



SAN FRANCISCO BRANCH, INC.
Minutes of the Teachers' Committee Meeting
April 18, 2004

At the home of Bruce Herbold and Patti Cobb. We watched the Book 34 video. Armin called the meeting to order at 2:05 pm.

Present: Gene Bissell, Armin Busse, Marianna and Alex Harvey, Bruce Herbold, Coletta Hill, Susie Langdon Kass, Kathleen McAdam, Lin Pettengill, Dwayne McQuilliams, Claudette Sigg and Alan Twigg.

Regrets: Ellen Aaron, Cathy Bertics, Juliet Davoren, Sara Gratiot, Jo and Bruce Hamilton, Fred Macondray, Paula Jacobson, and Pat O'Brien. Thanks to those who sent regrets before the meeting. That makes life easier on the hosts, and on your secretary and chairman in preparing for the meeting.

Old Business

1 Minutes of meeting January 10, 2004

Moved by Alan Twigg and seconded by Marianna Harvey that the minutes of the previous meeting be approved as distributed. Unanimous vote.

2 Party Program Committees

The programs for October/November are due August 1st. The Jean Patrick Dance and the Kim McGarrity Ball programs have been received. Note re the next Valentine Ball, Juliet Davoren will not be in town for that and indicated that if someone else wished to fill in her part in that program she would step down. Dwayne McQuilliams volunteered to do it with Coletta and Paula.

3 Teachers' Resources

Alan Twigg said he has a Word Document with the results of the Book a Month ratings and will make that available. Discussion on the repertoire of dances on the web site has the dates wrong, Bruce Herbold and Greg Resnick are working on a solution. Guidelines for making programs: It was suggested that we all read them and then critique. The resource list will be printed up, so be sure and send any lists of items you have to Armin as soon as possible. The Teacher's Page is a link from the branch web site.

4 Book 43 Workshop

Alan Twigg reported that it went well and had about 12 people in attendance. They danced and then rated the dances as follows (3=great, 2=good, 1=so-so, and 0=ugh):

- Fifty Years On 2.4

- The Celebration Strathspey 2.8 (the winner)
- The Royal Yacht Britannia 2.5
- The Queen's Quadrille 1.25
- Strathmore 0.7 (the loser)
- Noah's Ark 1.3
- Bea's Delight 1.33
- The Corian Strathspey 1.83 (tied with Castle)
- A Castle in the Air 1.83 (tied with Corian)
- The Argyll Square 2.0

Dancers agreed that the strathspeys on the RSCDS recording are terrible — very choppy as well as too slow — and they tried in each case to judge the qualities of the dance separately from the experience of dancing it. They considered it a good idea to have this workshop.

New Business

5 Candidate Class

Armin read an e-mail from Jo Hamilton giving the background prior to the January meeting where the committee recommended not having a class. Since several things have changed since then it was **moved** by Kathleen McAdam, seconded by Dwayne McQuilliams that we should revisit this item **Passed** unanimously.

Much discussion followed on how dancers who may be interested in taking a training course should go about it. Also there is now a list of approximately 12 people interested, some of whom had been waiting to hear where and when the course would be and also who would be the tutor. **Moved** by Susie Langdon Kass, seconded by Coletta Hill that we should offer a candidate class. This **passed** unanimously. Discussion followed. Finally after a lengthy discussion it was **moved** by Gene Bissell, seconded by Marianna Harvey that the Teachers Committee recommend to the Branch Committee that Bruce Herbold and Alan Twigg be appointed as Teacher Training Tutors for the upcoming cycle 2004-5. **Passed** with 10 aye votes, zero no votes and two abstentions.

6 Teachers Workshop Fall 2004

Armin will contact the teacher who will be teaching at Asilomar to find out when we could plan for this. The order of contact will be: Marianne Taylor, Bill Zobel/Muriel Johnstone and Rebecca Blackhall-Peters. Possible dates are October 16 or 30 We need to decide what emphasis we want for this workshop. **Everyone**: let Armin know.

7 Qualifications for Teaching in Our Branch

This is stated in the May 3, 2003 version of our Branch By-Laws, excerpted below:

ARTICLE VIII, Classes

Section 1. Definitions.

There shall be established by the Branch Committee four types of classes recognized by the Branch:

a) Branch Classes

- b) Affiliated Classes
- c) Demonstration Teams
- d) Affiliated Demonstration Teams

A qualified teacher is either an RSCDS Certificated Teacher or a Preliminary Pass Teacher under the supervision of a Certificated Teacher.

Section 2. Branch Classes.

The Branch Committee shall establish standards for Branch classes, which standards shall include an agreement by the class to operate in accordance with the Rules of the Society, these bylaws, and all rules of the Branch, and to be taught by a qualified teacher assisted by one or more Class Managers. These classes include instruction in Scottish Country Dancing and related dance forms.

Branch Classes must meet the above standards and shall file financial and other reports as required by the Branch Committee. The Branch Committee shall appoint or confirm the selection of the Class managers and Teachers. Members of Branch Classes are expected to be members of the Branch. Branch Classes are an integral part of the Branch, and all assets of these classes are Branch property.

8 Candidate Classes — suggestion for how to do it next time:

1. Teachers poll their students for interest.
2. In the Fall put an article in the R&S.
3. Produce a flyer or an informational pamphlet. Bruce Herbold and Coletta Hill will look into this and will report at the next meeting. [they already have a draft 5/1 -bh].

9 Date and Location for Next Meetings

- June 19, 2004, 1pm (no video) **note earlier start** at the home of Mary and Dwayne McQuilliams, 44 Riverton Drive, San Francisco, 415-564-9773.
- September 18, 2004, 2:00 pm (video at 1:30) at Paula Jacobson's. A teachers' dance afterward: bring something you'd like to teach (and music for it if you can). There will be a small fee to cover the cost of the Soquel Grange hall.
- January 22, 2005 at the Pettengills' in Montara.

The meeting adjourned at 5:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen McAdam (for Bruce Hamilton)