

MIDNIGHT SQUARES
CLUB MEETING, 24 October 2004
Minutes

In attendance: Jeff Hamilton, Arthur Morris, Don Queen, Gary Young, Mary Jane Wood, Rick Perna, Pat Smith, Steve Stone, Larry Queen, Randy Hicks, John Hodgkin, Lily Gee Hickman, Judith Stevenson, Ed Zeigler, Richard Tuck (SF), Sheldon Sperber, Tom Johnson, Gary Dougan, Steve Scott (SF), Joe Iser, Peggy Shumway, Jeff Stiarwalt, Harlan Kerr,

1. Treasurer's Report: on file in the club locker. Presented by Don Queen.
 - a. Convention: Discussion was had, proposing to have a club hospitality suite at the Santa Clara Convention. After thoughtful discussion, further action was postponed to the next meeting.
 - b. Peggy asks that the club consider increasing the pay for instructors. This will be discussed at the next club meeting (which is December 12, at 2:30).
2. Renewals: It was agreed to hold club dues to \$30. Woody will work on getting the renewals out by mid-November, she would like the new membership person to be designated to learn the process. There were no changes to the renewal form. Don Queen will help with stuffing. Expectation is that the renewals would be due by the end of 2004.
3. Administrative Items:
 - a. It was reported that Richard Rockwell ordered the appropriate level Ceder Chests for all the classes.
 - b. The club agreed to participate in the California Dance Network database. Jeff Hamilton will follow-up with them and with Ceder.net
 - c. Tape Machine. The club decided to forego repairs on the tape machine and to buy a new one. Richard Tuck proposed a simple Sony model and Pat Smith will buy a new one like it when she returns from vacation.
4. Club communications:
 - a. Ed Zeigler has set up the email list for the A and C1 classes. Anyone who desires to be added to the email list should contact Ed.
5. Club Liaisons:
 - a. Foggy City: They have new officers; 2005 dances are scheduled and on the website. Nov 6, 2004 is the anniversary dance with Mike DeSisto at Ebenezer.
 - b. Western Star: It has new board members, Steve Scott is the administrator. The new mainstream class begins on October 25 (Rich Reel teaching)
 - c. Diablo Dancers: class is underway; Relay the Reindeer is scheduled for the first Saturday in December.
 - d. ECR: New class has 28 members; club dance on Nov 13 at St Andrews.
 - e. PACE: Ett McAtee is scheduled for November; and the dances for Jan, Feb, March, and May, 2005 are scheduled and on the website.

- f. Top Cats: Monday Dancing: C3A 7-8p; C2 8-10p. They propose a jointly-sponsored dance on Friday nights. The club agrees to co-sponsor.
 - g. Oakland club: (as yet unnamed) is meeting at the Montclair Women's Club (reported to be a very nice space) with three squares (2 of which are students, taught by Peggy Shumway).
 - h. IAGSDC: Gary reported that the minutes and his notes from the Delegates meeting will be sent to Ed to be posted on the website.
6. A&C Fly-ins:
- a. 2004 A&C: no report; people had a good time.
 - b. 2008 A&C Fly-in: Michael Levy and Gary Dougan are co-coordinators. No report presented. Don Queen suggested use of the Regency on Van Ness Ave because it is reported to have four wood-floored ballrooms.
7. Upcoming Dances:
- a. 11 Sept: Plus/Advanced Dance. There was thoughtful discussion about whether this type of dance is a good recruiting tool. The discussion was in light of the poor attendance, particularly of Plus dancers, and the resulting cash loss. It was noted that this is the third year that there was a question of the effectiveness of the dance for recruiting. Further discussion was postponed.
 - b. 21 November 2004 dance: Bill Eyler calling; coordinators: John Hodgkin, Steve Anderson. 3-6p
 - c. 16 Jan 2005: Kris Jensen Calling; Lily Hickman and Judith Stevenson coordinating. A and C3A will be dark. Dance will be 3-6p.
 - d. 6 March: Sandra Bryant
 - e. April (undetermined yet whether it will be 17 or 24 April) Rob French...date needs to be coordinated with FCD and around Easter.
 - f. June 4: Todd Fellego (graduation dance).
 - g. September: Anne Uebelacker (PACE Weekend)
 - h. November: to be arranged.
 - i. All of the 2005 dances are being arranged by Gary Dougan with callers for a 4-hour block to allow the club flexibility with the levels to be called.
8. Club Dancing:
- a. Richard Tuck (SF) reports the balance of 2004 is scheduled and is on the club website.
 - b. Alternate dance sites: Judith reported that there are not a lot of options currently and that she would not be able to spend more time on looking. Joe Iser reported on the work he has done with the San Francisco Friends School (SFS) to continue to dance in the basement when the School takes over control of the basement in June, 2005. The club consensus is to wait it out and to stay at SFS. In the interim we'll continue on Wednesdays sharing the Mission Playground site with Western Star.
 - c. **Next Club Meeting: December 12, 2:30-3:30**
9. Fall Classes
- a. Class coordinators (and books):
 - i. Advanced: 10 members (with 6 re-takes).

- ii. C1: 15 members (5-6 are new)
- iii. C3A: 2 squares last week.

10. New Business:

- a. Banner Dance: It was agreed that one of our spring dances will be an IAGSDC Banner Dance. Details to be determined later, and coordinated by Gary Dougan.

11. There was no further business and as the result the club meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted

Arthur Morris
Your faithful Secretary