

**Central California Square Dance Association  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
November 20, 2017**

**Agenda**

**Roll Call**

- **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; Rob Merrick – Calaveras Twirlers; Robert Allmon – Oakdale Squares; Ray Patterson – Rockin W Rounders; Audry Langlois – Round Robins; Pat Allmon – Singles Skirts & Flirts; Judy Webber – Turlock Steppin’ Pards; Nadine Campbell – Twain Harte Twirlers
- **Guests** – Dennis Cummings – Turlock Steppin’ Pards; Rey Varela – Twain Harte Twirlers

**Minutes of Prior Meeting** – Moved by Nadine C and seconded by Audry L to approve minutes of the September 2017 meeting as read. Motion passed. Sheri asked if there was any feedback from the clubs about finding the minutes on the web page. She asked everyone to remind club members that the minutes are now on the web page.

**Treasurer’s Report** – Moved by Bob A and seconded by Nadine C to approve as presented. Motion passed.

Checking Account as of 11/20/17:

Beginning balance	\$2,820.11
Total Income	1,584.47
Total Expenses	<u>1,640.49</u>
Balance	\$2,764.09

Savings Account as of 11/20/17:

Balance	\$12,206.65
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**Promenader Treasurer’s Report** – Moved by Nadine C and seconded by Kathy M to approve as presented. Motion passed.

Beginning balance	\$1,513.71
Total Income	506.00
Expenses	<u>465.05</u>
Ending balance	\$1,554.66 as of 10/31/17
Income (loss)	40.95

Since period ending, an additional \$185.00 has been deposited.

**Correspondence** – No correspondence.

**Standing Committee Reports** –

- **President** – Jackson Claim Jumpers is looking to rejoin an association in the area. CCSDA is being considered. Sheri C answered their questions, and they were going to take the information to their board. If need be, we will put together a committee to talk to them. Sheri C commented that a plus for us is that our dances are plus and mainstream, and they have a lot of mainstream dancers that could attend.
  
- **Vice President** – None
  
- **Insurance** – Sheri C commended Kathy M and Annette Brown – we are at 100% compliance. Kathy M reported that there was one accident report. Please share with the clubs that an accident form needs to be filled out by an officer of the club at the time of the occurrence. There also needs to be a witness signature. Kathy M has blank forms available. This form needs to be returned to her as soon as possible. Sheri C suggested that a procedural form be provided to the clubs. It was clarified that a report form needs to be filled out even if no action is going to be taken (doctor's visit). Sheri C commented that filling out a form will be a good way to keep track of accidents and if any issues needed to be corrected. Kathy suggested that each club designate one person to be in charge of accident reports. This person would know what to do and have available a folder with copies of forms.
  
- **Parliamentarian** – None
  
- **Historian** – None
  
- **Promenader** – Took three people off put only one on. 109 went out with stamps. Printing fewer copies.
  
- **CAMA Rep** – Doing quite well. They are gaining members. Program at the next meeting will be put on by Kip Garvey.
  
- **Wing Ding** – Everything is coming along well. A meeting was held at the Twain Harte Twirlers dance. Sheri C thanked Twain Harte for letting the Committee come in early for the meeting. There is a new Silent Auction and Raffle Basket chair, Richard Bethel and James Webb. A letter requesting silent auction items and information on club raffle baskets was passed out. Please share with clubs. An e-mail will also be sent out if clubs want to print out or send through their newsletter. Sheri C suggested that if you have club members that are crafters, ask them if they could make something for the auction. There are some donations in from businesses. Silent Auction keeps the registration rate down. This is CCSDA's festival. We need about 350 dancers to be successful. Let's encourage everyone to support us and buy their ribbons and make Wing Ding a choice! Cost is \$45.00 for pre-registration and \$50.00 at the door.

- **Publicity** – None

### **Old Business**

**2018 Dance Schedule** – copies passed out.

All clubs got dances they requested. Calaveras is hand written in as their dance schedule was just received. Will be mailed out once dates are approved. The upcoming festivals that would affect our dances are also included. Whoever is booking dances for your club, please consider what is going on in your area that may pull dancers away. There were no questions regarding the schedule. There is one switched item. Calaveras has a dance scheduled on Nov 10. Since they have only four dances a year, the CCSDA installation date will be changed to October 13. This date will be after CCSDA and CAMA elections, but about a month early. Nadine C suggested these dates be put on a calendar. It was moved by Ray P and seconded by Kathy M to approve the dance schedule. Motion passed.

