

Albuquerque Square Dance Club, Inc.
A Non-Profit Corporation
Annual Meeting of ASDC Members
January 12, 2019

Board Members present: Margaret Bolshazy, Jerry Gilbreath, Alice LaCelle, Lin Miller, Sheri Pastian, Cecilia Pounds, Lorraine Pratt, Bob Stevens, and Dee Taylor. Absent: None

Meeting was **called to order** by President Jerry Gilbreath at **11:04 a.m.** ASDC members present: 64, more than a **Quorum**. Ballots with three candidates for the Board were distributed as members signed in.

Introductions: Each Board member introduced themselves briefly by name and position.

Review of the 2018 minutes: The minutes were emailed to all ASDC members by Lin Miller with instructions to read prior to the meeting. Copies were also available at the sign-in desk. Jerry called for any corrections or additions. Rick Follett and Betty Rohde pointed out several minor **spelling corrections** for a couple of member names. **Minutes unanimously approved with corrections.**

Reports from Board Members:

Dee Taylor, Vice President:

- **Fills in for President** as needed, **arranges for callers** for the ASDC dances: The upcoming **ASDC Spring Dance**, March 1st and 2nd, will feature caller **Dee Dee Dougherty**. At present this is the only ASDC dance per year that requires Dee to bring in a pro caller. Dee also **signs ASDC checks** when needed.

Lorraine Pratt, Contracts:

- Issues **contracts** to rent the facility.
- **Works on the ASDC.org calendar**, and she asks that anyone finding any mistakes report them to her.
- There are ten Sunday nights and one Friday night open for 2019, also a few miscellaneous nights, but **the Hall is rented for most nights of the year.**

Cecilia Pounds, Central Distrust Representative: Serves as a **liaison** between ASDC and Central District to keep each group posted on matters of mutual interest. Central District is the local branch of the NM Square and Round Dance Association. If you are a CD member with a green card then you are also a member of the State Association.

Treasurer Sheri Pastian went over the **Treasurer's Report** (copy attached).

- Sheri had her **computer stolen** from her car in the Costco parking lot last September, along with her backup disks. The ASDC treasury records were on the stolen computer, but Sheri had all of her records on paper and was able to rebuild the ASDC files on a new computer. She had to type all data for the last 2 years into the new computer. This took four months to complete, and many hours. Now Sheri keeps her back-up disks on the opposite side of town from her computer!
- Sheri read over the attached **Treasury report** re taxes due, parking lot loan status, major expenses for the year, and donations received.
- Sheri thanked **Rick Weber for filling in for Bob Stevens** (maintenance) during Bob's recent out-of-country trip. We had three sewage overflows while Bob was gone, and Rick handled that crisis.
- The **Treasury report was unanimously approved** and Jerry Gilbreath thanked Sheri for a "SUPER" job.

Jerry Gilbreath, President's Report: Jerry said that he took over as President last January, and felt that the ASDC was in good order when he came on the Board.

- This year we had some **major expenses** and improvements to the Hall. We have a **new amplifier** for the West side, a 220, and now we're looking for an amp for the East side. Jerry has been looking for a used 150 because he thinks it is such a good amp. However, the used 150's so far have been priced higher than the new 220's.
- We are also looking into a **new hearing enhancement system.**
- Bob Stevens (maintenance) has additional **suggestions for improvements** to present in his report.
- **Elections to the Board will be held today**, and Jerry requested that any questions or concerns from the

members be held until New Business, after the election. Any **nominations from the floor** will be taken after Board members have completed their reports.

Bob Stevens, Maintenance: Bob feels that Jerry and Sheri stole most of his thunder.

