



SAN FRANCISCO BRANCH. INC.

Minutes of the Teachers' Committee Meeting
Saturday, January 19, 2008
at Harveys', Mountain View

Call to order at 2:00 PM by Armin Busse, chair.

Present: Armin Busse, Bruce Herbold, Lin Pettengill, Coletta Hill, Marianna Harvey, Alex Harvey, Kathleen McAdam, Cathy Bertics, Linda Henderson, Sandra Schultz, Paula Jacobson, Susie Langdon Kass, Alan Twigg, Juliet Davoren, Kathy Allen.

Regrets: Ron Wallace, Gary Thomas, Jo Hamilton, Patti Cobb, Fred DeMarse, Trina Merriman, Tim Wilson, Gail Erwin, Lori Howard.

Old Business

1. Agenda

Read and approved.

2. Minutes of the previous meeting

Minutes of September 22, 2007 meeting approved. (Bruce Herbold, Paula)

3. Party program Committees

March - April party programs are completed (Paula, Patti, Fred, Bruce)

There was a request for the list of Monthly Party dances many months ahead of the date to allow arrangements of music sets. Discussion followed: all bands make up their own arrangements for dances, even though they have been on programs recently. This keeps the music fresh and "owned" by each music group. Bruce Herbold will contact Andy Imbrie to explain the system for planning dance lists and ask Andy to pass same along to the various music groups.

4. Progress on Old Records Proposal

Tim Wilson continues to build up the data base of the old record collection. This is tedious work and is going slowly.

Bruce Herbold will provide a list of Branch tapes of 45s and 78s to Armin to add to the Teachers' Page on the website. These could then be borrowed, given lead time.

5. Fall 2007 Teachers' Workshop

Organizers Fred DeMarse and Kathy Allen

Teacher – Fiona Grant

Musicians – John Taylor and Lyle Ramshaw

Full report attached.

6. Progress on Repertoire list

Work is finished and the list will be posted on the web site. (Bruce Herbold, Marianna)
Suggestions, comments are always welcome.

The list was updated to include newly popular dances, especially beginner dances, also locally devised dances which have become favorites, and old favorites which were not on the old list.

50% of monthly party programs should come from this list. Paula, Alan, Bruce Herbold worked on this project.

7. 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.

Questions discussed: How big a workshop should this be? Would we have people from out of town? How complete should the information be? Where else can this info be obtained?

New tutors should really shadow a working tutor and learn the process by experiencing the training from that point of view.

We thought that prospective tutors might come from the west coast – Southern California to Seattle or Vancouver area. One can learn this at TAC or St. Andrews Summer School, but nowhere else on the west coast.

Administration would be handled by a committee.

Skills taught by Ron would include how to teach new teachers.

An afternoon pre-workshop explaining the new 5 Units system would be good.

The workshop would be a weekend.

Motion: (Bruce Herbold, Paula) to solicit member for a sub-committee to pursue and develop a proposal to work with Ron on a tutor training workshop. Report due at next meeting. Motion carried. Paula and Coletta volunteered to be on this committee. Paula will send a separate mailing to the teachers to determine interest in this workshop.

Scotland HQ had previously mentioned offering a tutor training if a branch was interested, but we have heard nothing more about this.

8. Ball Program Write-ups Data base

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. Paula reported that the Asilomar dances were added to this list and every week more dances are added. Alan is using the write-ups from the last few years as a base pattern with consistent abbreviations and terms.

The purpose is to have a data base of dances commonly included on local Ball programs to facilitate production of the Ball booklets.

New Business:

9. Election of Officers

Chair – Armin Busse (Bruce, Paula)

Secretary – Kathy Allen (Coletta, Kathleen)

Monthly Party Continuity Person – Bruce Herbold (Sandra, Marianna)

All votes unanimous.

TAC Representative – Marianna Harvey

Meeting in Ontario '08, Vancouver '09

Branch pays half airfare and half the registration fee for the weekend.

'08 will be a big celebration for 50th anniversary.

Rep must have membership in TAC (can be obtained there.)

Election of TAC rep deferred to April meeting for '08 rep, till Sept for '09 rep.

Teachers' Committee – Branch Committee liaison

Nomination of new representative deferred to July meeting to see who is on the new board.

10. Ball Program Continuity Person

Motion: to continue the roll of Ball program continuity person and to make it a 2-year position. (Coletta, Bruce) passed unanimously.

Juliet agreed to continue in this position. She had many good suggestions in her report.

11. Party Program Committees

Kim McGarrity Ball – Due March 1 – Juliet, Coletta, Linda

Jean Patrick Mem. Ball – due Mar 15 – Juliet, Sandra Schultz, Marianna

Oct-Nov – due Aug 1 – Bruce, Sandra

Valentine Ball – due Aug 15 – Juliet, Alan, Paula

Dec-Jan – due Oct 1 – Bruce Herbold, Susie

Mar-Apr – due Dec 1 – Bruce, Armin

May-June – due Feb 1 – Bruce,

Filling of party committees was deferred until the April meeting. Suggestion was made to choose program committee members from hosting class for monthly party programs.

12. Teacher Trainer Selection:

Please contact Alan Twigg before April 19 if you know anyone interested in taking the training.

Solicit trainees in the R&S – Alan will write a blurb for this, deadline Feb. 1.

Next exam tour will be Spring '09.

13. Pleasanton Games Coordinating Committee (Susie)

John Taylor requested assigning a host for visiting adjudicators and possible spouses who don't know the area. Kathleen McAdam volunteered for this job..

The Teachers Committee was asked to suggest names for possible adjudicators.

Adjudicators receive free lunches, free room, and an honorarium.

We decided to choose a local person and have that person call to invite an out of town teacher to be the second judge. A list was compiled of suggested names.

14. Fall 2008 Teachers' Workshop Organizer:

Request was made for the workshop to avoid Sunday.

Kathy Allen volunteered to organize this event.

Other Business

Assignment for next meeting: Bring a suggestion for a good starter jig.

The Lady Wynd – Goldring good music, nice dance

Kathleen McAdam's Scroll – Tim Wilson

Jill's Gentle Jig – Tim Wilson in Dunsmuir book

Send other ideas to Kathy Allen to collect.

15. Courtesy

Kathleen reported that over the last few years courtesy in the general society has been decreasing. Visitors to our branch have mentioned that the level of courtesy in our branch classes and parties has been quite rude. Please don't interrupt the teacher or the MC if they make a mistake. Please offer questions or comments gently and thoughtfully – raise a hand, but don't just shout out corrections.

16. 40th Anniversary Book for Asilomar

Bruce Herbold is collecting dances, poems, artwork, whatever, to assemble these into a book to commemorate the 40th anniversary of our Asilomar workshop which will be celebrated in October 2008.

Please tell Bruce or Marianna if you have anything to submit.

17. Future meetings

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

Sunday, July 20, 2008 – Kathy Allen, west San Jose

Saturday, September 20 – Kathleen McAdam - Lafayette

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

Meeting adjourned at 5:20 pm (Coletta, Bruce)

Submitted by Kathy Allen