

Albuquerque Square Dance Club, Inc.
A Non-Profit Corporation
Meeting of the Board of Directors
August 8, 2021

Meeting conducted by computer application Zoom. Board Members present on Zoom: Ben Allen, Gale Askren, Margaret Bolshazy, Jerry Gilbreath, Alice LaCelle, Larada Horner-Miller, Lin Miller, Sheri Pastian, and Bob Stevens. Guest: Karen Zakovec. Absent: None.

Zoom meeting set up by Larada Horner-Miller. Meeting was **called to order by President Jerry Gilbreath at 7:02 p.m.**

Jerry called this meeting to make final plans for the Special Meeting and the Annual Meeting on August 14.

- **Jerry plans to be at the Hall by 12:00 noon** to prepare for the 1:00 meeting, and will set up a microphone.
- **Karen said that each proposed change to the By-laws must be clearly stated as a motion and seconded before it can be discussed.** Alice must write the motion down exactly, and Jerry must repeat it exactly as written before the vote.
- We have to hold the **time devoted to each By-law discussion to ten minutes**, or the meeting run too long. Jerry will have to control the time each speaker has. Karen will help keep the time to one and a half minutes. Per Lin's suggestion, Jerry will ask for pro, then con comments on each By-law motion.
- **Ben emphasized that none of the petitions are “invalid.”** Some must be voted on per our By-laws, others may be decided by the Board, but none of them are invalid.
- **Alice will send out a Special Meeting update explaining which petitions will result in a membership vote** so that members will not be expecting to vote on all petitions.
- **Ben said any petition may be *discussed*** – we should hear the petitioners' case, consider their arguments, and thank them for their input. The Audit petition and the Special Meeting petition do no call for a membership vote. The run-off petition does request a vote, and at this point the Board has voted against having a run-off. However, Ben does not feel that our prior decision or Roberts Rules of Order would prevent the Board from changing our decision. The Board could rule against the petition based on reason, but the arguments should be heard.
- Larada suggested that **the hand count vote re the motions for By-law changes should be tallied by three people, including at least one Board member.**
- Since we could have non-voting former ASDC members present, **Karen suggested that we have brightly colored cards handed out to the voting members** as they sign in, and that they hold up these cards when they vote. This would make it much easier to spot the voters.
- Larada said that she knows of a **couple of people who did not get the notice of the meetings**: Edris Davis and Ann Harkcom. She has spoken with both of them and provided verbal notice. (Alice later called Mrs. Davis and apologized for overlooking her on the list of members who do not get emails. Mrs. Davis said she understood the subject of the meetings and did plan to attend. Ann Harkcom does have an email address listed, and Lin's notice should have gone out to her. Alice resent the notice.)
- **Lin wants us to go back to sending an annual meeting notice to every member by post**, regardless of whether they receive publicity emails. He thinks that is the only fail-safe approach. Alice said there will always be people who fall through the cracks, and there is no way to guarantee that we reach everyone. People change physical or email addresses without notice. Lin feels it is our responsibility to keep our members informed. (This change would be voted on by the new Board for the next annual meeting.)
- Regarding the Audit Petition and the **Financial Review, Karen does not want the presenters to refer to Sheri by name**, since that could be perceived as a personal attack. They should be advised to refer to **“the Treasurer.”** Ben advises against requiring this.
- Karen said we need **two separate agendas**, one for the Special Meeting and one for the Annual Meeting. They are two distinct meetings. Copies of the agenda should be handed out at the meetings. Jerry will make copies of the Agendas and the Treasurer's Report and bring those to the meetings.
- **Lin said we should be prepared to keep control of the meetings.** We need to ask people to leave if they become hostile or disruptive. If such an individual refuses to leave, what should we do? Alice said in that situation Jerry should adjourn the meeting, and Jerry and Ben agreed. Larada suggested that we let people know this in advance, but Ben said that was too negative and would start things off on a bad note. **Larada is also concerned about security and safety** – people become violent so easily in our current political, pandemic environment. Alice said the max we could do would

be to hire a security guard. Jerry feels this is unnecessary, and he can escort people out himself, if needed. We have members who would assist. Larada wanted her concerns on record.

- Alice said if we want to start the meetings off on a positive note, **we should be welcoming to every single member**. We have to ask the vaccine question, but we can still greet people and thank them for coming.
- Bob said that the vote count for the election of directors can take twenty to thirty minutes, and we have Board members who will be out counting votes during that time. **What do we do while votes are counted?** Larada said that we typically use that time to allow members to bring up ideas and suggestions, and good ideas have come out of that in the past.
- Karen said people need to know up front that they can only **vote for three candidates**, and exceeding that number will cause the ballot to be excluded. Alice will make the ballots, allowing for write-in candidates, and will include the info that only three candidates may be selected.
- **Lin suggested that we do our best to end the meetings on a positive note.**

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.