- As mentioned the **outside lights** were replaced, and we have seen lower levels of vandalism.
- The **West side amp** has been replaced, as detailed by Jerry.
- **AC/Heater system** professionally serviced.
- **Restrooms painted** and wallpaper border removed. It has been many years since the restrooms were painted. Bob thanked **Tom Ehrhorn** for his help with that project. Bob said anyone unhappy with the pink color in the ladies room can take it up with Alice, who suggested that color. Alice denied this.
- Bob has the **carpet cleaned every quarter** at a cost of \$200 to \$300 per cleaning. Bob asked that folks please *be careful with food and drink, and if they spill something please try to clean it up* as best they can. Bob installed the black carpet under the food table in the large hall to catch spills at that location. The black does not show stains as badly as the other carpet.
- **Bob thanked Rick Weber** for the handling the sewer problems while Bob was out.
- Bob **replaced a faucet** in the women's restroom.
- We have a **new microwave** in the West Hall after the old one died.
- We had a **water leak from the roof**; there are metal louvers on each end of the building, originally installed for ventilation, and one of these was cracked. Bob patched and caulked them both to prevent future leaks.
- **Regular maintenance** includes spraying for weeds, cleaning the vacuums, changing air filters, and cleaning up tree sap and pine needles.
- Bob **thanked his “assistants”** who help when needed: **Sal LaCelle, Bill Claybourgh, Tom Ehrhorn, Steve Cave, Rick Weber**, and also anyone he forgot to mention.
- **Future Projects** to consider:
 1. Replace porch carpet.
 2. Paint front doors and front area.
 3. Paint inside walls.
 4. Gutter repair/replacement.
 5. Replace Icicle lights when needed.
 6. Finish parking lot after we get the current parking lot loan paid off.
- Jerry stated that Bob does not get up on the roof without spotters.

Alice LaCelle, Secretary: Records the **minutes** of each meeting and maintains the **Secretary's Book** of meeting agendas, reports, and minutes. The **minutes are also posted on the ASDC.org website**, in case anyone cares to follow Board matters.

Lin Miller, Publicity:

- Lin sends out **email notices of dances**, along with flyers for special events, and he keeps the dance community up-to-date on **dancer news**. Anyone with news for the dance community can contact him. He maintains a very large file of email addresses for dancers and outside contacts, and he invites **anyone who is not on his list to give him their email address**.
- **Clean up day** is coming up on the 27th of April at 9:00 a.m., and we'd love to see as big a group come out for the clean up as we have for this meeting. We'll have the cleaning supplies, we just need the people to use them.
- The **Sweetheart Dance** is coming up on February 16. The **Snowflake Dance** is in March, and **Courtney Sewel** has a dance in March.
- **Lin welcomes reminders to publicize events** – if anyone has an event that they want him to push harder, just let him know. As a former New Yorker he doesn't think anyone can hurt his feelings with that kind of pressure, although he might be able to hurt theirs.
- **CeeCee** mentioned the **Spring Celebration with caller Dee Dee Dougherty, on the first weekend in March**. Dee Taylor explained that Dee Dee is calling a Friday night Advanced, Saturday afternoon Plus, and Saturday evening Mainstream and Plus dance.

Margaret Bolshazy, Supplies: Margaret thinks she has the easiest job on the Board – shopping. She **purchases all consumable supplies** as needed for the Square Dance Hall and the dances sponsored by the ASDC. She is a regular at

Costco. Her term is up next year, so anyone with an interest should think about running.

Election of new Board members: There are **three Board members** whose terms are up this year: **Bob Stevens, CeeCee Pounds, and Dee Taylor. Bob Stevens is running again, but CeeCee and Dee, who have served many years, are not.** CeeCee and Dee received a round of applause for their service. We have **two new candidates** in addition to Bob Stevens: **Gale Askren and Ben Allen.** Jerry called for nominations from the floor: **Carolyn McDowell nominated Randy Pratt, and Abigail Pratt nominated Richard Riger.** Jerry instructed members to write in the names Randy Pratt and Richard Riger on their ballots.

- Jerry called for **Gale Askren** to come forward and give her reasons for running. Gale said she has been a square dancer since the 70's, member of ASDC since 1975, served on the Boards of many clubs, and the Central District Board. Gale thinks working and playing with square dancers is great fun. Shared goals include keeping the dancers happy, having a great place to dance, and growing the dance community.
- **Ben Allen** introduced himself as “married to Monica,” which is his calling card. He is retired lawyer and a grandpa. Ben said he would like to serve on the Board because he has the time to do it, and he wants to see the facility continue to improve. After dancing in other areas of the country Ben can say that people are in awe of Albuquerque's Hall many say it is the best facility anywhere. If elected Ben intends to see that we continue to “judiciously” upgrade, that is, in a sound and financially responsible way. The Hall is starting to show its age and we need to respond to keep it in top form.
- Jerry asked if **Bob Stevens** wanted to say anything, although everyone knows him from his maintenance report, and Bob said all he has to say is, “I'll do it again.”
- **Randy Pratt** introduced himself as someone who has danced with most of the clubs at the Center; he and his wife Lorraine have been dancing for about ten years. He has been cueing Rounds for two clubs for three years. He would like to serve on the Board and work to keep the dancers happy and the facility well maintained.
- **Richard Riger** said that the minutes from last year's annual meeting summed up his reasons for running, including promoting numerous upgrades for the Hall. He has been dancing here about five years, and would like to serve on the Board.
- Jerry instructed members to **complete their ballots**, writing in Randall Pratt and Richard Riger, and voting for three candidates. Ballots marked with more than three candidates will not be counted. Sheri, Dee, and CeeCee took the ballots to the East hall for an immediate tally.

