

Albuquerque Square Dance Club, Inc.  
A Non-Profit Corporation  
Meeting of the Board of Directors  
July 13, 2020

Meeting conducted by computer application Zoom 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, Jerry Gilbreath, Larada Horner-Miller, Alice LaCelle, Lin Miller, Sheri Pastian, Bob Stevens. Absent: Margaret Bolshazy

Zoom meeting set up by Larada Horner-Miller. Meeting was called to order by President Jerry Gilbreath at 5:01 p.m.

Jerry called for any discussion or corrections to the **Minutes of the May 30 meeting**. No corrections. Minutes unanimously approved.

**Treasurer's Report, Sheri Pastian:**

- After major expenses paid for property taxes and insurance, our **checking balance is \$9,028**. Our New York Life **reserves are at \$61,845**. Sheri feels that we are doing reasonably well due to The Wilde Bunch, Rich Stewart, and the Sun Dancers continuing to pay their hall rent as well as donations received. Our Wells Fargo parking lot loan balance is \$3,845, and when that is paid off it will reduce our monthly costs by over \$900.
- Cleaning lady and trash pick-up are on hold, air conditioning is off and refrigerators are off.
- We had some donation checks **returned to sender with the address 4915 Hawkins**; 4909 will work. Larada said 4909 through 4915 are all assigned to the Hall, and should all work; maybe we have a rookie mailman. (The ASDC.org website has 4915 as our address.) Lin will send out an email notifying dancers of the problem.
- Jerry and Bob met with an **insurance specialist** to discuss the coverage we have and whether we should make any changes. He **reviewed our policy** and found it adequate and reasonable. Sheri contacted State Farm to make sure they are aware that we are not using the building; State Farm confirmed we still have full coverage. (No occupancy requirement.)
- We still don't have results from the **IRS audit**; earliest we could expect results would be the end of July. Our accountant has filed for an extension on the ASDC income taxes so we can see if any adjustments are needed when we receive the audit results.
- We had a **loss of \$484.14 on the ASDC Spring Celebration** Dee Dee Dougherty dance. Attendance was probably down for various reasons, including Board members being out of town. Travel was dropping off at that time due to early concerns with COVID19. We also had to pay for a motel room because Jerry, who usually hosts Dee Dee, was out of town. Ben advised that we hold off on making any decisions about the Spring Dance for next year. We cannot contract any caller at this time. Jerry said next year we should consider using local talent. Lin feels that eventually (not next year) we should consider making the Spring Dance into a full weekend festival because that might be a money-maker.
- **Treasurer's report unanimously approved.**

**Maintenance Report, Bob:** Bob continues to do the weeding and **checks the Hall** every week to make sure the air, water, outside lights, and rest rooms are still operational. Someone broke the chain used to lock the gate between the hotel and our parking lot, and Bob fixed that. A structural engineer, Chris Murray, evaluated the support that holds the wall. The Tadala Co raised the **folding wall** by ½ inch at one of the supports and this appears to have **fixed our dragging problem**. The Wall is now folding without dragging on the floor. This was a relatively minor repair compared to the other proposals previously discussed, which included tearing out the sheetrock above the folding wall to examine the supports to lighten the load on the structural beam. Sheri thanked Bob for doing such a phenomenal job, and we gave him a round of applause.

**Contracts, Larada:** The **website is updated to show the building closed** and all dances cancelled for the summer and fall. Eric Henerlau has a contract for an Advanced Workshop in February, but **Larada is waiting until at least October to write any more contracts**. Larada contacts our clubs each month to confirm that they aren't dancing so

that we will have a paper trail to confirm that. Alice questioned the necessity for this since the clubs can't dance at the Hall. Larada wants to keep lines of communication open. Jerry said he will contact Eric Henerlau to see if he is still hoping to have the dance he has contracted for January.

Ben (VP) had nothing to report beyond the previously mentioned Spring Dance discussion. Gale (Central District) and Margaret (Supplies) had nothing to report.

**Jerry called for a discussion on when/if we might open the Hall.** As discussed in the previous meeting, we agreed that we **cannot hold any dances until the Governor allows large, close-contact groups.** Best case would be October, November. Dancing will be among the last activities to open up. Jerry is hearing from other national callers that they are not expecting to dance until next year. Lin feels that we will be unable to open before 2021, and he wanted to recognize our Governor for doing a good job handling the crisis. Callers in other states who have tried to open have not been able to get much participation. **CALLERLAB is acknowledging that many square dancers are in an age group especially vulnerable to COVID19.** Jerry has heard suggestions that we start back with a 10-week course called **“sustainable dancing.”** It is a kind of “square dancing light,” and **Jerry is opposed** to doing that. It has not worked in the past, and he thinks we should just go back to regular, full mainstream lessons for the students and those who need a refresher. **Larada** has been keeping in touch with national callers, and she said that **Jerry Junck** has a very positive take on a square dancing come-back. Post-Pandemic, people might be looking for inexpensive, active social entertainment, and square dancing fits the bill. A number of callers think we need to consider the “quick-shot” start up with the sustainable dancing model, at least until we get a good crowd. Per Marshall Flippo, a 10 week course has worked in the past. We need to be open to new ideas.

**Jerry asked if there are any other comments or questions.**

- Alice mentioned a dancer suggestion that we consider **waivers**: Everyone dancing at the Hall after we reopen would sign a waiver stating that they would not sue the ASDC if they contracted COVID19. **Ben advised against waivers** as not being particularly effective under NM law. No one was interested in pursuing the idea.
- Larada, Sheri, and Alice have been exploring **COVID19 grants and forgivable loans**, but we have not found anything but loans that must be repaid. Our accountant said everything we have come up with so far would have to be repaid. It seems that the non-profits that are getting forgivable loans use them to pay wages, rent, and mortgages. We don't have any of those expenses. Alice contacted **CALLERLAB** to see if they had heard of any grants that would help fund square dance halls during the Pandemic. There are **CALLERLAB** grants, not specific to COVID19, but Jerry said they are not for our situation. Jerry mentioned that he is considering running for the **CALLERLAB** Board, and he can find out more about their grants.
- Jerry asked Lin to send out Publicity emails notifying dancers that we cannot open the Hall until the Governor allows, and also that **all dancing at Fun Valley has been cancelled** for the rest of the year.
- Bob asked how we might conduct the **Annual Meeting** in January next year if we are still dealing with COVID19 and social distancing at that time. We discussed the possibility of doing a Zoom meeting, which allows participants to vote, and/or mail-in ballots. There is also the possibility of meeting at the Hall, with masks and social distancing, depending on the rules in force at the time.
- Lin wanted to know if Ben has read ALL of the multitude of books on the book shelves that we can see behind him. Ben said yes, and then no, but Monica won't allow him to get rid of any.

Jerry said we would probably have another Board meeting on Zoom in Sept unless something happens that requires us to meet sooner. He thanked Larada for hosting the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.