

MINUTES
FINEST CITY SQUARES BOARD MEETING
OCTOBER 14, 2008

PRESENT

Richard Bass, President
David Spence, Co-Vice President
Diana Barrows, Secretary
Mike Neiheisel, Treasurer
Terri O'Barski, Assistant Treasurer
Dana Hooper, Caller Coordinator

ABSENT

Jim Blair, Co-Vice President
David Goodsell, Newsletter Co-Editor
Bill Grimm, Newsletter Co-Editor
Jason M. Class Representative

The meeting was called to order at 6:37pm. A quorum was present. The minutes of the September meeting were approved.

Mike N. gave the financial report. Overall we lost **\$257.60** for September. Our federal tax and non-profit process is completed. SDSDA has acknowledged receiving copies. The California state applications for same have not yet been completed. The tentative financial summary from "Pass the Sea Horse, 2008" shows **+\$2967.83**. Much of this **profit** is due to many registrations taken at the door (full price). However, we have *not* yet received the bill from the gay rodeo for Fly-In attendance at the Saturday night Rodeo Dance and the Sunday Rodeo event in Lakeside.

SDDSDA Diana B. gave the SDSDA meeting report. She submitted a blurb about FCS for the Fiesta program. We are reminded that we have Sat brunch duty at Fiesta on Nov 8. Insurance payment is due; cost is \$4.50 per person. Students are covered for 9 months without cost. Council and association bylaw changes will be voted on next meeting.

Caller Coordination Dana H. discussed having caller Nasser Shukayr from Texas for our 10/2/2010 dance. He requires work on Fri/Sat/Sun. FCS would be Sat; he has a gig on Sun. He would appreciate it if we could find him work on Fri. Circulators and Magic Squares dance on Fridays; Dana will talk to them. Caller Romney Tannehill has several open dates; the board decided to have him in May, 2009. Open dates for 2009 are now June and September. September this year was cancelled for Pass the Sea Horse, and that could be the case next year.

Richard reviewed the proposed changes to the SDSDA bylaws and standing rules. The board was split evenly on whether past presidents should not have to pay for any dances. Diana was instructed to "go with the flow" of how the other clubs were voting.

Richard discussed our membership dues. Since we just gave the caller a raise, we will leave the dues the same. Our objective is to break even each year, which is what we have done for the past 2 years. Our bank account stands in reserve for unexpected costs (nonprofit tax application, parade float repairs), operating costs, front money (fly-in), and leaner years.

It was suggested that we utilize a “punch card” system for dances so people do not have to carry small bills. Discussion ensued. We decided to table the idea. We will advertise that dancers can pay monthly, \$20 on the first Wednesday of the month. Whether there are 4 or 5 Wednesdays, the dancer will be covered. This will not cover the Saturday party dance.

New Board We still need a president and vice-president. Mike, Dana and Bill/David are willing to stay on in their current positions. Richard will continue being webmaster and doing early dancing for the new class. Jason M wants to be assistant treasurer. Bob Swee wants to be secretary.

The official decision regarding our club’s anniversary number is that the dance in January 2009 will be our **20th anniversary**.

Pam and Christine will again do the food and flyers for the February 2009 dance for Chinese New Year.

Fiesta Brunch Jim and David said we can use their kitchen again, if we need to, and *if their remodel is done*. We will buy cut up fruit from Costco this time. Richard will prepare a shopping list. We may need several members to each prepare and cook a soufflé in their home ovens and bring them in the morning of Saturday, Nov 8.

Caller Tim Crawford’s no-show for our fly-in was discussed. He lives in Canada, and apparently was well aware of his border crossing problems since August or before. He accepted our September calling date without warning us of the potential problem. Although we were all quite annoyed, we decided not to write or e-mail him for an explanation.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55pm. The next meeting will be Tuesday, November 11, 2008 at 6:30pm at the Old Mill Restaurant.

Respectfully submitted, Diana Barrows, Secretary October 16, 2008