

Teachers Committee minutes

meeting on January 23, 2010
location – home of Lin Pettengill

Present: Armin Busse, Alan Twigg, Marianna and Alex Harvey, Paula Jacobson, Fred DeMarse, Linda Henderson, Kathleen McAdam, Bruce Hamilton, Rebecca Davis, Juliet Davoren, Kathy Allen. Laura Cooper, Bradley Hobbs.

Regrets: Jo Hamilton, Gail Erwin, Pat O'Brien, Bruce Herbold and Patti Cobb, Cathy Bertics, Susie Langdon-Kass, Ron Wallace, Gary Thomas, Chris Berner, Emily Evans, Sandra Schultz, Jennifer and John Kelly, Jim Passage, Robert Sargent, Trina Merriman, Tim Wilson, Ellen Aaron, Don MacQueen, Sara Gratiot.

Meeting called to order by Armin at 2:05 pm

Agenda - small additions under the business made

OLD BUSINESS

Approval of Minutes:

October 2009 (Bruce Hamilton, Fred DeMarse) passed.

Reports:

Monthly Party committees –

Mar-Apr 2010, deadline 12/01/09 Jennifer Kelly, Juliet Davoren, Alan Twigg.

May-June 2010, deadline 02/01/10 Bruce Herbold, Lin Pettengill, Patti Cobb.

All completed on schedule.

NEW BUSINESS

Elect Officers

Chair – Armin nominated by Bruce Hamilton, Fred DeMarse. Elected (11-0-1)

Secretary – Kathy Allen resigned. Juliet nominated by Alan Twigg, Paula Jacobson.

Juliet agreed to take minutes at the meetings which she attends. Elected (12-0-0)

Monthly Party Programming Continuity Person - Bruce Herbold nominated by Kathy Allen, Paula Jacobson) Elected (13-0-0)

Ball Programming Continuity Person – Paula Jacobson nominated by Alan Twigg, Fred DeMarse. Elected (12-0-0)

TAC Representative.

Marianna resigned. She gave a job description as follows:

Attend AGM at TAC, attend meeting of area representatives, distribute minutes to home teachers by email, every 2 months receive info from TAC about TAC activities and pass it on to home group.

The branch will pay 50% of AGM registration for weekend meeting, and 50% of lowest reasonable airfare. TAC gives representatives a discount to TAC Summer School the following week.

Paula offered to take the position. (Armin offered to be backup – if needed.) Paula was nominated by Bruce Hamilton, Rebecca. Elected (12-0-0)

Summer School was at Shawnigan Lake in 2009.

2010 TAC will be in Waterloo, near Toronto in early August.

TAC membership is down – please renew your membership by writing to

colliel@msn.com TAC membership offers a discount on books, music, teaching articles.

Sign up to get it electronically. The fee structure has changed. No rebate, but you get a reduction if you sign up for electronic TACtalk.

2010 TAC at Sir Wilfrid Laurier University in Waterloo, Ontario

Aug 6-8, Ball on Saturday night

Summer School Aug 8-15, 2010

2011 TAC at Bishop's University in Sherbrooke, Ontario.

Fall 2009 Teachers' Workshop

Discussion on possible 2010 Workshop, pro and con.

Please alert Armin about teachers of interest who might possibly teach a workshop.

Workshop organizer not appointed at this time and Committee not having a fixed date for a possible workshop for 2010 at this time. Time, Format, Location and Teacher all open to new ideas.

Selection of Party Program Committees

Kim McGarrity Memorial Ball 2010, deadline 3/01/10. Paula, Trina, Marianna (host)

Jean Patrick Memorial Ball 2010, deadline 3/15/10. Paula, Pat O'Brien, Kathy Allen (host).

Oct/Nov 2010, deadline 8/01/10, Bruce, Linda Henderson, Lin Pettengill.

Valentine's Ball 2011, deadline 8/15/10, Paula Jacobson, Sandra Schultz, Jennifer Kelly (host)

Dec 2010/Jan 2011, deadline 10/01/10, Bruce Herbold, Rebecca, Bruce Hamilton (host)

Mar/Apr 2011, deadline 12/01/10, Bruce, Juliet, Tim Wilson.

May/June 2011, deadline 2/01/11, Bruce, Alan, Patti Cobb.

