

MINUTES
FINEST CITY SQUARES BOARD MEETING
FEBRUARY 12, 2008

PRESENT

Richard Bass, President
Jim Blair, Co-Vice President
David Spence, Co-Vice President
Mike Neiheisel, Treasurer
Terri O'Barski, Assistant Treasurer
Diana Barrows, Secretary
Bill Brim, Newsletter Co-Editor

ABSENT

Dana Hooper, Caller Coordinator
David Goodsell, Newsletter Co-Editor
Jason M., Class Representative

The meeting was called to order at 6:32pm. A quorum was present. The minutes of the January meeting were approved.

Mike N. gave the treasurer's report. We received a check from SDSDA for ~ \$33. Our anniversary dance lost ~\$38. Overall for January we were ~\$390 in the black.

Mike presented "articles of association" which he composed. We will need these to become non-profit. We discussed becoming non-profit under the umbrella of the SDSDA. The board voted **not** to be under SDSDA's umbrella, unless our attorney recommends it. Richard B. will check with the San Diego Pride to see what documents they have on file for FCS.

Mike N. and Richard B. will see an attorney seeking advice on whether we should incorporate, whether we should do our own nonprofit versus going under the umbrella of SDSDA, and how to handle our club's past years.

Richard B. gave the President's Report

- FCS provided refreshments at the SDSDA round-up in January. It was their inauguration. The cakes, cookie/candy cups, and veggie trays were very popular. We received many compliments.
- Richard attended the first Fiesta meeting. We are doing the brunch again this year. They increased our budget to \$350 from \$250 last year with the proviso that we don't have to use it all.

Other Business

- Diana gave the SDSDA board meeting report. There was more information on group non-profit tax filing, which SDSDA is exploring. The ARTS dance on Feb 28, a Thursday, is approaching. Every club is asked to donate a gift basket to be auctioned off. There will be a sale of gently used square dance clothing; there will be a potluck dinner at the dance. There were 20 squares at the January 3rd Saturday Round-up.
- Club Visitations. Richard proposed a Monday in March to Lighthouse Squares, Andy Allemao's advanced group which dances in the WMB.

- New Banner. Richard mailed the banner to his sister in Montana. She volunteered to sew in the iridescent waves below the sails.
- Fly-in status. They need to have a committee meeting. They will set up a separate checking account. They requested seed money (\$1000) from FCS. Jim needs to send out the contracts to callers and get them signed. We discussed using one of the rooms in Balboa Park, if available, for Saturday evening September 13. Diana will check with Connie at the next SDSDA board meeting.
- Domain name. Richard completed this task. Finestcitysquares.org now redirects to [IAGSDC.org/finest city](http://IAGSDC.org/finest%20city)
- Status of new students. Students are doing OK, especially with all the extra tutoring they are receiving, primarily from Richard.

Items from the floor

- Diana reported that the ink cartridge recycling program has been discontinued.
- Richard has e-mailed Connie checking on the availability of a side room in the WMB on Wednesdays. Richard would like to have a room in which to tutor the students.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:26pm. The next meeting will be Tuesday, March 11, 2008, at 6:30pm at the Old Mill Restaurant .

Respectfully submitted, Diana Barrows, Secretary , February 12, 2008