

Call to order at 2:20 PM by Alan Twigg, acting chair.

Present:, Larry Wakeman, Marianna Harvey, Alex Harvey, Kathleen McAdam, Cathy Bertics, Linda Henderson, Sandra Fritts, Paula Jacobson, Susie Langdon Kass, Alan Twigg, Kathy Allen

Regrets: Armin Busse, Bruce Herbold, Patti Cobb, Sheena MacQueen, Ron Wallace, Gary Thomas, Bruce and Jo Hamilton, Lin Pettengill, Fred DeMarse, Bob McMurtry, Trina Merriman, Emily Evans, Tim Wilson, Tom Winter, Sandra Schultz, Sara Gratiot, Ellen Aaron, David Newitt, Pat O'Brien, Susan Mills, Kathy and Don Kennedy, Chris Berner.

Minutes of January 20, 2007 meeting approved. (Kathleen, Alex)

Minutes of July 21, 2007 meeting approved. (Marianna, Paula)

Party Program Committees:

December and January party programs are completed (Susie, Sandy Schultz, Bruce)

Valentine Ball program complete (Linda Henderson)

Progress on Old Records Proposal: Tim is still working on cataloging. This is tedious work and is going slowly.

Progress on Repertoire list: ready to list on web site, but suggestions, comments are still welcome.

Teachers' Examination Class: report by Alan:

8 candidates took the exam, 7 passed. Mary still needs to take written test.

The new process involves more paper work for homework and for filling out applications.

This time, we had only applicants for Units 4 & 5 because all candidates had previously passed the old preliminary exam which was equivalent to Units 1-2-3.

Please encourage any interested party to take the written exam when it is next offered (3x per year.)

The next exam tour will be in Spring 2009, so the next class would begin in Fall 2008 if we have candidates. All Units can be taken one at a time or combined in 1-2-3 and 4-5.

Comments in TAC TALK, June issue: mentors seem to be unclear on paperwork requirements for Unit 4. Candidates seem to be unprepared for the depth of book knowledge required and unprepared for the syllabus dances.

Tutor Training for Spring 2008:

Ron Wallace agreed enthusiastically to teach a tutor workshop.

Paula will ask who is interested in attending this workshop via the teachers reflector.

Scotland HQ had previously mentioned offering a tutor training if a branch was interested.

Craig Jackson at HQ is involved with exams – we should ask him what is currently planned.

Party Program Committees:

No action taken.

Fall 2007 Teachers' Workshop:

Organizers Fred DeMarse and Kathy Allen

Teacher – Fiona Grant. She is traveling on Saturday; we prefer Sunday before Asilomar (Oct. 28th), 1-5 or 2-6pm. Saturday October 27 is a ball review in Palo Alto but should not be a conflict. Kathy and Fred will look for hall, date, and musicians.

Ball Program Write-ups: Alan reported that he is inputting dance write-ups as they come up on programs. He is carefully using the same language in all descriptions.

Core Dances and how to include them in programs

Susie expressed concern that the new fee structure for Monthly Parties is not well known and should be clearly announced in classes and in the R&S. \$10 per member, \$15 per non-member. \$2 beginner coupons for Oct-Nov-Dec, extended for the rest of the dancing year if they become members of the branch. Please encourage all dancers to become members. The new fee structure is intended to make it more worthwhile to join the branch.

TAC Representative Report: Marianna

This year was TAC's 49th year. TAC summer school was held in Victoria.

Next year TAC will celebrate its 50th anniversary in Waterloo, Canada, with special events, around August 9.

AGM Notes on by-law and constitution changes are available from Marianna.

TAC-Sound will merge with TAC-Books to become TAC Store. Purchases will be available through Paypal, credit card, or "bill later" if you have done business with them in the past.

Area Representative Meeting Notes: subjects discussed included:

How to co-ordinate several teachers teaching one class. Many groups communicate by email.

Monthly party scheduling and planning in various areas.

Should TAC offer a teachers' class?

How to keep interest in a mixed-level class.

How to teach new dances.

Should TAC continue with area reps?

Please sign up for TAC FORUM. Maybe area reps will not be so important when TAC FORUM takes off.

Please promote TAC membership. Sign up now.

Other business:**Pleasanton Games Coordinating Committee (Susie)**

The committee met this year and was very useful. It should convene in May of next year, and follow up 2 weeks later.

John Taylor requested assigning a host for visiting adjudicators and possible spouses who don't know the area. Susie suggested appointing this host at the spring meeting, when the adjudicators are chosen.

Two core leaders are needed to organize each stage on Friday for set up and Sunday for take down. This person need not do all the work, just coordinate.

May-June R&S should have a sign-up list of volunteer jobs for the low stage, high stage, and tents.

The Teachers Committee was asked to suggest names for possible adjudicators. (Ann McBride from LA and Alan Twigg were adjudicators this year. Several teachers remarked that the comments to the teams were very positive and helpful.)

Future meetings:

January 19, 2008 Saturday – Marianna, Mt. View (Moved because of the ball previews)

April 19, 2008 Saturday – Pat O’Brien, South San Francisco

Item of Interest:

David Norman Harris died this summer. Two tunes and 1 dance attributed to him will be published in the next San Francisco book. He also designed a tartan for the RSCDS.

Stan Hamilton and Roy Goldring also passed away.

Assignment for next meeting:

Bring a suggestion for a good starter jig.

Please send regrets before the meeting (not with other attendees) so expected attendance can be ascertained.

Meeting adjourned at 4:35 pm (Paula, Larry)

Submitted by Kathy Allen

Fall 2007 Teachers’ Workshop

St. Mark’s Episcopal Church, 600 Colorado Ave, Palo Alto, CA

Set up 12 noon

Workshop 12:30 – 3:30

\$15 advanced reservation, \$20 at the door.

Budget:

Hall \$122.50

Custodian \$60

Musicians \$150

Teacher \$100

Refreshments \$45

Deposit (\$165)

Total \$477.50

Receipts expected 25 x \$15 = \$375

Teachers’ committee would like to use some of their \$400 yearly budget to offset this workshop.