

Albuquerque Square Dance Club, Inc.
A Non-Profit Corporation
Meeting of the Board of Directors
January 5, 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, Gale Askren, Margaret Bolshazy, Jerry Gilbreath, Alice LaCelle, Larada Horner-Miller, 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 5:30 p.m.

Minutes, Alice LaCelle: Minutes of the November 30, 2020 unanimously **approved**.

Treasurer's Report, Sheri:

- **Income** for the month of December down to **\$140**, which came from Rich Stewart to cover two months rent on his contract. No other clubs have paid on their contracts recently, but of course any payment is voluntary since no one can use the Center.
- **Expenses** included sprinkler repair, \$149.17, ASDC Website \$42.29, \$10.56 parking lot sign repair, 2016 Federal taxes with late penalty \$1,912.57, 2017 Federal taxes with late penalty \$2,826.35, and 2019 State tax \$50. Property taxes \$5,149.92 paid.
- Sheri filed the **annual Bernalillo County Personal Property Business Equipment Report 12/31/2020**.
- A plaque is in the works for Wilde Bunch dancer **Mary Young**, who died recently.
- **\$5000 was withdrawn from our Mainstay reserve account**; it took two days for Sheri to get ahold of the account rep. We have approximately \$68,000 left in reserves according to the rep (higher than the balance on our latest account statement).
- Alice asked if we would to pay **taxes and penalties for 2018 and 2019**. Jerry has talked to the accountant: As previously discussed, the back taxes and penalties for 2016 and 2017 were due to the loss of non-profit status. **We don't know yet what we will owe for 2018 and 2019**. The accountant is still trying to get the amount down as much as possible. Larada feels that if someone (in the dance community) caused us to be audited, they have cost us dearly. Jerry said the IRS cannot tell us why the audit came at this time, and cannot say if someone reported us for underpayment of taxes. The original auditor's first name was Sunshine, but she passed the audit on to Katie. Alice said that Sunshine is a crazy name for an IRS auditor, and pointed out that we don't have to worry about the 2020 taxes since we had such a small income. Alice is glad that our taxes and penalties to date are not worse – it could have been much worse, and at least we had the money available to cover it, and we still have reserves.
- Bob objects to the **eleven cents** that keeps showing on the bottom of our balance sheet as a **liability**; it represents an underpayment to Joey Solis (caller) from way back. Bob claims he is going to stop by and give Joey eleven cents next time he goes through Elephant Butte to get rid of that entry – consider it a contribution.
- Sheri's report shows we have **\$3,792.47 in checking and 65,741.49 in reserves** (based on the last statement).
- **Treasurer's report unanimously approved.**

Vice President's Report, Ben Allen: Says he is living up to expectations by doing **nothing**, so has nothing to report.

Central District Report, Gale: **Nothing** is happening with Central District.

Contracts, Larada:

- **No responses from USA Dance** about renewing their contract.
- The ballroom dancers, **ADC, did "solidify" their contract for 2021**.
- Larada said she needs to update the **ASDC.org calendar**, although it seems pointless. It is a lot of work to input all the club dances and then show them as cancelled. Alice suggested putting a comment on the website that the **calendar will be updated when the Hall is re-opened**. Larada liked that idea and said she could still create a ref calendar for Sheri to use as Treasurer, but it would be easier than updating and printing the website calendar.

Maintenance, Bob Stevens:

Bob has been doing his ever-lasting raking of pine needles, also replaced some light bulbs behind the caller stand.

Sheri pointed out that the Center looks wonderful – clean, well-maintained, and like it is in use every day. Alice said it looks better than it did when it was in use.

Jerry asked whether we have ever put any oil or done any treatment for the dance floor since it was sanded and re-finished several years ago (2015). Bob doesn't know of anyone having done anything since the floor was re-finished.

Larada recalls that back when George Ingram was in charge of Maintenance some years ago, he used to put oil on the floor under the caller stand, experimenting with stuff. Larada did some research during her travels, and came up with using dust mops regularly to keep the floor clear and polished. Jerry said when you buy dust mops they come with a trace-free solution embedded in the mop that helps pick up dust. Bob said he runs the mops across the floor occasionally. Alice recalls that when the floor was re-finished, there was a recommendation from the company to apply some type of solution to the floor periodically to maintain the finish. Bob said he has tried to contact that company, and they are out of business.

Bob will check the file for the floor info.

Supplies, Margaret: **Nothing** to report. Toilet paper is a hot topic again, with some shortages, but not a problem at the Hall since no one is there to use it up.

Publicity, Lin: **Nothing** to report.

Old Business:

- Jerry said that we **still don't know when we will be able to open the Hall**; the NM Health Dept is still saying no.
- Jerry asked if we have any **feedback from the letter mailed out in December about the delay in the Annual Meeting?** Alice said she called some of the members who are not on Lin's Publicity list as she was mailing out letters to them. No one was surprised that the annual meeting is delayed, and nobody objected. There were concerns about remembering how to dance, and Alice assured everyone that there would be plenty of review by the callers. **Letters were returned as undeliverable for a few members**, and Alice is having trouble locating a few of those members. Some of the people contacted have been added to Lin's Publicity emails, but **there are still over 50 members who do not receive emails, so they will need letters mailed re all crucial announcements.** Some of the people Alice called seem confused about whether they are receiving Publicity emails or not, and some are confusing Larada's NMSRDA Newsletter emails with Lin's Publicity emails. Alice has some address corrections for the member list, and will provide those to Sheri.
- **Membership Dues: Jerry said we need to send out a letter re 2021 membership dues, which will be increased slightly by the tax rate, since we lost our tax exempt status.** There was some discussion about whether we should collect dues before the Hall is open. Margaret said she belongs to several clubs that are collecting full dues for 2021 even though they are not active at this time. Any member who wants to wait and pay dues when the Hall opens could do so, but in the meantime we could get some income from those willing to pay. Sheri has received one check for membership, but it did not include the tax. **Membership dues will now be \$20 plus \$1.57 tax.** Jerry is asking Lin and Ben to put together an email to send out re dues being **due 2/1/2021.** This would be sent out by letter to members not on the email list. We need to get any income that we can. Alice said the letter should include **an explanation about the increase due to the tax.**
- Alice pointed out that we never made a formal decision re whether members will need a 2021 membership card to vote in the next annual meeting election. Jerry said that we don't need to go into that in the membership dues letter, but per the Bylaws **anyone with a 2020 membership card can vote in the next election.** Ben will give the Board a preview of the membership dues letter before it goes out. Sheri asked if she should mail out the membership cards when she gets dues in, and Jerry said yes. This will be a lot of stamps.
- Jerry and Larada are planning to **re-schedule the Spring Fling**, which may not be in the spring, with caller Mike Seastrom. We will probably call it something else. Dancing is happening in Texas, Louisiana, Oregon and Nevada. Some dance with masks on. No food or liquids are served. Per Jerry there is no dancing in Japan. We have no idea when we might be able to dance; COVID cases are very high, and there are many uncertainties. The new, more virulent strain of COVID is a complication.

Meeting **adjourned at 6:23 p.m.** No date was set for the next meeting.