

Albuquerque Square Dance Club, Inc.  
A Non-Profit Corporation  
Meeting of the Board of Directors  
May 3, 2021

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: Gale Askren, Margaret Bolshazy, Jerry Gilbreath, Alice LaCelle, Larada Horner-Miller, Lin Miller, Sheri Pastian, Bob Stevens. Absent: Ben Allen.

Zoom meeting set up by Larada Horner-Miller. Meeting was called to order by President Jerry Gilbreath at 5:38 p.m.

**Minutes, Alice LaCelle: Minutes of the March 1 meeting unanimously approved.**

**Web Site Issue:** Larada reported the ASDC.org website was locked for two weeks by the company that hosts it. Sol Lederman has been working on it. Larada has just regained access to the Calendar. Some of the “plug-in's,” like the photo displays, are not working.

**Treasurer's Report, Sheri:**

- Current **checking balance** is \$6,763.08, with reserve **bond account** at \$69,901.09 as of 03/31/2020.
- Sheri has been mailing membership cards to everyone who has paid dues, which were due Feb 1.
- The Wilde Bunch and Rich Stewart are still paying their monthly rent.
- **Property taxes** of \$5,149.92 are due 5/10/21.
  - **The Board voted unanimously to withdraw \$5000 from the Mainstay account** to beef up the checking account to help cover the property taxes and leave us over \$6000 in checking after taxes.
  - Jerry has **a company that reviews the property taxes** for his business property to lower the amount due, and if they succeed they keep a portion of the savings. Otherwise, there is no charge. **The Board voted unanimously to have Jerry check with this co re our Hall taxes.** Margaret wonders if we are past the deadline for challenging our tax due. Jerry will check.
- A new memorial plaque will be engraved for **Glenn Ingram**, who recently passed away. Sheri is grieving the number of dancers we have lost in the past year.
- Should we send out a reminder about the dues? Some members have not paid.
  - **Lin agreed to send out a reminder email that dues are due** at \$21.57 per member. Sheri wants him to add that people who have paid and not received their card should notify her. She has been mailing the cards.
- **Treasurer's report unanimously approved.**

**The purpose of this meeting is to discuss re-opening the Hall.** Jerry is trying to get more clarification from the Governor's office, but under the latest published guidelines it looks like we could reopen as early as June. We are in the Green level right now. We need to establish an opening date, and the conditions for opening with regard to COVID precautions. **Jerry said there are three things we need to decide: When to open, the guidelines re COVID, and who is responsible** for enforcing those guidelines.

- We have received a generous **offer from the Desert Dancers and the Hot Chile Steppers to dance three nights** a week in the East Hall to help give the Hall some income.
- Larada said there is a **USA West kickoff dance** flyer on the Internet advertising a big dance at our Hall August 15, so the organizers think we will be open at full capacity. We need to let our renters know that there are conditions and limits for opening the Hall.
- Jerry reports that some Halls in other states are fully open, with various requirements. Some clubs dance in “pods,” with 5 couples in a pod, no masks. Each pod dances together throughout, with one couple sitting out each tip. Some clubs are doing temp checks and asking about vaccinations; shared food or drinks are banned. In some places people are wearing masks *except* when they are dancing. Larada reports that a Hall in Sonora AZ is requiring full vaccination, handwashing stations at entry, temperature check, masks optional. Food, water fountains, kitchens, and shared foods are off limits almost everywhere. Bottles of hand sanitizer are standard.

- Larada sent the Board the latest notice from the Governor's office about COVID regulations; it is quite lengthy. **We are considered a recreational facility**, and under Green status we are allowed 25% of maximum capacity. This would be 75 people in the building if the total capacity is 300. (We think our Hall Occupancy max is between 292 and 300, but we need to check.) Margaret asked how we would divide the people up between the two sides. Larada said must have **limits for each side** because we could not allow 75 people on one side even if no one is on the other side. Bob reported that the dance floor space on the East side is 37' by 58', and the West side is 57' by 58'. Lin calculates that 39.3% percent of the dance floor is on the East side, and 61.6% is on the West side, or, using an estimated capacity of 295 people, that would allow 28 people on the East side and 45 people on the West side. **Clubs would be responsible for staying within the limit.**
- Jerry said Clubs would also need **contact info** for each individual attending so they could notify attendees if anyone developed COVID after a dance.
- Jerry said we can set minimum COVID rules, but the **clubs can always add to those rules for their clubs, but they must observe the minimum** rules we set.
- Bob is concerned about **costs**. Utilities are running around \$100 a month with the Hall closed. When we open the air conditioning alone, during the summer, is around \$600. Will we make enough money to justify the cost? The highest paying club, the **ballroom dancers, are not planning to start dancing until September**, per Larada. Alice said we **may have to operate at a loss** until then.
- Gale wants to know if we could be required to close the Hall again if our color changes; Jerry said yes, if we have a COVID surge we could go backwards and have to close again. Per Sheri and Larada, vaccinations in the County do affect the color level though, and the number of vaccinations is increasing.
- Alice has talked to several dancers, and some want to require masks and vaccinations. Margaret said no matter what we do we will end up alienating some people. Larada said we have the responsibility to decide, it isn't a matter of surveying people, we are elected to make the decisions.
- **Lin asked if our insurance co has a list of COVID requirements for opening; Jerry said he will call and check.** For one thing, we need to know if there is any liability coverage re COVID, and if so, under what conditions.
- **Masks:** Jerry said some dancers are short of breath and would have trouble dancing with a mask on. He suggested we require masks be worn whenever people are NOT on the floor dancing. That way, people in the foyer or restroom would be wearing masks. Sheri is opposed to dancing with a mask.
- **Cleaning:** We should require clubs to pre-clean before and after each dance.
- **Temperatures:** Can be checked on entry to each dance by an assigned club member. We could buy two no-touch thermometers and cleaning wipes specifically for the thermometers.
- Larada asked about increasing our **filtration system**, as some businesses have done. Bob said using more heavy duty filters would push our cooling system and use more power, and he doesn't think it would do that much good. Jerry said it would not be cost effective to try to upgrade our filtration system.
- Gale said we need to agree to rules and we can change them later if we need to.
- Alice suggested that we **come back for another meeting next week**, after we have the insurance info, ready to vote on masks, cleaning, temperatures, food and drink, vaccinations, etc. Margaret will be on trip next week and unable to attend a meeting, but she can receive phone calls and texts.
- **We are already in agreement that there will be no sharing of food, temperatures will be taken, water fountains will be covered, a list of attendees with contact info must be kept by each Club, and there are limits for the number of dancers on each side. We also have a majority voting to require vaccines and masks required for everyone not on the dance floor. Gale pointed out that we *have* to abide by the Governor's rules about the number of dancers per side.**
- **Jerry will contact the callers** to see if they are ready to start back, with conditions.

### New Business:

- Larada has a couple of **new contracts** for us to celebrate: Eric Henerlau's **Southwest Super-Plus** is scheduled for Feb 2022. The Nolans are scheduling their **Round Dance Festival** for Sept. Jerry is planning to do a **Toys for Tots** dance this summer if he can reschedule it.
- Alice brought up an **email the Board received from Carolyn McDowell requesting us to schedule a special meeting** regarding the audit petition. Alice responded unofficially that we cannot have a special meeting at this time due to COVID limitations. Does the Board have an official response? Jerry felt that Alice's response was

sufficient because we don't know when we will be able to assemble a large number of people for a meeting.

Jerry thanked everyone on the Board for their input and said he appreciated working with our group.

Meeting **adjourned at 7:15 p.m.** We need to **meet again next week** to finalize our plans for opening.