



Teachers' Committee Minutes

Meeting

Saturday 18 January 2020
at the home of Kathy Allen, San Jose

Present

Alan Twigg, Armin Busse, Bradley Hobbs, Dilip Sequeira, Geoffrey Wood, Juliet Davoren, Kathy Allen, Laura Cooper, Lin Pettengill, Linda Henderson, Rachel Pusey, Sara Gratiot

Regrets

Kathy Jorgensen, Sandy Schultz, Fred DeMarse, Tim Wilson, Paula Jacobson

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 2:02 pm by Armin Busse, Chair.

Old Business

Change/accept minutes of previous meeting

Sara pointed out "often" => "more often" in the repertoire discussion.
Bradley proposed that they be accepted as amended, Alan seconded, approved (with correction) unanimously.

Report on Party Program Committees

Feb has not yet been done.

Elect New Officers

Chair: Armin Busse, elected unanimously

Secretary: Dilip Sequeira, elected unanimously

Monthly Party Coordinator: Bruce Herbold, elected unanimously

Ball Program Continuity: Paula Jacobson, elected unanimously

(It was brought up that this is the role that most benefits from turnover.)

TAC Coordinator: Trina Merriman, elected unanimously

Monthly Party Programs

Oct/Nov	Aug 1	Lin Pettengill, Bradley Hobbs
Dec/Jan	Oct 1	Fred DeMarse, Rachel Pusey
Valentine's	Aug 15	Alan Twhigg, Laura Cooper
March/April	Dec 1	Juliet Davoren, Sara Gratiot
May/June	Feb 1	Geoffrey Wood, Tim Wilson

Report from the Board

The Survey for tea dances went out, we'll continue with three for 2021: Dec, April, June

We're still working on the Jordan Hill Stage. The board has decided to borrow the Red Thistle floor to cover the stage surface rather than repair. The board plans to rent 4 five-ton screw jacks to support the main beams on the stage trailer. If they prove successful, we will consider purchasing jacks for future years.

With the success of the DAA, one member of the branch suggested we would benefit from an advanced technique class, running at most 1/month, perhaps quarterly. The board would like the TC to discuss, to determine the level of enthusiasm and whether there are teachers who would be able to teach.

TC response: There's a need that's not addressed entirely by the DAA, and can't be addressed in social classes. It would need to be a commitment (register & pay in advance) rather than a drop-in. Ideally e.g. a 6-week session, somewhere central. Motivated people are willing to travel.

R&S: the next edition will probably be the last one, as no-one is able to take it on. The board suggests that teachers ask in class to see if any members are interested.

The board has paid insurance, which takes up a large portion of the budget. It's important that the dancers in classes be members, both for funding, and because non-members are not automatically covered.

TC suggested that the board update the "why you should be a member" summary and think about how classes should display it.

Updating the web site: how should we refer to our classes? Beginner etc?

TC: ideas included Basic/Beginner/Fundamental vs social/mixed social/experienced social

Web Site Discussion

The group updating the web site has asked Armin if there is something that we should be doing to improve the teachers' web page. Armin will send out a survey.

Future Teachers' Workshops

Microphone workshop? No details yet.

Etiquette Discussion

Armin brought up the importance of reminding dancers about etiquette, as there were comments after Asilomar. Many well-known points were usefully revisited in discussion. The Envoy concept has been abandoned by the original proposer, but it would still be good to have badges saying "Ask Me", as the contra dancers do.

Next Teacher Candidates Course

Alan has not received any response. Ron contacted Armin to say he has one Unit 1/2/3 candidate and one Unit 5. Teachers should remind anyone intending to attend the course in Calgary to contact Linda Mae Dennis ASAP. Rachel will put a few sentences to send out to all class managers.

Special Topics for Future Meetings

Kathy Clark would like to teach people how to do stretches and warmups. She would be willing to talk at a teachers' meeting but would need more information. We should approach her.

A Discussion on encouraging our dances to be members, and encouraging our members to be volunteers.

New Business

New DAA Intermediate Course

Fully booked, starting next weekend!

If there is sufficient enthusiasm there'll be more classes.

New Starter Jig

Miss Nora Kindness (R32, Dale Birdsall, A Cup of Kindness)

Get your shoes on Faster (Alan tried this in MV, was not a big success)

Date & Location for the next meeting.

May 9th at Trina's in SF.

Adjourn

Meeting Adjourned at 4:00pm

Humbly Submitted,
Dilip Sequeira
Recording Secretary