

**Central California Square Dance Association**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**Sept. 18, 2017**

**Agenda**

**Roll Call and Introduction of Guests Present:**

**Officers** - Sheri Cummings - President; Alice Ann Ewing - Vice-President; Annette Brown - Secretary; Treasurer - Sharon Patterson; Kathy Moreau - Insurance; Ray Patterson - Parliamentarian & CAMA Representative; Promenader Editor - Sharon Patterson; Wing Ding - Sheri Cummings.

**Club Representatives** - Kathy Moreau - All - A- Round Wunders; 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; Ray Patterson - Rockin' W Rounders; and Twain Harte Twirlers - Nadine Campbell.

**Guests** - Rey Varela & Bob Brown of the Twain Harte Twirlers

**Minutes of Prior Meeting** - Motion made & passed to correct the minutes of the date of the Sept. meeting to Sept. 18th.

**Treasurer's Report** - approved & passed as reported.

Income - (5th Saturday Dance) \$240.00 and  
Rockin' W Rounders Insurance \$48.00; Total Income \$288.00  
Total Expenses \$489.81

Sharon Patterson reported that invoices have been sent out to all the clubs for their club dues which are due once a year and need to be paid by the November meeting for the 2017-18 year. Rob Merrick questioned the amount the Calaveras Twirlers would pay per person this year and was advised that they would not pay the per person charge this year as the Calaveras Twirlers have already paid their 2017 insurance through another agency. They would only pay \$20 this year, then for the year 2018 they would pay the insurance plus \$1.00 per member. The \$20 is kept by CCSDA and the \$1.00 per member goes to State Council.

**Promenader Treasurer's Report** - Approved as presented.

Beginning balance - \$1,267.51.  
Income from Subscriptions & Ads \$424.00  
Expenses from Printing \$177.80  
Ending balance \$1,513.71 as of 8/31/17

Sharon reported since that date another \$60 has been received and another \$177.80 has been paid out.

**Correspondence** - A DMV billing was received and will be paid for the registration of the Wing Ding trailer - \$10 for 5 years.

**Committee Reports -**

**President** - Sheri reported that her husband, Dennis, has had knee replacement surgery and they have missed a lot of the dances.

**Vice President** - Alice Ann advised that September is national Square Dance month and CCSDA has a 5th Saturday Dance coming up. She asked about the plaque for the Trophy Dance and was told that details for that are still being worked out.

Sheri thanked Alice Ann for organizing the square dancing at the Stanislaus County Fair. She advised that we had a good turn-out of dancers, as well as audience participation. She also thanked CAMA for providing the callers and cuers for this event.

**Insurance** - Kathy Moreau reported that she has received one accident report from the Twain Harte Twirlers. Carl Murry fell and twisted his knee. He went to the doctor & took care of it and said there would be no need for follow-up for insurance.

Insurance is due and the forms will be sent out this week to the clubs with an instructional letter. There is no change in the forms. Questions can be directed to myself or Annette Brown as our contact info will be in the letter. Cost of insurance is \$4.75 per person for a club with over 9 members. If the club has 9 or less paying members the cost is \$48. Legal names of dancers needs to be printed on the forms in last name alphabetical order. Also, if the club lists members as belonging to another club and paying insurance through another club, it needs to be verified. Otherwise, both clubs insurance will be held up until the matter is clarified. Important to have the insurance forms returned by November 10th as it takes 6 weeks of working days to get the Certificates of Insurance back to the clubs. The upcoming holidays can impede the process. The dance locations (the Grange Hall) need this insurance by the beginning of the new year. Important for dancers to know that this insurance is Supplemental Insurance to what they already have.

**Parliamentarian** - Ray Patterson wanted to remind representative that CCSDA will be reviewing the By-laws and Standing Rules after the first of the year. Sheri advised that the current copy of the Bylaws are posted on the CCSDA web page.

**Promenader** - Sharon Patterson reported that she sent out 107 Promenaders this month. She lost 5 subscribers this month and added one. The October Promenader will be sent out regular mail rather than bulk mail, which will cost more. Sheri reported that the San Joaquin Valley Square Dance Asso. is withdrawing from The Promenader.

**CAMA Rep** - Ray Patterson advised that we have a 5th Saturday Dance coming up and they hope to get a good showing as there are other dances which conflict with it.

**Wing Ding** - Sheri advised that Richard Bethel has volunteered to be Silent Auction Chairman for the Wing Ding. Kudos to Pat Allmon for having done a fantastic job. Wing Ding committee will meet in Soulsbyville at 12:30 prior to the Twain Harte Twirlers Anniversary Dance on Oct. 8th.

