

Albuquerque Square Dance Club, Inc.  
A Non-Profit Corporation  
Meeting of the Board of Directors  
February 19 2018

**Members present:** Margaret Bolshazy, Jerry Gilbreath, Alice LaCelle, Lin Miller, Sheri Pastian, Cecilia Pounds, Lorraine Pratt, Bob Stevens, and Dee Taylor. **Guests present:** Richard Riger, Larada Miller, and, at the end of the meeting, Dan and Evie Lieberman.

Call to order at 5:00 pm.

Jerry thanked the Board for putting faith in his commitment to keep our Hall one of the top dance studios in the country. He knows some have questioned whether his busy out-of-town schedule will interfere with the President's duties, but he feels confident that he can handle the job, and he has never let any organization down, having been on many Boards over the years.

Jerry called for any **corrections to the Minutes of the January 28<sup>th</sup> Annual meeting and Board meeting**. Re the Annual meeting minutes, Bob and CeCe both said that **Larry McDougal rather than the Central District contributed the funds for the bathroom faucets**. Minutes unanimously **approved as amended**.

**Treasurer's Report, Sheri:** (copy attached)

- Still collecting **membership dues**, and will put lists of club members who still owe on club's closet doors, will be sending out letters to individuals who still owe on April 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Sent **thank you cards** to Wilde Bunch and John and Eileen Lewin for cash donations; will call the Bank about paying a curtailment.
- Added five names of **deceased members** to the plaques in the foyer.
- All **clubs are paid up re their contracts**.
- CeCe asked how the **investment account** is doing; Sheri said it is picking back up. She hasn't gotten a statement since the latest market drop, so we don't know if it took a hit.
- Treasurer's report unanimously **approved**.

**Maintenance: Bob**

- **Outside lights:** Bob is has three bids for new LED lights for the roof to illuminate the parking lot. The bids are for \$1484, \$2682, and \$3000, and would include three new lights, elevated by poles or platforms on the roof. A few trees might need a little trimming where they block the light. Bulldog Lighting, with the \$1484 bid, can get us a rebate of \$490 from PNM, but Bob is not clear re the details of that. Jerry is familiar with the PNM rebate program; some electric contractors work with PNM to get the rebate for clients who reduce wattage. We expect better lighting to give us more security, although Bob says the best security will still be leaving NOTHING in vehicles. The outside lights are on a timer; the timer box is in the ASDC office, and the lights are set to come on at dark and go off at midnight. Jerry said PNM may require a particular gage of wire for the new lights to get the rebate.
- **Carpet will be cleaned on Monday**, Lorraine to ask Sunday dancers to move tables and chairs off of the carpets.

**Vice President's Report: Dee Taylor**

- **Objected to Lorraine's handling of the flyer** for the ASDC **Spring Celebration**, said it was her (Dee's) job as VP in charge of getting the caller to get with Lin to make the flyer. The flyer Lorraine made has an **error**, the time for the Sat afternoon Plus Dance should be 1:30-3:30, not 2:00 to 4:00. Also, Shirley Underwood should be added as the round dance cuer. Lorraine said she would make the corrections and Lin could send out the corrected flyer.
- Alice asked Dee if she has arranged a **caller for the 2019 ASDC Spring Dance**, and she said not. Alice asked Jerry if this should be a priority since national level callers are often booked years in advance, and he agreed that Dee should be working on this now, and he can help if she needs suggestions, as he personally knows many professional callers.

**Central District:** CeCe read a typed report she had prepared. (Copy attached.)

Lin asked who does the **flyer for the Appreciation June Dance**. CeCe said Greg Tillery will have to say what he wants on the flyer. How is the **floor at the 2019 State venue** in Roswell? CeCe said it is a good floor for dancing.

