings reported that Dennis will be having knee replacement surgery on August 16, so she and Dennis will be missing some of the dances in late August and September.
- **Vice President** – Alice Ann Ewing reported on the arrangements for the demonstration dance on July 18, from 5 – 7:15 pm at the Stanislaus County Fair.

- **Insurance** – Kathy Moreau reported that there had been one accident reported. She reminded all representatives that a form should be completed, signed and submitted for all accidents.
- **Parliamentarian** – Ray Patterson reported that he had done some research on a bylaw topic. He recommended that early next year CCSDA again review the bylaws and standing rules.
- **Historian** – A report was read from Dennis and Joann Fones that pictures are being kept on Flickr and reminded that any photos taken can be submitted to them for inclusion in the CCSDA Flickr albums. A suggestion was made that photos include the date taken.
- **Promenader** – There was a short discussion on how to submit and how to make changes to the Promenader. All CCSDA Association items should go through Sheri Cummings, President, all CAMA items should go through Ray Patterson, CAMA President and all club items need to be submitted through a recognized club officer or representative. Clubs were also reminded to submit items to the Promenader by the deadline of the 5th of each month. Janet Mason is doing an excellent job as editor and the Promenader is a good value for the subscription amount of \$20 per year.

Discussed a few ideas for promoting the Promenader. Suggestions included: A sample Promenader be given to new dancers at graduation with the subscription form, possibly offering new dancers a discount for subscribing, a contest such as find the “hidden” item within the publication and to solicit dancers outside of CCSDA for subscriptions. mentioned that chatter items should be limited to a set standard, it was shared that Janet Mason, Editor has shared this standard with those who submit chatter items.

- **CAMA Rep** – Ray Patterson reported that currently CAMA has the largest membership it has had in some time. The Fair and Fifth Saturday callers and cuers are in place. CAMA Christmas Dinner has been changed to the second Saturday in December.
- **Wing Ding** – Sheri Cummings reported that Wing Ding has a need for a Silent Auction/Raffle chairperson.
- **Publicity** – No report

Old Business

Nomination Committee Report – Kathy Moreau and Judy Webber reported that there still was a need for a volunteer for CCSDA Secretary. They have been asking and have not yet had someone step forward. Qualifications and responsibilities were briefly discussed and representatives were encouraged to share this need with their clubs. CCSDA will vote in September on officers.

Dancing at the Fair – report shared by Vice President. Asked if their might be an interest in dancing at other fairs such as Merced, Sonora and the Calaveras Frog Jump. Handout for Stanislaus County has been prepared and a copy was distributed in each club’s folder. Level of dancing will be to the floor.

5th Saturday – Trophy Dance July 29 – The trophy for this dance was displayed. The trophy will be awarded to the club with the highest percentage of members present at the dance based on insurance rolls. They are encouraged to display the trophy at their workshops/dances and then to bring it back to the next 5th Saturday so it can be awarded again. Following the awarding of the trophy CCSDA would like a picture to be taken of the winning club (everyone present) This dance will be casual attire.

5th Saturday September 30 – CCSDA/CAMA will recognize that September is National Square Dance Month

2018 Dance Schedule - Tabled from May meeting for representatives to obtain feedback from their clubs. Discussion held on the requests.

Nadine Campbell made motion, Bob Allmon seconded

Motion: Article V. Section G, of Standing Rules of CCSDA Bylaws, 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.

In favor: 2, Opposed 5 Motion failed. Therefore, outcome for 2018 dance schedules to remain the same with submission in September.

Special Date Request for 2019 – Twain Harte requested approval of an October 2019 dance date for their 50th Anniversary dance. Discussed that two plus years in advance was too early to approve. At this time, there are no known conflicts or since it would be an Anniversary dance should there be one. Discussion followed, consensus was that they could proceed with their plans, however CCSDA will give approval of the date with the 2019 dance schedule approvals.

New Business

Inauguration – Dance schedule approved the Inauguration being on the second Saturday November 11. Oakdale Grange will be renting to a church that will be doing a Sunday morning and evening services. This will be good for the Grange, but will limit Sunday availability for dances.

New Year's Eve Dance – Due to the rental of the Grange to the church the Grange is not available for a Sunday New Year's Eve dance. Kathy Moreau recommended that we have the dance as a Fifth Saturday dance on December 30. Following discussion on pros and cons to making the change, Ray Patterson advised on what motions were necessary for approval.

Nadine Campbell made a motion, Pat Allmon seconded to set aside the Standing Rule prohibiting a December 5th Saturday dance. Motion approval.

Nadine Campbell made a motion, Bob Allmon seconded to vacate the November approval of a December 31st New Year's Eve dance. Motion approval.

Nadine Campbell made a motion, Pat Allmon seconded to hold a December 30th 5th Saturday dance with a New Year's theme. Motion approval.

Sheri Cummings mentioned that a committee work on the details for a nice dance for a New Year's themed dance. Representatives will contact Sheri if interested in helping organize.

Ray Patterson made a motion, Nadine Campbell seconded that the December 30th 5th Saturday dance be held at the regular 5th Saturday times of 7 pm for pre-rounds, 8 pm for squares, break at 9 pm for a New York time New Year's toast, followed by dancing to 10:30 pm.

Dancer of the Year recommendations – Dancer of the year recommendations are due at the September CCSDA meeting. Selection for 2018 will be made during the meeting. Clubs were reminded to make sure their recommendations are willing to accept. The standing rules state every club can submit two dancers and are to be select based on their own club's criteria.

State Council Dues – state council dues are due at the September 9 State Council meeting,

Golden Dancers – Golden Dancers are active dancers who have reached the age of 80. Please submit your club's Golden Dancer requests by September 1 and Sheri Cummings will take to the State Council meeting on September 8.

Announcements

- Turlock Steppin Pards – Back to School Dance w/Terry Passarino and Dave Cleek, September 8
- Oakdale Squares – 21st Anniversary Dance w/Ed Kremers and Vernetta Thompson, August 12
- Twain Harte Twirlers – Good Old Summertime Dance w/Andy Allemao and Mary Ann Callahan, August 20
- Single Skirts N Flirts – Ice Cream Social w/Ben Goldberg and Sharon Patterson, August 19 and Apple Time Dance w/Casey, Ashley and Sharon Parker, September 16
- Grange – Bunko on the Second Friday of each month, supports the ongoing needs of the Grange
- Rockin W Rounders – Memorial Service for Jim Brown, July 22, Mickey Mouse and Friends, Ray Patterson and Vernetta Thompson, July 22
- Boots N Slippers – Beach Party, Ben Goldberg and Mirdza Ward, August 13
- Round Robins – First Saturday of each month
- Calaveras Twirlers – Anniversary Dance, September 23

Next Meeting September 20, 2017, Oakdale Grange

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm