

Call to order at 2:15 PM by Armin Busse, chair.

Present: Armin Busse, Paula Jacobson, Alan Twigg, Juliet Davoren, Jim Passage, Kathy Allen.

Regrets: Ron Wallace, Gary Thomas, Jo Hamilton, Fred DeMarse, Trina Merriman, Tim Wilson, Gail Erwin, Susie Langdon Kass, Sara Gratiot, Ellen Aaron, Lin Pettengill, Emily Evans, Bruce Hamilton, David Newitt, Cathy Bertics, Kathleen McAdams, Julian Irias, , Rebecca Davis, Linda Henderson, Coletta Hill, David and Mary McQuillims, Lori Howard, Marianna and Alex Harvey, Bob McMurtry, Sandra Fritts, Sandee Schultz, Robert Sargent.

No quorum present.

Minutes of April 19, 2008 no changes requested.

Party Program Committees:

Jim Passage added to the Dec-Jan 09 program committee.

Party Program Committees:

Oct – Nov, due Aug 1 - Bruce Herbold, Sandee Schultz, Patti Cobb

Valentine Ball 2009, due Aug 15 - Juliet, Paula, Alan

Dec – Jan, due Oct 1 – BH, Susie, Jim Passage

Mar – Apr, due Dec 1 – BH, Armin, Alan

May – Jun, due Feb 1 – BH, Marianna, Paula, Kathy Allen

Regional Tutor Training:

We have had little feedback so far. Perhaps it should be put out on the teachers' reflector. If there is no interest here, it would be hard to promote and organize this to teachers from far away.

The Teacher Training system has changed dramatically and we need to teach to the new system, but most of the info is still the same, just packaged differently.

We could announce this to TAC TALK and Strathspey Server. We could also send directly to branches like Reno, Sacramento, Idaho, Portland, LA, San Diego, New Mexico, Colorado, Seattle, Vancouver, Bellingham to see if there is interest.

Paula Jacobsen will do more work on this.

Fall 2008 Teachers' Workshop:

Alex Gray will be the teacher.

October 25, 1-5 pm at St Mark's Episcopal Church in Palo Alto

Kathy—schedule musicians: ask Lyle first since Andy is playing for the Asilomar ball, and Lyle should choose a melody player.

Kathy—send out a “save the date” email to teacher’s reflector with deadline for sign-ups to be Sept 15, 2008.

Kathy-- may be on vacation just before the Workshop until October 9 or so, so she should find an asst. registrar who will receive money and ask for additional dancers, if needed.

Class teachers should be asked for recommendations for these extra dancers.

Teacher registration deadline Sept 15, then invite the other dancers.

Kathy—ask Lin to ask Alex Gray to discuss teaching ideas rather than improving our dancing abilities.

Kathy—call Lin to forward details to Alex Gray.

New Business:

Teacher Candidates for 2008-2009

No interest has been shown for a class for Units 2-3-5 this year.

Alan reported the opportunity to take Unit One exam on October 11, 2008. The test must be proctored.

Teachers--contact Alan if you know anyone interested in sitting the exam.

Application and fee must be submitted at least 6 weeks prior to exam date. Sample questions are on the web. Applicants must have been dancing 4 years, must be a branch member. Contact Alan at keltech@earthlink.net for information.

Next chance to take exam is February or May 09.

Unit 2 and 3 exams can be taken at TAC or St Andrews or during the Spring exam tour 2011, if a class is offered through our branch, fall 2010-spring 2011.

Notes from the Board:

Jim Passage reported on the new officers: chair Dotty Lieber, vice chair Jim Passage, Recording Secretary Tom Ward, Corresponding Secretary Donna Wiedenfeller, Treasurer Louise Brewer.

He reported that board activity is basically business as usual.

Kathy reported that discussion was held on encouraging attendance at Monthly Parties, Beginner and Children’s Ball. We lose money on most events due to increased hall costs.

Armin’s suggestion – consider a Monthly Party Season Ticket. Board will be informed of this suggestion.

Jim Passage will be the liaison between Board and TC, as he is the only teacher currently on the Board.

Old Record Collection:

Tim Wilson continues to catalog info from the old records into the data base he has created. He could use help at any time, if anyone is interested. It’s just tedious, not hard work.

Monthly Parties and Balls MC microphone practice:

Paula brought equipment for microphone practice. Those present practiced speaking directly into the mike in a comfortable and expressive speaking voice. We plan to repeat this training at/after the September Teachers' Committee meeting.

Other Business:

Suggestions 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

Jamba Jig by Bob McMurtry

Marian's Jig by Marianna Harvey for Marian Stroh

Spiers Bruce

New suggestions:

Collichur

Campbell's Frolic

Send other ideas to Kathy Allen to collect.

Future meetings:

September 20, 2008, Saturday – Kathleen McAdam - Lafayette

January 10, 2009, Saturday – Marianna Harvey (changed from Jan 3)

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Meeting Adjourned 4:10 PM

Submitted by Kathy Allen

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