

Albuquerque Square Dance Club, Inc.
A Non-Profit Corporation
Meeting of the Board of Directors
March 1, 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 5:36 p.m.

Minutes, Alice LaCelle: Minutes of the January 5, 2021 meeting unanimously **approved**, with one **correction** from Larada to the 2nd bullet item under Old Business: “Some of the people Alice called seem confused about whether they are receiving Publicity emails, and some are confusing *Larada's blog emails* with Lin's Publicity emails,” should read “Larada's NMSRDA Newsletter emails.”

Treasurer's Report, Sheri:

- Current **checking balance** is \$4,611.43, with reserve bond account at \$69,157.72 as of 12/31/2020.
- Lin sent a letter from Jerry notifying membership that **dues are due as of Feb 1**, for those who are willing to pay with the Hall being closed. **Many people responded**, and **Sheri** made a deposit of six or seven hundred a few days ago. She is **sending out the 2021 membership cards** along with a thank you note to everyone who has paid.
- Sheri talked to the president of the Wilde Bunch, Adam Olivieri. **WB treasurer John Arnold died recently**, which is a grief to those of us who knew him. There are some problems getting the WB account switched over to the new WB treasurer, but Adam said that the **WB will be paying their contract rent back to October** when they can get access to their funds. As Sheri said, we are so grateful for the WB financial support. Rich Stewart is still paying his monthly contract.
- \$100 paid to **bond the ASDC Treasurer** in Jan, which pays through 2022.
- Bob hung **Mary Young's memorial plaque** last week, and Sheri has one on order for John Arnold.
- We received a **\$500 donation from the Albuquerque Sundancers, and also \$100 from Linda Jo Moore (L.J.)**, who is no longer dancing, but wanted to support the Center.
- Sheri wondered if we could send a **reminder about the dues**. Jerry said he would send one out the first week of April. Alice said that she requested the WB president Adam send out the dues letter to the WB membership, and he emailed back that he had done so. Alice mailed out some letters re dues to people who don't get emails. Alice also suggested that **some people will probably choose not to pay dues until the Hall re-opens**, and if we do send out another notice re dues, we should make it clear that we don't mean to pressure people, and they are free to pay at a later date. Jerry agreed that he would not make it a “demand” letter. Jerry said he plans to add a notice that State membership dues are also due, although this is a separate organization.
- **Treasurer's report unanimously approved.**
- Jerry thanked Sheri for handling a very tough year as Treasurer and holding things together.

Jerry talked to **Vice President Ben Allen**, and he is still abiding the Governor's recommendations to do nothing, so he has nothing to report.

Supplies, Margaret: Has not purchased in supplies for a year.

Publicity, Lin: **Nothing** to report. Only one dance was held – a Valentine's Dance, but it was not local.

Central District Report, Gale: Gale reported that she is following Ben's example and doing nothing.

Maintenance, Bob:

- The **employees are moving into the marijuana retail shop** in the building to our north. One of the employees expressed interest in renting the Hall for a dance group.
- **Weeds are coming up in the old part of the parking lot**, and Bob has sprayed them.
- Bob collected a sack and a half of the endless pine needles.

- Bob replaced a string of weak **LED lights** with extras we had.
- Bob put a railroad tie on top of our **dumpster** to prevent people from using it. We own our dumpster, but we have stopped the service.
- Bob checks the Hall several times a week, and Sheri comes in also to collect the mail. Jerry said he checks the Hall once in awhile too, and takes a look at the divider wall to make sure it is holding up.

Contracts, Larada:

- **Larada took the suggestion to stop updating the website calendar** for contracted dances since they are all cancelled. She does a separate calendar for Sheri to keep track of contract payments – all dances are cancelled, but some contracts are still being paid.
- Although the **Spring Fling** had to be cancelled, Larada and Jerry plan to re-schedule.
- Lorraine Pratt forwarded an email re the **High Desert Dancers**, who have an annual dance in December, suggesting that Larada contact the sponsor. Larada said she tried to reach him three times, with no response.

President's Report, Jerry

- Jerry has had a couple of calling contracts re-booked for 2024. The **Fun Valley** square dance week that Jerry and Gary Shoemake call in the summer has been moved to Branson, MO, and is scheduled to take place June 6-11.
- Jerry sent the Board the latest **NM policy for prevention and control of COVID-19**, as regards our venue. We are **still required to keep the Hall closed**, and Jerry anticipates that even when the county goes to Green status, we will still be limited to twenty people in the building. Jerry is hoping for opening at a higher capacity in May or June. He asked if we know whether the **Wilde Bunch** will require all dancers to have the vaccine before they will dance at the Hall. Alice and Larada said that the WB Board has said nothing on the subject, it was Georgian Spata (WB member) who suggested that vaccines be required.
- Jerry asked if anyone on the Board has had requests for info about how and when we will be opening the Hall. Larada said she has seen a few people putting out feelers on Facebook about when we might be dancing again, but nothing ugly. Larada spoke with a square dancer in Arizona about the suggestion of requiring vaccines, and he didn't think it would be legal. But Larada thinks airlines are requiring the vaccine for passengers. Margaret said no, because she has been flying without a vaccine. Some airlines or destinations require a negative COVID test, and some countries may require the vaccine for tourists.
- Jerry said that there was a meeting of the State square dance board in January, and they voted to bring the **2022 state convention to Central District**. They asked Jerry if he would use the schedule and supplies (shirts and dresses) that were planned for the 2020 State Festival, which has to be cancelled, for the 2022 Festival. Jerry agreed that he would be willing, if Central District will support the idea. One of the CD Board members assured Jerry that CD will support this. Larada wants the dates right away so she can put it on the calendar to avoid conflicts.
- Jerry said there is dancing in Texas, Oklahoma, Portland, and Seattle. One email said that a number of people came down with COVID after a dance in OK. We don't want that here. At the dances that are being held, masks are suggested, no food or drink is served.
- **Margaret suggested we consider an outdoor annual meeting in our parking lot**. We are limited to 10 people inside, but not outside. Jerry said we could consider this idea, although an adequate sound system might be a challenge, and we would have spread the chairs out, so it would take up a lot of the parking lot, making parking a problem. Lin said we have to schedule a month in advance, and predicting the weather would be impossible.
- **Bob wants to refurbish and paint the front entrance** before the State Convention in 2022, and replace the rock beds by the porch with hardening sand, which is easier to maintain.

Old Business:

In the last meeting, Jerry asked about whether the company that refinished our **floor** several years ago recommended any particular **maintenance**, like a refurbishing or cleaning product. Alice said she went back to the Minutes of the Board meeting September 14, 2015, and found that the company suggested a cleaning kit from Lowes or Home Depot for removing scuff marks. Bob said we have a product that we use for cleaning scuff marks. Jerry said, as previously discussed, our mops are treated with some kind of protective chemical.

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