



Teachers' Committee Minutes (first draft)

Meeting

January 15th 2022, Zoom

Present

Alan Twigg, Armin Busse, Bradley Hobbs, Dilip Sequeira, Fred DeMarse, Geoffrey Wood, Juliet Davoren, Kathy Allen, Kathy Jorgensen, Lin Pettengill, Linda Henderson, Lori Howard, Paula Jacobson, Paula Yu Pan, Rachel Pusey, Sandy Schultz, Sara Gratiot, Tom Ward

Apologies: Bruce Herbold, Don MacQueen, Patricia O'Brien, Patti Cobb

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 pm by Armin Busse, Chair.

Announcements

We have a new teacher in the branch, Paula Yu Pan - welcome!

Old Business

Change/accept minutes of previous meeting

(some discussion of removing empty space on section boundaries from the minutes, requested by Bradley. Only Armin supported the request.)

Alan proposed to accept, Paula seconded - 13 in favor; 1 against.

New Business

Board Report (Tom)

The board has struggled with whether to impose vaccination requirements on the classes. At a vote in November, there was some doubt about whether people had had sufficient opportunity to engage with the process. The vote was repeated in January, with discussion open to all interested. The decision was ratified: **in all classes, participants must be masked and vaccinated for the safety of the dancers.** A booster is not currently required - if the guidance from the state changes, the board will revisit.

Geoffrey asked what the process would be for lifting the requirements, and expressed a concern that there might not be sufficient notice. Tom indicated that the board will revisit this directive every month and will endeavor to communicate changes clearly, but pointed out that the situation is changing fast.

Juliet asked about childrens' classes, where the vaccination situation is different. The board will be handling exceptions such as beginners' or childrens' classes on a case by case basis.

Bradley is tracking active classes, and posts the list in the Reel and Strathspeyper. The current list is appended to the minutes, but may already be out of date.

The Board will meet on February 5th to decide whether to proceed with the Valentine's Ball.

TAC Report (Trina)

Registration for Summer School, in Calgary, will begin in Early March!

All teachers, please remind their classes that Summer School is not just for teachers, but for dancers of all levels.

Election of TAC Representative: Armin proposed Trina, Paula seconded, elected unanimously.

Election of Officers

Chair: Alan nominated Armin, Fred seconded. Elected unanimously.

Secretary: Your ob't (if occasionally argumentative) sec is leaving the Bay Area. No nominations at the meeting, so **we are seeking nominations from among the wider community of teachers.** Armin mentioned that he's investigating hybrid meetings, which would enable the secretary to participate remotely.

Monthly Party Continuity: Bradley nominated Bruce Herbold, conditional on his being willing to continue, Armin seconded. Elected unanimously. Armin will check with Bruce.

Ball Programming Continuity: Juliet nominated Geoffrey, Lin seconded. Elected unanimously.

Monthly Parties

We have many programs created, but due to shifting requirements we may need to create new ones. Armin will put it on the agenda for the next meeting.

Ideas for Teachers' Workshops

Maybe an online workshop - helpful tools for Zoom etc?

New Starter Jig

Kathy suggested "Rachel's Bakery" by Trudi Roughgarden.

Other Business

CTI Program

Alan talked about a new program from HQ - "Core Training for Instructors". Instructors are people who teach, but for some reason are unable to go through the standard training process - e.g. those in remote locations, or those who can teach but may have issues with Unit 2. It's usually 1-1 training in person or over Zoom. The process is quite flexible, designed to run over at most two years (but may be much less). While there's no exam, the trainee submits footage of their teaching, and on successful completion of the program will gain a certificate that enables them to teach within the structure of the RSCDS.

If anyone is interested in becoming a trainer, or knows of anyone who would benefit from the training, please contact Alan.

Date & Location for the next meeting

For 2022 the proposed schedule is May 14th, September 17th. Dates for 2023 are available on the teachers' [web site](#). Please let Armin know of any potential conflicts.

Adjourn

Alan Proposed, Bradley Seconded, unanimously adjourned at 3:34 pm.

Ever so 'umbly submitted
Dilip Sequeira
Recording Secretary

Your Quick Access Guide to
SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE CLASSES IN NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

which are actually meeting

Berkeley Youth Classes

FRIDAYS: Christ Church 2138 Cedar, Berkeley
Mary McQuilliams 415-716-7999 boldmary@aol.com

Lafayette Class (in Danville)

THURSDAYS: **Beginners & Intermediates:**
8pm; Danville Grange, 743 Diablo Road,
Danville. Contact Monica van Eck,
monica.van.eck@gmail.com. Teachers:
Eugene Bissell, Linda Henderson, Don MacQueen

Livermore

MONDAYS: **Intermediates:** 8pm; Veterans Hall,
522 South L Street. Margaret Ward
925-449-5932.

Proof of vaccination and masks are required
while inside. Outside breaks between dances.
Open to vaccinated and masked experienced
dancers.

Monterey

MONDAYS: **Social:** 7:00-9:00pm; **Beginners:** first
hour. Monterey Moose Lodge #876
555 Canyon Del Rey Blvd., Del Rey Oaks
Kathy Jorgensen, Manager, 831-663-3227.
Proof of vaccination (card or smart phone)
and masks required. Bring your own water.
Open to Monterey dancers, Branch dancers
and new dancers.

Mountain View

WEDNESDAYS: 7:45pm. Mountain View Sports
Pavilion,
1185 Castro St.
info@mtview-rscds.org

Proof of vaccination is required and can be sent to
the Class Manager, Jewel Murphy
(jewelmurphy@yahoo.com) and/or brought to
class for registration. The venue requires that
masks be worn by all attendees.
Open to current Class members, pre-registration
appreciated.

San Jose

MONDAYS: 7:15pm; **Beginners / Experienced:**
American Legion Hall, 1504 Minnesota Ave.
SparkyGregory408-257-2294.
sanjosescd@gmail.com

Everyone must show their vaccination card, or
a photocopy or digital copy of their card to a
class manager (Sparky Gregory or Jamie
Tanner) the first time they attend class. Your
name will be added to a list so that you do not
need to show your card again.

Everyone will need to sign in with an email or
phone number at each class for contact
tracing. Per Santa Clara County guidelines,
masks will be required. Food or water will not
be available, so please bring your own water
bottle and snacks. Multiple hand sanitizer
stations will be set up in the hall.

Santa Cruz

THURSDAYS: **General Class:** 7:15 pm.
Peace United Church of Christ, 900 High
Street, Fellowship Hall
(parking & entrance on upper level).
Charlie and Helena Dixon 831-426-3689.
Verification of vaccination and masks
required. Open to all Branch area dancers.
No beginners, yet.

Santa Rosa

MONDAYS: **Basic (Beginner & All Levels):** 7pm.
Experienced: 8:30pm.

Monroe Hall, 1400 West College Avenue.
Sharon Stewart 415-257-6322.
Teachers: Gary Thomas, Ron Wallace.
Verification of vaccination and masks
required. Open to all Branch area dancers.

SATURDAYS: **Challenge Class** (with permission):
2x/month. Contact Gary Thomas
707-235-5423.
Verification of vaccination and masks

required.

SACRAMENTO BRANCH CLASSES
Sacramento

FRIDAYS: **Beginners / Experienced:** 7:00pm.
YLI Clubhouse, 1400 27th Street.
Martha McCorkell, 16-362-8813.
Teachers: Lynne Bertolino, Jeff Corrigan,
Patsy Corrigan, Peggy Hamilton, Sandra Kesler.
Verification of vaccination and masks
required.

BEGINNERS WELCOME ANYTIME.

