

Albuquerque Square Dance Club, Inc.
A Non-Profit Corporation
Meeting of the Board of Directors
June 13, 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: Ben Allen, Margaret Bolshazy, Jerry Gilbreath, Alice LaCelle (partial attendance) Larada Horner-Miller, Lin Miller, Sheri Pastian, Bob Stevens. Absent: Gale Askren.

Zoom meeting set up by Larada Horner-Miller. Meeting was called to order by President Jerry Gilbreath at 5:00 pm.

Jerry reported that he attended the **callers' meeting June 12th**. Scott Amspoker, president of the callers' association, attended, along with Joni Mitchell, Rich Stewart, Delbert Teeple, and a guest who is a retired banker. Jerry took a copy of the June 2 state health order, with Larada's highlights, and explained that we are basing our guidelines for the center on the Governor's health orders. Kris Jensen was not at the meeting, and Jerry doesn't know if Kris will be re-starting the Thursday night AWK (advanced workshop). Larada has a signed contract from Kris, but it is from November 2020.

Guidelines for re-opening:

- Jerry feels that we could open at 75% capacity as an indoor rec facility, but Alice thinks that **dance clubs have been reassigned to the category of restaurants and bars, at 33%, at least for now**. This is very likely to change by July 1 to a higher capacity. Lin agrees with Alice, as do Larada, Margaret, and Bob. Ben feels that whatever announcement we send out we should say that we are optimistic that the capacity limits will change, and we will change our guidelines accordingly. Lin asked if we can afford to open the Hall at 33% with the high cost of utilities. Larada said that would allow 98 people, or 12 squares, with a few people over, and she thinks this is enough capacity to make it worthwhile.
- Scott Amspoker thinks we should have the **water fountains** available since they are operational now at gyms. Our Frequent Flyer Margaret said they are up and running at the airports. Sheri said restaurants are now allowing people to serve themselves coffee and water. Per Lin **the State appears to be OK with water fountains being available, and to be consistent we should go along with that**. This was unanimously agreed.
- The **Wilde Bunch will have stricter rules** than we do. There is at least one person in the WB that cannot get the vaccine per her doctor. Jerry said per our guidelines she will not be able to enter the Hall. Lin wants to make sure the vaccine really is a state requirement. Larada said per page 12 of the latest directive, only vaccinated people are *not* required to mask and social distance. People cannot square dance if they have to social distance. **We all agreed that it appears that we must require vaccines for people to dance, but we will not require proof of vaccination**. Larada pointed out that the governor will "open the state" when we reach a 60% rate of vaccination, but that doesn't necessarily mean that the vaccination requirement for dancing will be eliminated from state guidelines. Alice said if we make exceptions about requiring the vaccine we might as well forget requiring vaccines altogether. Bob thinks we should allow everyone to dance at their own risk, and not require vaccines. (Alice left the meeting at this point, but not because of Bob.)
- Jerry said the callers he talked to plan to have a **sign in sheet** with a column for people to check off that they are vaccinated. Ben doesn't think we, the Board, should **require a sign-in sheet, and Larada pointed out that we already said we would suggest it, not require it**, and this should be included in our announcement.
- Larada asked if we should **open the kitchen**. The State doesn't appear to have any limitations re kitchens, so Ben said we should have the kitchen open, refrigerators on. Lin said open the kitchen and leave it up to clubs to decide whether they use them. Larada was the only opposing vote re making the refrigerators available.
- Bob turned the **air conditioners on** at 82 degrees for now, and will set them up on the timer in time for the first dance on July 3rd. **He will also turn on the water fountains, refrigerators, and hot water heaters, and we need to start the garbage service**.
- Larada reviewed the clubs that will be starting in July, and we now have **starting dates** for the **Albuquerque Dance Club (ballroom dancers) in August**. **The Contra dancers are waiting until September**.
- **Larada has made the signs for the Hall doors saying that vaccinations are required for entry**.
- Sheri said that **the cleaning lady will have the Hall cleaned by July 3rd**.
- Ben said that **Duke City will starting up soon**, probably in July, but they don't have an official date.

- We have an **email from Carolyn McDowell requesting a special meeting re the audit petition**. Jerry thinks we should just wait and have this along with the annual meeting in January. **Ben thinks we have an obligation to try and schedule the annual meeting that we skipped as early as possible, which we should combine with the meeting Carolyn is requesting, but under current restrictions we would have to limit numbers and require vaccinations**. Ben thinks that it isn't feasible to do a meeting at this time because there are too many people who could not attend.
- Jerry will send out a Hall opening **guidelines announcement** to be reviewed and forwarded to the membership.

Meeting **adjourned at 7:45 p.m.** No date set for the next meeting.