**Publicity** - No report.

#### **Old Business -**

**Nomination Committee** - Kathy Moreau advised that the current CCSDA officers with the exception of the secretary have agreed to stay on for another term. There are ongoing efforts to fill the position. There is a person who is 98% sure that she will take the secretary position. A motion was made by Nadine Campbell and seconded to accept the current slate of officers (president, vice-president, and treasurer) for the next term. Passed.

**5th Saturday Dance** is Come Dance With Us and we are going to celebrate National Square Dance Month. A request received to put out a donation basket for the American Red Cross for hurricane relief for Hurricane Irma and Hurricane Harvey. Discussion followed. After a show of hands a decision was made to put out a free-will donation basket at the door for the Salvation Army to help in the hurricane relief efforts.

#### **New Business -**

**2018 Dance Schedules** have all been turned in except for one club. A vote will be taken in Nov. Sheri advised that if there are any conflicts she will try to resolve them before that time.

**Inauguration** has been set for Nov. 11th at the Grange Hall. It will be a free dance beginning at 7:00 PM for Rounds and 8:00 PM for Squares. Inauguration after the first tip and dessert bar at 9:00 PM. Clubs are asked to bring desserts.

**Dancer of the Year** nominations were drawn and Oakdale Squares members Alan Alcock and Debbie Waters names were drawn. They will be announced at the Inauguration Dance.

**Golden Dancers** certificates have been picked up from State Council. They have been given to club reps. One given to the Calaveras Twirlers, and Twain Harte Twirlers received 9. Calaveras Twirlers advised they need another. Sheri stated that there is a Centennial National Award for any dancers still dancing at the age of 100. She reported that there were 2 of these given in California this year.

**Next State Council Meeting** will be Jan. 12 & 13th in Turlock at the American Legion Hall.

The Saturday meeting is open to the public and you can see how State Council is run.

**State Council Report** - Sheri advised that she just came back from a very long drive to a State Council meeting in Ontario. There are 16 associations in the state and most of them have 8 - 9 clubs. Most of the clubs have 30 - 50 members, except those in the San Diego area which are larger. Discussion on what makes square dancing interesting, getting people out, facilities, etc. It was a very positive meeting.

State convention for 2017 brought in \$2700.34 and have distributed the dancer days. These funds are divided 60% to state council, 10% to the 16 state associations, the remainder split up by the number of dancers from each associations. The CCSDA received a check of \$29.47 for dancers from our association who attended. Sheri reminded everyone when signing up for the state convention to be sure and put the Central Calif. Square Dance Asso. not CCSDA on your forms as there are two CCSDAs in California. Ribbons can now be rolled over for 1 year, but there will be a deadline.

Miscellaneous - State Council is looking for a new Webmaster. There is a Friendship Badge which a dancer may earn by attending a state convention and 6 festivals. There will be an open mic on Friday of the 2018 State Square Dance Festival in Yuba City.

**CCSDA website** - Sheri asked that the clubs check the CCSDA website and make sure their information and flyers are up-to-date their websites. Some have out-dated information & flyers.

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

Rockin' W Rounders - "Octoberfest Square & Round Dance" on Sept. 23rd with Pat Patterson and Vernetta Thompson at the Oakdale Grange Hall.

Turlock Steppin' Pard's - "Anniversary Dance" on Nov. 3rd with Scott Pierce & Steve Wey at the Dennis Earl Elementary School, and on Oct. 13th Fundraiser dinner/dance & Baked Goods Raffle sale.

Round Robins - "Take Me Out To the Ball Game Dance" on Saturday, Oct. 7 with Ray Patterson and Steve Wey at the Oakdale Grange Hall.

Calaveras Twirlers - "31st Anniversary Dance" on Sept. 23 at the San Andreas Town Hall with Bob Elling calling and Sharon Patterson cueing. Halloween Dance on Oct. 31st.

Skirts 'N' Flirts - "Turkey Halloween Dance" and square dance clothing sale on Saturday, Oct. 21 with Bob Elling and Carolyn Wunder at the Oakdale Grange Hall.

Twain Harte Twirlers - "48th Anniversary Dance" with Kip Garvey calling and Carolyn Wunder cueing at the Soulsbyville Elementary School.

Boots & Slippers - "Veterans Dance" on Sunday, Nov. 12th at Merced Senior Center with Ben Goldberg & Mirtza Ward.

CCSDA 5th Saturday Dance - "Come Dance With Us" on Sept. 30th at the Grange Hall

**Meeting Adjourned at 8:00 PM.**

**Next Meeting - Monday, Nov. 20th.**

Respectfully submitted,

Annette Brown, CCSDA Secretary