

Albuquerque Square Dance Club, Inc.
A Non-Profit Corporation
Meeting of the Board of Directors
May 30, 2020

Meeting conducted by computer on Zoom website to abide by Social Distancing rules imposed by the Governor of NM for the Coronavirus pandemic. Board Members present on Zoom: Ben Allen, Gale Askren, Margaret Bolshazy, Jerry Gilbreath, Larada Horner-Miller, Alice LaCelle, Lin Miller, Sheri Pastian, Bob Stevens. Absent: None

Zoom meeting set up by Larada Horner-Miller. Meeting was called to order by President Jerry Gilbreath at 1:02 p.m.

Larada explained that she had paid to use Zoom for a month, (at half price of \$7.50), so she was able to set up the meeting for us. Jerry told her to be sure and request a refund from Sheri.

Jerry stated that the meeting would be devoted entirely to a discussion of when the Square Dance Hall should be reopened, and under what conditions, with regard to Coronavirus precautions. (All clubs suspended dances in mid-Feb and the Hall has been closed since that time.) The Desert Dancers, who are Round Dancers, would like to resume operation at the Hall, but Jerry advised Randy Pratt, their cuer, that the Hall cannot open for just one club. The air conditioning and refrigerators are turned off and we do not have a cleaning service at this time.

Discussion: We all agreed that we cannot afford to open the Hall for one club because the cost of operation would be too high. Also, according to the Governor's virus shut-down guidelines, we cannot meet the current requirements to reopen. Ben stated that our main issues are: We cannot stay six feet apart and square dance, the amount of cleaning required for the Hall and the bathrooms would be burdensome, our group sizes exceeds the limit of five people, and our age group is largely in the high-risk category. After considering various dates, we unanimously settled on August 1st as the earliest date we could *possibly* open, depending on the situation and the NM Governor/Health Dept recommendations at that time. We will not commit to opening August 1st, but we will advise clubs that we do not plan to open before that date, at best. Sheri will contact our insurance company to get their input about our coverage limitations and requirements. Jerry will compose an email to go to all members to advise that the Hall will not open prior to August 1st, depending on the circumstances at that time.

Larada has been in touch with the Albuquerque Dance Club, and they don't expect to be dancing for at least several months due to the size of their group and the close contact involved in ballroom dancing. Jerry said that the national callers he has contacted are not expecting to be calling until at least the Fall.

Lin stated that Hot August Nights has been cancelled, and their Board will likely vote to donate some of the funds they had for the dance to ASDC.

Lin commented on the Wilde Bunch paying their rent each month even though there is no dancing. He said they are displaying the best spirit of square dancing, and Sheri said she has thanked the club president several times, and will get a letter out to thank them again. There have been other donations, which Sheri acknowledged in an email that Lin sent out, but we've had more donations since that time, and she will be sending out another acknowledgement for those.

One dancer has requested a refund of the 2020 dues. We voted to approve that request and refund the entire \$20 because the last dance held at the Hall was March 12th. The dancer will need to return the ASDC membership card to receive a refund.

Jerry said we would probably be meeting again on Zoom in the near future, as soon as we have more news to discuss.

Meeting adjourned at 1:58 p.m.