Report from Branch Committee

In lieu of BC liaison, Kathy reported that the Valentine Ball committee is worried about attendance. Last year with 180 tickets sold, we lost money and the venue may need to be changed so the event breaks even. Please encourage your class dancers to attend the ball. Kathy also reported that the insurance premium went up 10% because branch events were not fully disclosed to the insurance company in the past. The retreats at Bishop's ranch are class activities and therefore should be covered even though the venue does not require a certificate of additional insurance. Please report all your events to the insurance chair.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Dance clarifications:

Garry Strathspey

Bar 4 no polite turns to those continuing, Bar 8 all get polite turns.

Bar 17-20 first couple dance nearer hands to the top and cast into first place.

Finish the reel with loops.

The Isle – second couple step up on bars 11-12.

Bar 9 – first woman finish reel facing out, but acknowledge partner before casting together!

Bar 32 – first woman gets a polite turn at end before starting again with the parallel reel.

Pinewoods Reel – Bar 31-32 Bruce Hamilton will check with J.B. Dickson. (He reports:

The scan Bruce Herbold sent to the TC mailing list is from the Yankee Sampler — the dance's original publication. Bruce also asked the Strathspey discussion list and got clear and definitive replies that the dance is currently being danced in New England as printed in the Yankee Sampler. Kent Smith adds a corroborating note:

John wrote his dances during the era where one was supposed to conveniently get to the bottom of the set at the end of one's final round, not at the beginning of the next round. You'll see in almost all of his directions that he offers a way for the first couple to finish out of the way when their turn is up.

I asked Jeanetta McColl, who reports the same thing (including the note that Kent added). She is certain that the dance has not undergone a change.

She adds that last summer was the 40th anniversary of the Pinewoods Reel being danced at Pinewoods. Jeanetta remembers the first one: John Bowie Dixon was teaching that year, and dedicated the dance to Lily Conant. Lily was sitting on the "house right" bench with her neighbors (camp was just a weekend then, and Lily and friends always came to the Saturday dance). A demo set showed the dance for her, then John taught everyone and they all did it. Who was John's partner in the demo set? Jeanetta! :-)

-Bruce Hamilton

Announcements

Bruce Hamilton reported that Earl Gaddis was diagnosed with prostate cancer, had surgery and is doing well. He has a blog with a guestbook at <http://www.caringbridge.org/visit/earlgaddis>
Bruce reports: anyone can read Earl's blog and the guest book. You have to create an account to write in the guest book.

Dancing Proficiency Exams

Fred reported that RSCDS is offering a new concept – dancing exams with certificates at levels 1,2 and 3. Discussion followed on whether our branch would be interested in hosting an exam. You can see info on the RSCDS Headquarters website and the Teachers' Page of SF website.

Web Page News - Armin reported that notes about additions to the pages and events show up at the top of the Teachers' Page. Coupons, fliers, notes, and other documents can be found in the document section (either scroll down or use the document link on the left side.)

Sir JM Barrie of Thrums

May 7 Event for Sir J M Barrie of Thrums, to be danced around the world on the same day.

Kathleen reported that Peter Pan was written by J.M. Barrie, a Scot born 150 years ago. Rob Sargent wrote the dance above and Colin Dewar recorded music for it on the Ruthven Collection Vol.1. The dance will be available on the Teachers' website. All classes are encouraged to teach and dance this dance on May 7. Since not all classes meet on Friday, please do so anytime during the week of May 7 on the grounds that in "Never Never Land" it will be May 7 somewhere.

Comment

Susie Langdon Kass noted that all teachers should be members of the branch. General discussion agreed.

Teaching supplies: Sara reported via Fred that:

Heavy duty CD boxes are available at Superjewelbox.com.

Teacher Training notes

We have several local dancers working toward certificates on their own and at TAC this Summer.

Unit one – 2 candidates

Unit 3 – at TAC

Unit 5 – at TAC

Next Meetings:

Saturday, May 8, 2010 – hosted by Pat O'Brien, South San Francisco

Saturday, Sept 18, 2010 hosted by Kathleen McAdam, Lafayette.

Meeting adjourned: 5:06 pm (Fred, Linda)

Special Topic was not presented due to Laptop equipment failure.

Respectfully submitted, Kathy Allen, Secretary.