**Contracts: Lorraine**

Getting requests for Hall dates for 2019 and 2020, so she is asking whether the Board wants her to be putting dates on the calendar that far ahead. We agreed that **giving out dates for 2019 is reasonable**, but not 2020. Lorraine asked if “once a month” clubs get first dibs on open dates, but we did not get around to discussing or answering that question. Jerry said that he wants the first Sat in July and the first Sat of December for the **Toy's for Tot's dances**. Larada Miller volunteered that she never did contracts until October of each year, and that Lorraine should “train” clubs to wait until then. She did record the dates people wanted before October. Lorraine prefers to start on contracts earlier because the Board agreed to change the year for contracts to the calendar year. Larada objected that this did not match the ASDC fiscal year (for dues) which goes from Feb to Feb. Lorraine replied that this doesn't matter, or cause any conflicts. The Sweetheart and Snowflake organizers are asking for 2019 dates. Margaret suggested that people be told to wait until October to ask for dates. Sheri said that Lynn Martel doesn't want to deal with Lorraine any more, so is requesting dates through Sheri. Lorraine said Lynn needs to email her directly, not go through Sheri. Jerry asked how dates are being decided. Lin said regular, established festivals are automatically given the same weekends year to year. Dances like the Sweetheart and Snowflake should have first dibs on the closest date from prior years. Lorraine said she gives priority to the people who have already requested dates that are “penciled in.” She will open the calendar for 2019, but not for 2020.

**Publicity: Lin**

- **If anyone wants flyers**, let Lin know as he will work on this tomorrow.
- Lin made a **motion for the Board to meet by-monthly**, in even months. The Board used to meet by-monthly prior to Georgian Spata's presidency; she wanted monthly meetings. Motion **unanimously approved**.
- Lin made a **motion that no one, including Board members, be allowed on the roof** as a safety issue. All roof work should be contracted. Dee seconded the motion. Bob works on the roof regularly to clean gutters and change cooling/heating filters. Bob stated that he is comfortable working on the roof as long as he has someone with him, and he never goes up alone. He secures the ladder with bungee cord. He said it would be a significant expense to hire someone to clean gutters and change filters. The minimum would probably be about \$1000 a year. Bob changes the air filters four times a year. Lin stated that he was hoping if we hired someone to do the roof chores that we might have better chance of getting Bob to stay on the Board for another term, because Bob is the **best maintenance person the Board has ever had**. Bob thanked Lin but said he feels confident he can do the roof work safely. We all agreed that Bob has the right to decide, so Lin's **motion was denied** by the rest of the Board members. (I would not say it was unanimous because Lin did not vote against his own motion.)

**Vice President's Report: Dee**

- The 2018 **ASDC Anniversary Dance was cancelled** per our vote at a meeting last year due to poor attendance at the 2017 dance. **Do we want to have it in 2019? Unanimous vote no**; there is so much demand for the Hall, plenty of dances on the schedule, and ASDC is only required to do two dances a year. We have the Spring dance and the Holiday Hoedown, so we are good.
- Lorraine said the **only weekend date available for the Hoedown in 2019 is December 21**, which is very close to Christmas. We may not have great attendance, but we'll give it a shot. Lin said we could give up the Holiday Hoedown and do the Anniversary Dance instead, but we decided against that due to the cost. We would hire an out-of-town caller for the Anniversary dance, but we always use local callers for the Hoedown.

**Old Business:**

- CeCe said we need to decide who is doing what for the **Spring Celebration**. Alice and Sheri will be there for the Friday night Advanced and Sheri will bring cookies. Lin and CeCe plan to attend the Saturday afternoon Plus dance. We'll have cookies and coffee for that also. Most of us are coming for the Saturday night dance, CeCe, Bob, and Alice will come early to set up. Margaret will be out of town but said we should be OK for supplies. Sheri will get fruit; do we need more? Jerry said he will bring a veggie tray. Lin said he can put out an email request for “finger food,” people often bring things. We voted for that. Jerry asked if we want to do a split the pot. CeCe said we didn't do it last year. Jerry said we can wait and see if we have a big enough crowd Sat night to bother with it. Caller Dee Dee Dougherty is staying with Jerry, which saves lots of

money for lodging and takes care of transportation. Thanks Jerry!