New Business:

While the ballots were being counted Jerry asked if any members had anything they wanted to bring up.

- **Richard Riger** took the microphone to make a statement about the **new LED lights** in the Hall. He said the new lights are 5000 degrees Kelvin, and on June 14, 2018 the American Medical Association announced that LED's higher than 3000 Kelvin should not be used in public occupancies. Parade Magazine, a large publication, also had a warning about LED lights. Richard **suggests that we investigate putting dimmers** on the lights in both halls, making sure to research the costs and methods to get the best deal we can. He said that some dancers wear colored lenses or sunglasses to reduce the glare from the LED lights. Some people get headaches from the lights and there are other problems. **Gale Asken said that the lights don't bother everyone**, so the sunglasses are a good idea for the people who are bothered. **Scott Amspoker pointed out that there is a difference between temperature and brightness.** Dimmers can lower the brightness of LED lights, but not necessarily the temperature, which is the damaging blue light aspect of LED's. Scott does think it would be nice to have dimmers because the current lighting is very bright. Richard thinks we could change the Kelvins to 3000 with the right type of dimmer. Someone asked what is the percentage of people who wear dark glasses? Lin Miller replied that it is “miniscule.” Richard said he does not have an exact count, but the people he has heard complain are in the range of a dozen. However, the issue isn't just how many people are complaining, but also **what damage is being done to the rods in everyone's eyes.** Rods are structures that are essential for vision. **Gale Asken said that for every negative report you read about LED's, you also find two reports saying that LED's are NOT damaging to the eyes.** Gale says she has done some reading on the subject, and just because one report says something is bad that is not the final word. Richard said it depends on who you want to believe, and he believes the American Medical Association. Gale doesn't believe AMA because they make some bad recommendations on medications that turn out to make people sick. **Claudine McAnelly questioned whether Richard's info would be relevant with lights mounted at the**

height of the square dance ceiling, which is so much higher than a residential ceiling. Richard said that the number of lights we have saturates the Hall with high intensity light. Cathy Thomas asked whether dancers are exposed to the light long enough for it to matter. Richard said less exposure would lead to less damage, but some of us are here four times a week. **Larada Miller said that she has eye problems, but loves the new lights, and suggests that the Board consider Richard's idea at the next Board meeting.** Jerry Gilbreath agreed that the Board will take this up at the next Board meeting.

- **Min McKinna** came forward to say that she has been a member of ASDC since 1978 and she wants the membership to **recognize Sheri Pastien for the years and years of work she has devoted to ASDC** as a member of the Board. Min thinks Sheri deserves an award for an outstanding job. Bob suggested that we double her salary (zero) for 2019.
- **Larada Miller had two things to discuss:**
 - **Ronnie and Bonnie Bond are retiring from cuing.** Bonnie's mother is living with them and requires a lot of care. Larada wants to do a **celebration for them at the Hot August Nights** festival.
 - Secondly, **Larada challenged all of us to have a positive attitude when we come to the Hall.** We all love to dance and should focus on that commonality. Larada doesn't "come to fight," she comes to dance. She challenges us to reach out to each other, greet each other, and acknowledge people we might not have seen in some time. Some of the folks here don't dance anymore, or don't dance as much, but they continue to support the Hall and the Square Dance community. We should reach out to people we don't normally reach out to, keep our reputation positive and play well together. We have to get along for our Square Dance activity to survive. Larada feels that people can argue and disagree but still remain friends. As long as people communicate they can maintain a relationship. The income from ballroom dancing is what makes the Hall affordable to maintain, but what Larada cares about is the Square Dance community, and she wants it to grow and be a positive atmosphere.

Election Results:

- **Bob Stevens, Gale Asken, and Ben Allen were elected.**
- Sheri Pastien stated that the **breakdown of votes would be sent out by email to all members** because last year, after the meeting, we had a request for the count. Sheri found that upsetting and did not want to "go through that again."

Jerry thanked the Board for their service in the past year, and thanked Dee and CeeCee for their years of service.

Meeting **adjourned at 11:56 a.m.**