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SAN FRANCISCO BRANCH. INC.

Minutes of the Teachers' Committee Meeting (Amended, see remarks at the end)

**Saturday, September 23, 2006**

**at Marianna and Alex's, Mountain View**

1:30 pm

Movie - Injury prevention, continued.

2:04 pm

**Meeting called to order** by Armin Busse.

**Attendees:** Kathy Allen, Cathy Bertics, Armin Busse, Juliet Davoren, Marianna and Alex Harvey, Linda Henderson, Paula Jacobson, Susie Langdon Kass, Bob McMurtry, Alan Twigg, Larry Wakeman

**Apologies:** Ellen Aaron, Patti Cobb, Fred DeMarse, Gail Erwin, Bruce and Jo Hamilton, Bruce Herbold, Don and Sheena MacQueen, Dwayne and Mary McQuilliams, Pat O'Brien, Sandee Schultz

**Old Business:**

**1. Agenda [All]:**

Read and approved.

**2. Minutes of the previous meeting [All]:**

Moved to accept. (Larry, Marianna) Passed.

**3. Party Program Committees [Committee Members]:**

Valentine Ball 2007 program finished

December 2006 -January 2007 programs finished

**4. Old Records proposal [Paula]:**

Paula got help from Tim Wilson to catalog old albums on Excel spreadsheet.

Lists include Dance title, artist, lead tune and alternate tunes, record number. If more volunteers would help to catalog these, Tim could probably provide a template so all data is compiled in the same format.

Paula is currently making copies of original archive project. She passed out 4 or 5 copies.

Paula's project of a new recording of dance music is on hold. If anyone has access to a recording studio which could hold 3 or more musicians, please contact Paula.

**5. Pleasanton Feedback Letter - report on status [Patti]:**

Patti was not present; Larry will contact her and will follow up.

**6. Fall 2006 Teachers' Workshop [Don]:**

Report from Don MacQueen through Marianna Harvey: Preliminary budget is the same as presented earlier. Don is concerned about attendance - please sign up soon. Triple

Threat is a dance studio with a good floor in Livermore. If another class is in the other room, it might be distracting. Contact Don with questions.

Don forwarded to Angela a list of suggestions for workshop content which he received from our teachers. She will decide what to teach.

Technique - a discussion was held on how to teach footwork to students who don't care about it, can't hear the music, don't know what their footwork looks like. Suggestion - video the class and let people see themselves. Teach the figure and footwork will sometimes follow.

Paula cannot attend and asked if the workshop could be video taped. Don will ask Angela if she minds. Kathy A. has a camera and can video. She may need a tripod.

Larry reported that the budget was approved by the Branch Committee.

Don needs a refreshment chairperson for drinks and snacks and sign-ups now.

**7. Report on Repertoire List [BruceHbd/Paula/Alan]:**

Bruce will circulate the list of proposed additions (which he has since the meeting sent out to the teachers' reflector). All teachers are asked to review the list and give him feedback and any other suggestions for additions or deletions for the overall repertoire list. The \*existing\* small committee, comprising Bruce, Alan, and Paula, will meet one more time to finalize the list and incorporate any suggestions received, and present the final draft at the next TC meeting.

**8. Teachers' Examination class [BruceHbd/Alan]:**

Candidates are preparing Unit 4 to send to HQ next week. 9 students are registered for Units 4-5. No class for Unit 1 at this time. Class to be held at Ashkenaz in Berkeley on 2nd and 4th Sundays. Alan will request angels later, intermediate level dancers and up.

Tutor Training offered by Scotland. Alan sent 3-4 names to Scotland of interested persons. If HQ offers training on the west coast, we might try to hold it here to minimize travel.

Candidate retreat may not have enough interest and may be open to current teachers. 6 teachers present indicated interest in partial attendance. Contact Bruce Her. if you are interested in attending for one day or for weekend. Date not set.

**New Business:**

**9. Tutor Training 2008 - to train tutors before next candidate class convenes [All]:**

This is different from HQ's offer. We can wait to hear, but need to begin planning now. Paula will contact Ron to see if he is still interested in conducting a workshop and what his availability would be. In November, contact Scotland to see if they are planning to come and solidify plans then.

**Other Business:**

**New Voting Members [Armin]**

Linda Henderson and Robert Sargent were welcomed as voting members of the TC, having received their full certificates.

**Pleasanton Games [Armin]**

John Taylor sent a letter after the games, thanking all for the support given him. He learned a lot about how it all works. Thanks to Bud and Witsie for straightening out the PDF issue. Please forward any comments to John.

He suggested a formal committee be formed to insure the planning and execution of all details for the Celtic Heritage cultural area. For many years, things have been happening by magic (especially the dressing area put up by Vern.) Larry is concerned about work crews not being covered by insurance. Susie offered to run the information booth and to store the signs, flyers, and table covers, as she has for a long time.

Suggestion: each person involved should write a job description of their activity.

Susie suggested she and Jonathan and Greg should offer to the Branch Committee to build a committee to organize Pleasanton. Alex suggested we send a heartfelt thank you and a small present (whiskey?) for his hard work in planning before and during the games.

Adjudicators Bruce Hamilton and Dwayne McQuilliams were wonderful to the children's groups and all groups, pitching their critique to be helpful and kind. Thanks very much.

Report on 'San Jose Stage' which was stolen after the games while parked near Bud's plant in Pittsburg. Police report was filed. There is no insurance on the stage itself. It is no longer available. Bud is thinking about a new design.

### **TAC Representative [Marianna]**

Report by Marianna who attended the AGM, but not the school in Waterloo, Ontario. She will provide a written report by October 15.

TAC Talk will be on the TAC forum online at TAC-RSCDS.org.

Summer School 2007 July 29-August 6, applications are out - sign up now. Teachers: Ron Wallace, Jean Noble, Eric Finlay. Facility is a private school in a rural setting with a swimming lake. Floors are good, nice residences are on hills. Fly to Vancouver, AGM in Vancouver, school on Vancouver Island, low humidity.

### **Dance Clarification [Bruce Hbd]**

Johnny Groat's House

New teaching points, 2C & 3C step down. Larry moved to teach JGH as written in the New Manual. (Larry, Marianna) passed 9-1-0.

Arthur's Seat

Bars 31-32 are a Petronella turn.

### **Date and location of next meetings**

Jan 20, 2007, Saturday - O'Brien's in San Francisco

April 15, 2007, Sunday - TBD (date was 04/14/06, moved due to Children's' Ball)

July 14, 2007, Saturday - TBD

### **Moved to adjourn**

(Paula, Bob). Unanimous vote.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Kathy Allen, recording secretary.

### **Amendments to the original file as discussed and approved 01/20/07:**

Page 2, line 32: "hear" was "here"; page 3, line 9: "whisky" was "whiskey"; page 3, line 23: "Bruce Hbd" was "Bruce Hdb".