**Dances schedule - adding dances.** If you add a special event or dance on your workshop night, that is your workshop night, and you can do whatever you want to do. If you are looking at adding a dance on a non-workshop night and you are scheduling over another club's workshop night, that is a conflict, and will not be approved. Scheduling a dance on a Friday, Saturday or Sunday still needs to be brought to CCSDA to make a change on the calendar and request approval. All added dances will need to be approved by CCSDA so dances aren't stepping on each other. Alice Ann E reminded that if you aren't holding a dance at your normal workshop location, you need to write that down on your insurance.

Sheri C noted that at the bottom of the calendar, is the 2019 date for the Twain Harte 50th Anniversary dance. This will be approved with 2019 schedule.

### **New Business**

**Audit Committee** – Time for audit committee. Kudos to Sharon P for keeping fantastic records. Need two volunteers to work with Sharon P. Rob M and Judy W volunteered.

Promenader books also need auditing. Two volunteers are needed. Wait until after first of year to contact Sally Cole. Rob M and Judy W volunteered. Alice Ann E noted that forms are on State website. Sheri C will provide minutes from last audit report. Sheri C suggested the audit could be done before one of the dances or the next CCSDA meeting.

**CCSDA/CAMA Dances – 5<sup>th</sup> Saturdays and Special Dances** – Please remind your clubs that we still need people to help with set-up and clean-up. Alice Ann E has been coming in early. Volunteers are always appreciated.

**At the CAMA meeting** it was suggested that we do away with free dances (New Year's Eve and Installation dances). No decision tonight, but give it some thought. Have expenses and still have to pay for the hall and sound and there are no profits to split. Will bring up in January when we talk about budget.

Kathy – Wing Ding – We have 190 paid. We need another 160. Sheri said everyone doing a great job, but be sure to encourage everyone to come.

**March 5<sup>th</sup> Saturday dance** - Also at the CAMA meeting, there was a request for the March 30 5<sup>th</sup> Saturday dance. CAMA wants to do a dinner prior to dance. Cost is unknown at this time. Maybe \$5 for dinner and \$8 for dance. You could come to dinner, dance or both. CAMA wants to raise some money and thought this would be something the dancers might enjoy. Asked if there might be any problems. None seen.

**5<sup>th</sup> Saturday dance will be held on the 30<sup>th</sup> of December**, not New Years Eve. Ray P has already arranged for the callers, including Kip Garvey and Bob Elling. Question was asked since it was not on New Year's, what time would the dance start. Sheri C stated regular dance times. 7:00 for rounds and 8:00 for squares. It will be called an "End of Year Celebration".

Judy W questioned why next years calendar shows a 5<sup>th</sup> Saturday dance and the New Year's dance two days apart. Kathy M suggested we see how the Celebration dance goes this year, not having it on New Years and if it goes well, we can discuss having it as an "End of Year" dance, to give people the opportunity to go to other New Year's celebrations they might want to attend. Sheri C asked if we want sparkling cider for the Celebration dance. Also, dancers will be asked to bring finger foods to share. Be creative – party night!

Rob M invited everyone to a special Thanksgiving dinner in San Andreas on Nov. 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:30.

**Oakdale Grange** – Let dancers know when you come to a dance, the doors may be locked at the start of the dance for security reasons. There is buzzer upstairs. There is a new battery in the doorbell – and the buzzer has been moved downstairs. Bang on door and keep on the buzzer until someone answers! A note is also on the door.

After every dance and workshop, the floor needs to be swept. Ray P reminded that there is only one dust mop to be used upstairs. It is changed every 6 weeks.