### New Business:

- **Spring Cleanup, 2018:** Per Lorraine April 7<sup>th</sup> is the best date available. We will start at 9:00 AM. Last year we started at 8:00 and it was too early for most people. Lorraine has some lists of the jobs from previous years and will send us all copies. Lin will make a flyer and send it out to the membership.
- Lorraine asked Sheri to update the **membership application form** to show the dues as \$20 for the year and the age for an adult membership should be 18 per the by-laws, not 21.
- Sheri is looking into purchasing an **update for Quickbooks** (accounting software). Jerry said he did this for his business, and it is a good upgrade.
- Bob said he has had suggestions to change to **LED lighting inside the Hall**, but it is expensive to change over, and might be too bright.
- **Sound Equipment: A backup amplifier has “died,”** but the other amp is working. The 500 amp on the large side is still working, but tricky to use. Jerry uses his own 220 amp. The amps we have are 15 to 20 years old. Guest Richard Riger said he has checked with Lesmen's, an audio shop in town, and they can evaluate the amp for a fee of \$30 to see if they can fix it. He thinks they could probably fix it. Richard looked the amp himself and gave a very lengthy and technical explanation about what might be wrong. Jerry said that the equipment we have is specialized for square dancing and should go to the Hilton Co in CA for repair. Hilton is currently in transition between owners and may be back in business soon. He will check. Richard asked the shipping cost to send to Hilton, and Jerry said around \$150 each way. Richard argued for saving that cost by having a local evaluation. Jerry said the amp may not be worth fixing; we could get two 220 amps for around \$1,400 each. We can just use what we have for the time being – we aren't in a bind. Some pro callers bring their own equipment anyway. Richard pressed to know what we will do about the broken amp. Jerry said he will contact Hilton to find out if/when they could evaluate it.
- **Small side speakers:** The Wilde Bunch and a couple of other clubs are using large speakers on stands; these belong to Richard and he has loaned them to the clubs. They like the increased bass sound, and per Richard these are fine for use with the Hall amps per industry standards. Lin said that he has a problem hearing with Richard's speakers; he thinks the sound is muffled. Randy Pratt has some new amps that make the sound a little better. Lin pointed out that people use their own equipment, but they hook it up to our system and sometimes use our amps – could this blow our amps? Jerry said yes, because they aren't necessarily compatible. Bob questioned whether Richard's speakers, which date back to the 1977-1981 period, are designed for a square dance venue. Bob also questions the safety of having the large speakers on stands and cords along the floor. Lorraine said the cords are not in the way of dancers and are rolled up when not in use. Bob wants the large speakers put away in a closet every night – not left out between dances. **We voted to require the large speakers to be put away every night**, with Lorraine opposed. Also, after much discussion, **the Board voted unanimously to prohibit the clubs from plugging outside equipment into the Hall system.** Jerry will notify the caller's association of these decisions.
- **Guests Dan and Evie Lieberman** presented the Board with a decorative **banner-size quilt** that Evie made; it has an eagle and a patriotic theme. The Board accepted this gift by acclamation, thanked the Liebermans, and Bob said he will hang it in the large hall.
- **Caller-Lab** is coming up, and it is a very big deal. Great opportunities to dance with national callers. Alice suggested we take the opportunity to consult the visiting callers re our sound system, the broken amp, and whether improvements are needed. Jerry said we could certainly ask for their advice. Generally he finds that outside callers think we have a very good sound system.

The **next meeting** will be April 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Meeting **adjourned** at 6:45

**Central District Report to ASDC Feb 18, 2018**  
**(Central District Meeting Feb 6, 2018)**

1. Good attendance at both the New Year's Eve Dance and the Mid State Dance in January.
2. Election of officers – only vote for Chairman and Vice Chairman, treasurer and sec'y are appt by the chairman. Greg Tillery was elected Chairman for the year after the State Festival, and Tom Kelley Vice-Chair person – one year terms for officers.
3. Committee was established to review the by-laws and make suggestions for updating, voting procedures.
4. Next Central District Dance is the appreciation Dance on June 30, fifth Sat, which will feature a spaghetti dinner.
5. State Festival is May 18, 19, and 20, in Truth or Consequences. Featured caller for Sat nite and Sunday a.m. Is Andy Alleman from Chula Vista CA. Theme for festival is “71 will be Fun,” as it is the 71<sup>st</sup> NM State Festival.
6. Asking for clubs to make baskets for raffling at the State Festival. Several clubs volunteered at the meeting to do that! I did not volunteer ASDC cause I didn't think that was what we were about, but if anyone wants to do that it would be most welcomed!
7. 2019 State Festival will be in Roswell at the Adult Recreational Center. May 17, 18, 19. “Stranger Things have Happened Here.” There will be no featured caller, all state callers.
8. 2020 State Festival will be here in Albuquerque again as Farmington is passing. Abigail Pratt has volunteered to be Chairperson and Jerry Gilbreath has also thrown his hat in!