



SAN FRANCISCO BRANCH. INC.

Minutes of the Teachers' Committee Meeting
Sunday, July 16, 2006
at Kathy's, San Jose

1:30 pm

Movie - DVD copy of teaching movies from the 1950's found by Don MacQueen in the Scottish Film Archives on line. Mrs. MacLeod, River Cree, and scenes of dancing on the grass at St. Andrews.

2:10 pm

Meeting called to order by Armin Busse.

Attendees: Armin Busse, Marianna Harvey, Bruce Herbold, Susie Langdon-Kass, Kathy Allen, Tim Wilson, Alan Twigg, Don MacQueen, Larry Wakeman, Paula Jacobson, Alex Harvey

Apologies: Jim Passage, Julian Irias, Fred DeMarse, Jo and Bruce Hamilton, Pat O'Brien, Patti Cobb, Kathleen McAdam, Cathy Bertics, Sheena MacQueen, Gail Erwin, Jennifer and John Kelly, Sandra Fritz, Juliet Davoren.

Old Business:

1. Agenda

Read and approved.

2. Minutes of the previous meeting

Moved to accept. (Alan, Bruce) Passed.

3. Party Program Committees:

October party program is ready. Committee Tim Wilson, Lin Pettengill, and Bruce Herbold. Sara Gratiot received kudos for proof reading.

4. Old Records proposal:

No progress is being made. Volunteers are hard to find because the recording process is tedious and time consuming. Paula had recorded and remastered one set with 18 dances and one waltz of the best items. Paula moved to drop the project as originally proposed, Marianna seconded. It was then retracted and decided to proceed with cataloging only. Paula is willing to work with someone on an inventory of the old records, Tim and Larry will help. Kathy suggested at least recording each album in computer files, to be cleaned up later. Paula will make copies available of "The Archive Project: Recorded, remastered, and A' " to persons who request one. Please contact Paula.

(Bruce Ham. wrote to me, saying he had no idea he was collecting branch resources.)

5. Pleasanton Feedback Letter - report on status:

Patti was absent. Bruce reported that this issue refers to the TC's goals for the Celtic Heritage area at the Pleasanton Games. The TC wants this letter finished and on record as an expression of our needs as pertaining to the two stages for dancing. A copy is to be made available to the Branch Committee to be used at their discretion. Larry will contact Patti to finish this. John Taylor has been open to all suggestions and much easier to work

with, and has sent out a schedule for the use of the stages for the games, but not all teachers have received such. Armin will contact John Taylor to explain the situation to him and ask his decision on how this should be handled (e.g. resend to the individuals,...)

6. Fall Teachers' Workshop:

Marianna is working on this. Don MacQueen volunteered to book a hall and musicians and make a flyer, with consultation on prices and precedence with Kathleen. He will look into Livermore locations including Foresters Hall. Marianna will ask Cathy or Kathleen about Lafayette Veterans Hall. Larry will ask about Lafayette Hall. Angela Young is willing to come early for Asilomar and conduct the workshop the weekend before. Tentative plans are for Sunday, October 22, most of the day. Conflicts to be avoided with Asilomar Ball reviews:

Lafayette

Sundays October 8 and 15

Palo Alto

Mitchell Park - Sat. Sept. 30 session 1 St. Mark's church - Sat. October 21 session 2

7. Report on Repertoire List:

Bruce Herbold reported that about 40 dances have been compiled to be added to the list which consists of several categories: core group of popular dances, dances listed by figures to be included, old favorites, advanced favorites, beginner dances. The Repertoire dances should compose 1/2 to 2/3 of each monthly party program. The coordinators have been following a rule of returning to dances no more than every three years, and the list was not long enough for this rule. Please send suggestions to Bruce.

New Business:

8. RSCDS Core Dances:

Scotland has a list of Core Dances which they would like to be included on our dance programs. This is optional, but monthly party program chairs should consult this list. Several people mentioned that we have been doing this already.

9. Teachers' Examination class:

Alan reported that 8 candidates have reported confirmed interest in the full certificate class. Ashkenaz hall in Berkeley has been booked for the second and fourth Sundays (excepting November and December) starting in October. This number is sufficient for Edinburgh to send examiners. Contact Bruce or Alan with questions or comments. Teachers should always be looking for likely candidates for training and speak to them about the process. Unit one is now self-study. Anyone can sit the test given 3 times/year. David Norman-Harris is head of the Education and Training Committee in Scotland. When he returns from Summer School, a meeting will be planned for August to discuss the new system with candidates and any interested parties.

Other Business

Questionnaire from Scotland to branches:

If enough interest is shown, Scotland would send trainers to run workshops to teach new tutors. Would we set up a tutor training session if Scotland sent a trainer and musician for this purpose? Alan will send the questionnaire to the reflector. Please email any comments to Alan by Sept. 1st to be included in his response.

Representative to TAC meeting:

Marianna asked for any questions or comments to be referred to the TAC meeting. Some discussion was held on royalties paid for using music at parties and classes.

Announcements:

Armin brought flyers on behalf of Bruce Hamilton for the West Coast Conference for Callers, Musicians and Organizers in Portland, OR for the Country Dance and Song Society. See list of topics at www.cdss.org/leadership/topics2006.html

Date and location of next meetings

Sept 23, Sat, at the Harvey's in Mountain View

Jan 20, 2007, Sat, at O'Brien's in San Francisco

April 14, 2007, Sat

Moved to adjourn

(Don MQ and Paula) Unanimous vote.

Meeting adjourned at 3:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Kathy Allen recording secretary.