

MIDNIGHT SQUARES
CLUB MEETING, 21 September 2003
Minutes

In attendance: Larry Queen, Don Queen, Arthur Morris, Richard Tuck (SF), Neale Grasham, Jeff Hamilton, Steve Anderson, Fen Tamanaha, Steve Stone, Tom Johnson, Lily Hickman, Judith Stevenson, Mary Jane Wood, John Hodgkin, Tom Steele, Ari Cruse, Dan Sherman, Ed Egenias, Ken Sale.

1. Treasurer's Report. Don Queen reported on behalf of Pat Smith. Don will be the new treasurer; Pat will transfer Treasurer's documents to Don after Pat returns to town after 25 September. Signatories on the accounts of Midnight Squares are authorized to be: Don Queen, Fen Tamanaha, Pat Smith and Lily Gee Hickman.
2. Membership. No report
3. Administrative Items. Larry Queen reported that there is a need to replace the die for club badges; that there is need to get the new die to Craig at Badge Makers and that the new cost will be \$6. Larry will find out what kind of medium is required for the new artwork for the die. The club agreed that the new charge for badges will be \$7 to cover all costs. Books for the Advanced class will not be ordered until the class meets
4. Club Communications. Although there was nothing to report, we discussed the website and the need to update Ed Ziegler of the details of dances so that those details can be posted on the website. Ken Sale volunteered to be the backup to Ed for those times when Ed is unavailable to make the necessary changes to the website..
5. Upcoming Dances.
 - a. Discussion of the 13 Sept dance helped the club to remember to do thorough promotion. There was some questioning about whether the Plus/A dance is effective as a recruiting tool. The club remembered that it is important to maintain strong liaisons with the Mainstream/Plus clubs.
 - b. 16 November: dance is 2-5pm. (A1 class will be dark). At the SF Friends School. Mike Kellogg Caller. \$8/10. Pat Smith and John Hodgkin will be coordinators. Neale Grasham is doing the fliers.
 - c. Kris Jensen will call in January the weekend before the Mac Convention.
 - d. April 24-25 will be a Sandra Bryant weekend, jointly arranged with the El Camino Reelers. 24 April will be at ECR for A2 and class-level A; 25 April will be at MS for C1 and C2. (Venue: SF Friends)
 - e. There will be a small graduation dance in May (venue: SF Friends)
 - f. September will be a dance with Anne Uebalacker, to coincide with the PACE weekend. Arthur should request Ebenezer Church's hall for this dance.
 - g. November 2004: no arrangements yet.
 - h. For the 16 November dance with Mike Kellogg, coordinators will be John Hodgkin and Pat Smith. .
6. Fall Classes:
 - a. Advanced will start October 12; 2-4 pm. Class Coordinator to be determined.

- b. In answer to the question asked about minors in classes, the club reaffirmed that: Midnight Squares is an adult club for people 18 years or older. However, those under 18 may attend club dances if they are proficient dancers at the level of the dance and are accompanied by a parent or guardian..
 - c. C1 class. Lily Hickman reported on the options for the club to locate a site for the C1 class. After careful discussion, club decided to locate the C1 class at First United Methodist Church in Redwood City (rent to be \$50/hour.) Andy Shore will be the teacher. In addition:
 - i. There will be no discount for those retaking the class.
 - ii. The class members will be asked to join the club, but it will not be required
 - iii. The club will be prepared to subsidize the class up to \$1250.
 - iv. The fee will be \$150. The class will be advertised at requiring 14 members to make. If fewer than 14 sign up there will be a discussion among those interested to determine whether those people want to cover the difference.
 - v. The class will be starting in late October or early November.
 - vi. The club will be responsible for promotion of the class.
 - d. C2 Class. Top Cats will be having a C2 class on the Peninsula. Interest is being sought. The class is expected to be on Monday nights for 2-½ hours. The club decided to encourage the Top Cats class and Midnight Squares will not have its own C2 class this year.
 - e. Class guidelines: Criteria will be included in the announcements for all MS classes.
 - f. The last minutes did not go out, but will be distributed at the same time as the minutes from today's meeting.
7. Club dancing.
- a. Wednesday nights. We will be losing the Eureka Valley Recreation Center location for Wednesday dancing due to renovation. Don Queen will work with Western Star Dancers to try to secure an alternative location through the San Francisco Parks and Recreation Department.
 - b. Ari will follow up with the San Francisco Parks and Recreation Department to determine the availability of the Glen Park Rec Center.
 - c. Richard Tuck has arranged for Sundays and Thursdays callers for club nights through December. ... so that there will be some dancing offered every Sunday following the 2-4 classes.

8. UPCOMING CLUB MEETINGS

- a. November 4, 4:00, after the A Class.

Respectfully submitted,

Arthur Morris
Your faithful secretary