

MINUTES OF SARDASA MEETING JUNE 22, 2019

ATTENDING:

EXECUTIVE BOARD: CLAIRE ZUCKER, KAREN PLEMONS

MEMBERS AT LARGE: Michaela Ballard, Kay Tornay, Elaine Royer, Paige Huston, Maureen Hraber, Nina Grigsby, Wesley Derbyshire

CLUB REPS: C1Ders – Jim Young, Dance Infusion – Holly Bell, Green Valley Squares – David Flatt, Rick-A-Shays – Les Bol, Saguaro Stompers – Tacy Patton, Swinging Singles – Al Perry, Tucson Clogging Connection – Shirley Young, TFTM – Warren Deming, Tucson Twirlers – Terry Hansen, Voyager – Don Haney, Western Whirlers – Carol Leverett, Swinging Saguaros – Bob Royer

OTHER ATTENDEES: Lynn Ruka, Loraine Ruka, Bryon Patton, Sandy Haney

MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER SEVERAL MINUTES AFTER NOON BY PRESIDENT CLAIRE ZUCKER AND CONCLUDED AT 210PM BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT. MINUTES REFERENCE THE AGENDA ITEMS AS OUTLINED BY THE PRESIDENT.

ITEM 1:

1A. David Flatt offered to take minutes for this meeting. Claire Zucker invited a volunteer to be interim secretary for about 6 months. At this time the association does not have a secretary because of Dale Tersey's illness.

1B. Claire Zucker introduced a discussion about whether members-at-large could send an alternate delegate to meetings. Don Haney moved and Warren Deming seconded a motion that members at large could send a proxy delegate. Considerable discussion followed. A motion to postpone this agenda item to a future meeting was made by David Flatt and seconded by Shirley Young. This passed unanimously.

ITEM 2:

The president reports a minor correction – item 7 should read “June meeting,” not “May meeting.” With that correction the minutes of the May 18, 2019 meeting were approved by voice vote.

ITEM 3:

The president reports that Nina Grigsby has been appointed Chair of the Finance Committee. The Wells Fargo account is now aligned with our incorporated status. And she clarified the relationship of SARDASA to USDA insurance and the constituent clubs: USDA insurance covers a dancer if that dancer is on their roster. A dancer dancing at OPSD who is not covered by USDA insurance can sue SARDASA for which SARDASA carries liability insurance. If the USDA has the list of associated clubs, only one upfront fee of \$25 is charged. And any associated club may then submit to USDA a roster of their members and pay for coverage with yearly premium of ~~\$4.75~~ \$4.70. Soon USDA will have on their website a way for the entire transaction to be done on the internet. SARDASA in past years has charged a membership fee of \$5/year and forwarded ~~\$4.75~~ \$4.70 of this to USDA for insurance. This has entailed a lot of work by membership chairman Jim Young. Discussion followed. President Zucker wishes to defer any action about whether SARDASA will continue to exercise this intermediary role pending attorney consultation about liability which she will do and pending further input from the board.

ITEM 4:

4A. Finance Committee: Gregg Gilbert is not here and so there is no Treasurer's report. It is reported that he is sick. Nina Grigsby, the new chair of the finance committee, promised a financial report would be emailed to the board members before the next meeting. The Finance Committee will be looking at a long term financial plan including the possibility of applying for grants. Claire Zucker invited volunteers for a grant writing committee. Resources mentioned by the members include a July 12, 2-4pm grant writing seminar at Valdez library and the Southern Arizona Nonprofit Alliance.

4B. Building Committee: Warren Deming reported that he and the building committee have received bids from multiple contractors for sealing and painting the exterior walls. The contractor chosen by the building committee is ABEDA and the bid is for sealing the walls followed by three coats of paint. Wesley Derbyshire moved and David Flatt seconded a motion to authorize the expenditure of \$7360.00 to include tax for the exterior sealing and painting. Passed by voice vote. Warren is in the process of obtaining roof repair and recoating bids. He believes that he can get up a crew of member volunteers to patch and seal those roof areas that are leaking and defer the complete recoating until after the monsoon. David Flatt moved and Terry Hansen seconded a motion to authorize \$1000.00 to patch and seal the roof. This passed on voice vote.

4C. Contracts: No new information.

4D. Governance. The governance committee is working.

4E. 1) Karen Plemons invites volunteers for a scheduling outreach committee to include development of a fee schedule. 2) Beginner square dance classes: Rick Gittleman has asked for hall time to conduct beginner classes on Wednesday evenings starting Sep 29. Discussion was held. Maureen Hraber moved and Shirley Young seconded a motion to this class for 12 weeks starting September 29, 2019. This passed on voice vote.

5. WEBSITE:

Wesley Derbyshire reported on the development of the website and a proposed new logo which can be seen at www.evolutionearth.net. Discussion about the logo followed. The committee as a whole recommended further research and development regarding a logo. Wesley Derbyshire and Al Perry are working on it. Claire Zucker thanked Wesley and Al for the excellent work they are doing.

6. CLOGGING FESTIVAL:

A complete request was submitted by Clogging Connection – outlined in the Agenda. Don Haney moved and David Flatt seconded a motion to authorize the Clogging Connection to use the dance center for their festival January 10-11 for a fee of \$1000 and with the stipulations given in the Clogging Connection request. The motion passed by voice vote.

7. NEW YEAR'S EVE:

The Contra dancers would like to rent the hall for NY eve. SARDASA has long held a NY eve dance as a free benefit to its member clubs. Considerable discussion resulted in a consensus that this issue should be deferred to the Board preference survey (#8). Possibly the SARDASA sponsored free benefit dance could be held another night. The value to SARDASA of renting NY eve out was discussed. And the long tradition of this SARDASA sponsored NY eve dance was discussed.

8. BOARD PREFERENCE SURVEY:

This will go out to board members soon with the items mentioned on the agenda and with the addition of questions regarding NY eve dance.

THE NEXT BOARD MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR JULY 27 AT NOON.

Respectfully submitted, David R. Flatt MD