

MIDNIGHT SQUARES
CLUB MEETING, 12 December 2004
Minutes

In attendance: Jeff Hamilton, Don Queen, Gary Young, Mary Jane Wood, Pat Smith, Steve Stone, Larry Queen, Randy Hicks, Ed Zeigler, Richard Tuck (SF), Gary Dougan, Joe Iser, Fen Tamanaha, Neale Grasham, Richard Gale, Rick Collins, Jim Jones, Richard Rockwell, Bill Nettle, Jim Gladfelter, Bill Chiat, Eleanor Elliott, Howard Neckel

1. Minutes: The person our secretary Arthur Morris arranged to take his place in taking minutes for the meeting did not show up. There were no volunteers to take the minutes, so Jeff Hamilton said he would do so in addition to running the meeting.
2. Treasurer's Report: on file in the club locker. Presented by Don Queen. Club is doing well financially. Income from membership is continuing to come in. Class instructors have not received any payments yet.
3. Membership renewals/Database:
 - a. Renewals were mailed out last week (thank you Don and Woody), and are starting to come back in. It was noted that if someone did not receive a renewal notice it is because their membership was either included in their Advanced class dues, or were paid for at the same time as they paid for the C1 or C3A classes.
 - b. Mary Jane Wood (Woody) indicated that she will be meeting shortly with Judith Stevenson to turn over the database.
4. Administrative Items:
 - a. Discussion on purchasing a new tape machine and about our tape library was tabled until the next meeting.
5. Club communications:
 - a. Ed Zeigler may do some revisions to the website.
6. Club Liaisons:
 - a. Foggy City: No report.
 - b. Western Star: No report.
 - c. Diablo Dancers: Relay the Reindeer dance went well.
 - d. ECR: No report.
 - e. PACE: January and February weekend schedules are being adjusted as a trial to see if further revisions are in order. For example, C3 will be on Saturday afternoon and 2 sessions of C3A will be on Sunday.
 - f. Top Cats: Club is thinking of possibly holding a C3A class next year.
 - g. New Oakland Basic/Mainstream club: No report.
7. 2008 San Francisco A&C Fly-in:
 - a. No report.
8. Upcoming Dances:
 - a. 21 November 2004 dance with Bill Eyer: Dance had about 50 attendees, with poor turnout from the East Bay and South Bay. After the dance, Bill emailed Gary and noted how attendance fell way off towards the end of the dance. This prompted further discussion.
 - b. Discussion was held regarding how attendance at our dances always drop off, with few people sticking around until the end. It was thought that incentives

(such as a raffle at the end of the dance) would not work to keep people in attendance. It was thought that maybe the dances were too long, went too late on Sundays, had too many levels, etc. It was noted that the club should continue working towards not having a split mentality between the levels, as has happened with other area upper level clubs. However, it was agreed that more “pizza” dances should be held (i.e., A2/C1 2-hour dance, break, C2/C3A 2-hour dance). Dances with fewer levels covered should also be offered. Based on this discussion, details of the many of the remaining 2005 dances were hammered out.

- c. 1/9/05 (changed from 1/16/04 after the meeting - after consulting with Kris and several club members) Member Appreciation Dance with Kris Jensen: 2:30-5:30; A1 (Kris will be told of the several A1 calls the class will not have been taught), A2, Full C1, with one C2 star tip and one class-level C3A star tip called by Harlan; C1 class will meet before dance from 1-2:30, A and C3A classes will be dark; Friends School; Members who have renewed free and Nonmembers/nonrenewing members \$8; Coordinators Lily Hickman and Judith Stevenson.
 - d. 3/6/05 Winter Dance with Sandra Bryant: 1:00-3:00 A1/A2/C1; 3:00-3:30 Pizza; 3:30-5:30 C2/C3A; all classes dark; Friends School; Members \$8 and Nonmembers \$10; Coordinator Gary Young.
 - e. 4/24/05 Spring Dance with Rob French: 4:00-6:00; C2/C3A; A2 class 1-2:30, C1 class 2:30-4, C3A class dark; Friends School; Members \$8 and Nonmembers \$10; Coordinator Fen Tamanaha; this will be our Banner Dance for the IAGSDC.
 - f. Discussion of a possible May Dance with Anne Uebelacker calling A2/C1 was partially held and then tabled. It was pointed out that the last time we added a dance like this, the club ended up having larger expenses than was originally agreed upon.
 - g. 6/5/04 A2/C1/C3A Graduation Dance with Todd Fellegly: 1:00-3:00 A2/C1; 3:00-3:30 Pizza & Cake; 3:30-5:30 C2/C3A; all classes dark; Friends School; Class Members free, Club Members \$8, Nonmembers. \$10, One charge for all day; Coordinator Randy Hicks with assistance from other class coordinators/instructors.
 - h. 9/10/05 (Saturday evening) Annual Anne Dance with Anne Uebelacker: Discussion was tabled in regards to levels, location, etc. Coordinator will be Richard Rockwell.
 - i. Fall Dance: Gary and his dance committee will most likely work with FCD (11/6), ECR (11/13), or DD (12/4) to share a caller. Our experience with Sacramento for the Nov 2004 dance was not entirely smooth.
 - j. Gary will continue working on getting contracts signed, with copies provided to the individual dance coordinators and club treasurer. Jeff will ensure Tom Steele has the above information to put on the Bay Area Dance Calendar. Neale Grasham will get the January flyers out. Jeff will work with Judith and Lily on the dance checklist for the January dance.
9. Club Dancing:
- a. No report. It was reconfirmed that minors are welcome at our club and large dances. (Classes are still reserved only for adults.)

- b. Next Club Meeting: 2/13/05, 2:30-3:30 (A2 class 1-2:30, C1 class 3:30-5, C3A class 5-6:30).**
10. Fall Classes
- a. Advanced: On schedule. Class should be only 3 calls short of A1 by the time of the Member Appreciation Dance on 1/16/05.
 - b. C1: No report.
 - c. C3A: No report.

11. New Business: None

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

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff Hamilton

Filling in for your faithful Secretary