

Minutes: Teachers' Committee Meeting, Sept. 20, 2008, Kathleen McAdam's House

Present: Kathleen McAdam, Susie Langdon Kass, Bruce Herbold, Cathy Bertics, Armin Busse, Patti Cobb

Regrets: Too many to note

Meeting Started sometime after 2 PM.

Noted that we do not have a quorum, so no motions or voting can occur.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting - No changes were requested.

OLD BUSINESS: Party Program Committee report: Bruce Herbold noted that Oct. & Nov. monthly party programs were in the R & S and the descriptions for non-RSCDS dances have been sent out. Also that Dec. & Jan. programs were done and would be posted by October 1 (on schedule).

Bruce noted that posting of non-RSCDS dance descriptions for monthly parties on the web site had not happened. Ensuing discussion yielded the agreement that it would be most preferable to have them both emailed out AND posted on the web site. Since all members would then have access, not just teachers, it was agreed that asking the web master to post them would be an appropriate request to come from the Branch Committee, if it was in agreement with the TC. Patti agreed to let Jim Passage know of the request, so he could bring it up at the next BC meeting.

Bruce also reported he had asked for and gotten feedback about putting dances such as The Eightsome Reel, Buchan Eightsome and Bonnie Ann onto monthly party programs. Feedback was strongly stated both positive and negative, about equally.

Tutor Training: No report submitted.

Fall 2008 Workshop: Teachers' workshop with Alex Grey scheduled for Oct. 25, music by Susan Worland Bentley & Lyle Ramshaw, teachers are encouraged to send in registration & \$ and to attend. Advanced dancers may be invited to fill out sets as needed. Kathy Allen has this well in hand.

NEW BUSINESS: BC Meeting: No report (no BC meeting held since last TC meeting).

TAC: Report attached from Marianna Harvey. Thanks, Marianna, for making this available to us.

TC Meeting Attendance & How Many Meetings Needed Per Year: Problem - Two meetings in a row now without even a quorum. Discussion about whether poor attendance might be due to too many meetings in a year. Or possibly due to lack of continuity stemming from too FEW meetings per year (suggested in a letter of concern from a teacher). Discussed what issues the TC needs to address, and when.

Put forth that 3 meetings per year could be adequate, suggested the following approx. dates, for stated reasons:

- 1) Late October before the workshop - (meeting 10 - 12, 12 - 1 eat lunch, 1 - 5 workshop), with expectation that more teachers would attend if the meeting were right before the workshop,
- 2) Jan/Feb (next set for Sat., Jan. 3, 2009) to elect officers & programming committees,
- 3) April/May. (April 18, 2009 was suggested, if this change is enacted - also noted 2009 Asilomar is Oct. 30 - Nov. 1, 2009, request Fred DeMarse put it in Branch Calendar, teacher selection will determine next workshop).

Armin agreed to write up a proposal to move to this schedule, will set up a time to discuss this on one side or the other of the workshop on Oct. 25.

Patti & Bruce agreed to create a survey of teachers to determine why attendance is poor & what might facilitate better attendance, to include: frequency of meetings (3 vs. 4 per year), day of meetings (Sat. vs. Sun.), location of mtg., etc. P & B agreed to have the survey ready by the Oct. 25 Workshop, and have results available for the Jan. 3 meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS: Suggestions for new "starter jigs". A Wee Nothing (Brunken), Coatesland, Off to Speyside, and Andrew & Gordon's Jig (Goldring).

Microphone Workshop postponed to another meeting.

Next Meeting - short discussion slated for Oct. 25, real meeting set for Sat., Jan. 3, 2009, place TBA.

Meeting Ended at 3:35 PM.