Palomar Smooth Dancers
Meeting Minutes 13 October 2026

Attendees: 19

Call to Order: 7:00 pm. The pledge was led by President Penny.

President's Report: President Penny thanked everyone whose combined efforts made the Coronation a huge success. She also thanked Peter for handling the music at the last social and Mario for the incredible job he has done as our Social Chair.

Secretary's Report: M/S Letitia/Bill that we approve the September Secretary's minutes as presented. Approved.

Treasurer's Report: Peter reported income of $5,233 in September, with expenses of $2,030 and a net increase in operating cash of $3,204. Cash on hand included a withdrawal of $5,000 from the Vanguard account. The income included $3,995 from the Coronation. Next month, Peter will present a summary of the Coronation finances. Dance classes brought in $1,195. The social brought in $30 in September.

Membership: Bill F. presented the applications of experienced dancers Chang-Sheng Ting who goes by "CS", and Ning Wen Ting who goes by "Ning". **M/S Carol/Letitia that we approve their applications for membership. Approved.**

Corresponding Secretary's Report: Chris reported the following birthdays for October: John, Ceppy, Paul, Camille, Adrian, Karen, Ellen, Christiane, and Marion and we sang. Marion's birthday is on October 31st and she has been an extraordinary volunteer for our club for many years. A surprise party is being planned for her October 28th from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm at Ocean Hills. **M/S Peggy/Peter that the club purchase a plaque of appreciation for her costing up to $50. Approved.**

Queen's Report: Queen Alicia shared her gifts and thanked everyone for their gracious and giving behavior toward her. Alicia's family commented that this is not a club; it is a family. Planning for the next Queen must begin next month. Marsha asked that all who might be eligible for this role please think about whether they would be interested. People can be Queen more than once.

Director's Report: Kelly reported that our bid for hosting the 2030 NSD Convention has been accepted. At Convention, they voted on an amendment that would allow previous NSD Board members to remain in office as President. Kelly voted Yes on this on behalf of our club. Kelly also suggested that we have an additional signatory on the Vanguard account so that the signatories and the additional officer can review the account annually. Kelly will work on adding this to our Club Bylaws and will present this suggested change to us for approval when complete.

Dance Rules: Bill F said the dance rules were written a long time ago and that today the clubs are less focused on competition than they once were. It has been proposed that a competition be created that would pair an experienced dancer with a newer dancer, allowing a newer dancer to compete who might not otherwise have the opportunity. Only the newer dancer would be judged. The committee also discussed the interpretation of the term "costume". Bill reported that the chair and vice chair are not inclined to update the rules on this

subject. President Penny who was once Chair of the Dance Rules Committee felt that if someone could buy the outfit at a department store, it should not be considered a costume, as opposed to some of the very expensive options available through other venues. The safest bet is to ask in advance about what you are planning to wear to ensure that you will not have to change clothing at the last minute.

Social Chair – Mario reported that our next social is a Goulish Ball. Costumes are encouraged. It will be held on the last Sunday at the usual time and place. The November social will include a catered dinner. Antonia has found a caterer who can supply the food for $800 and desserts for $300 and do all of the setup and cleanup. **M/S Peter/Letitia that we utilize this caterer and charge $15 for members and $20 for guests for the food portion of the social. Approved.** Mark and Peggy will accept the RSVPs. Penny will arrange for the performances.

Ways and Means – Peggy reported that our supplies are pretty good.

Dance Classes: In October, we are offering beginning West Coast Swing and intermediate Nightclub 2 Step. In November, we will offer beginning Hustle and Intermediate West Coast Swing. Penny has sent Kelly the class schedule for 2027 for our website.

Publicity/Webmaster: Kelly is updating the website with Coronation photos and videos.

Dance Whispers: Letitia would like any photos of socials or the Coronation to be sent to her email at larryandletitia@gmail.com.

Old Business:
Creation of a Performance Class: Marvin Todd suggested we clarify the wording in the motion passed last month to be more descriptive of how attendee fees would be determined. **M/S Penny/Letitia that we create a Performance class that targets experienced dancers with the Club covering the $49/hour facility rental from October to December 2026 and attendees covering the cost of the instructor. The amount to be paid by each attendee is to be determined based on attendance. Approved.**

Mark reported that Carrie has been instructing the class on advanced dance moves in preparation for the development of advanced routines. Currently $10 per class is covering the cost of instruction.

Coronation: Antonia and Carol wanted to express their deep thanks and appreciation to everyone for their help in making the recent Coronation a big success. There were 95 attendees, 44 of whom were from our club. We were assisted by 34 volunteers, 3 of whom were not in our club. The club members present responded that we owe the success to their hard work.

New Business:
Nominations: This discussion was tabled until next month's meeting.

New Member Attrition: Peter asked if we should look into why many of the newer members join and then stop coming to classes and socials. Bill F mentioned that he has asked several of the leaders about this and been told that the reasons had nothing to do with our club.

The Rockbox winner was Kelly.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:52 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Debbie Jackson, Recording Secretary