**Wing Ding Baskets** – In the past, we have given \$50.00. Last year, we dropped it from four to two. So Richard Bethel can advertise accordingly, would CCSDA like do \$100 - \$50.00 each for two baskets. Kathy M suggested \$25.00 for four baskets so more people would have a chance. Ray P felt \$50.00 would be better. Nadine C moved we donate \$100 - \$50.00 each for two baskets. Ray P seconded. Motion passed.

**Wing Ding warm up dance on Fri afternoon** Ray P asked that we encourage members to come. Callers are lined up from Reno and the Fresno area. Starts at 2 pm.

**State Convention** - We do a basket from CCSDA. The theme this year is "breakfast items". Sheri C asked club members to donate items for a breakfast basket. Please be sure items are not out of date. Items will be collected in January and March. Suggested items – scone mix, coffee, teas, napkins, cups, etc.

**Next State Council meeting** - Saturday, January 13 at the American Legion Hall in Turlock from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. Usually there is a lunch break, but it may go straight through. We do not have to bring anything to the meeting. The hosts of the State Council meeting are given a \$400 budget. Nadine C asked about the hospitality room. Sheri C is in charge of this. It will be at the Comfort Suites in Turlock. We will be using the breakfast area, so we will not have to rent a room.

**Emergency Contacts** – Suggestion to provide emergency contact information in the event of a medical emergency at a dance. It was suggested taping a piece of paper with emergency contact information on the back of name badges.

**Next Meeting** – January 8, 2018 – Perkos – Riverbank 7 pm. If this changes, Sheri C will let us know.

Come prepared to talk budget. We will start working on the bylaws, so bring any ideas. We will also select a bylaw committee then.

### **Announcements**

Round Robins – Candy Cane Dance on Saturday, December 2, with Ben Goldberg and Steve Wey

Twain Harte Twirlers - Snow Dance, Sunday, January 14 with Jet and Sylvia Roberts and Sharon Patterson at Soulsbyville Elementary School (in the new gym).

Twain Harte Twirlers - Plus Refresher/Tune Up Class – Saturday February 10 & 17, 10 am to 1 pm at the Church of 49ers, Faith Hall, in Columbia. \$25.00 for both classes. RSVP by February 6. Bring finger food and water.

Oakdale Squares – Valentine’s Day Dance, Saturday, February 10 with Scott Pierce and Carolyn Wunder at the Oakdale Grange.

Turlock Steppin’ Pards – Black and White Ball, Friday, Feb 2 with Kip Garvey and Mary Ann Callahan at Dennis Earl Elementary.

Singles Skirts & Flirts - Santa Claus is Coming to Town, Saturday, December 16 with Bob Elling and two cuers, Steve Wey and Vernetta Thompson. Deserts.

Singles Skirts & Flirts - Teddy Bear Dance/ New Dancer Hoedown, January 20, with Bob Elling and Steve Wey. Deserts. At the Oakdale Grange.

Bunko - Dec 8. Always 2nd Friday at 7:00 . Helps us to stay here and dance at a reasonable rate. Ray P is really good about advertising for us. Ray P reminded that we need more dancers to play. Cost to play is \$10 per person. No one under 18.

Calaveras Twirlers - Jan 31 – Scott and Erin Byars. Other callers are welcome.

Calaveras Twirlers - Erin Byars will starting round dance instruction at the workshops starting in January at 6:30. Plus instruction may be starting on January 4.

Rockin' W Rounders – Harvest Hoedown, Saturday, November 25, with Ray Patterson and Vernetta Thompson at the Oakdale Grange.

Rockin' W Rounders – Christmas Dance, Saturday, December 23, with Ray Patterson and Vernetta Thompson at the Oakdale Grange.

Boots n' Slippers – Purple Heart/New Dancers Hoedown, Sunday, February 11, 2pm. Senior Center in Merced with Ben Goldberg and Mirdza Ward.

**Sunshine** – There isn't an update on Sally's brother, who had a medical emergency. Family is currently with him.

**Misc** - Rey Varela stated that if club members could get their medical contact information to Twain Harte, someone will always be at the door, so there would always be someone there with medical information, at least for CCSDA members.

**Meeting adjourned at 7:58 pm.**

**Next Meeting - January 8, 2018 – Perkos – Riverbank 7 pm.**

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Farver, CCSDA Secretary