

Minutes
Midnight Squares Club Meeting
2/13/2005

In attendance: Jeff Hamilton, Mary Jane Wood, Howard Neckel, Ken Sale, Gary Young, Steve Zink, Tom Johnson, Ed Egenias, Tom Maher, Michael Levy, Larry Queen, Lily Gee Hickman, Richard Rockwell, Neale Grasham, Richard Tuck, Neil Heather, Jim Jones, Luise Linney, Fen Tamanaha, Rick Perna, Don Queen, Peggy Shumway, Steve Stone, Steve Anderson, Harlan Kerr

1. Minutes from last meeting – No changes were made to the previous meeting’s minutes.
2. Treasurer’s Report – Don Queen reported that, since the last meeting, revenues totaled \$1,995.87, expenses totaled \$1,487.81, with a gain of \$508.06. The complete treasurer’s report is available in the locker. The question was asked as to whether the size of the check balance was unusually high. Don reported that this time of year when the fees from the classes have been collected and the membership renewal drive is going on the revenue tends to inflate the balance. However, expenses during the year when not much in the way of revenue is coming in will decrease the balance significantly.
3. Membership Renewal, Database, Roster, etc. – The second mailing of the renewal forms has gone out. The report from Judith Stevenson as to the current membership numbers appeared to be incorrect. Mary Jane Wood will meet with Judith Stevenson to make sure that the report is being run correctly. The responsibility for the database has just recently been turned over to Judith, and she is not yet completely trained on the use of the database.
4. Administrative Items:
 - a. It was unclear as to whether badges had been given to the new A class members. Richard Rockwell reported he had purchased them and he will follow up with Randy Hicks as to when the students will be given their badges.
 - b. Tape machine – There was discussion as to whether we should replace our broken tape machine with a new one. It was decided, given the changing nature of the technology (the move to MP3’s, etc.) that we would not buy a new machine at this time. This issue can be looked at this again in the future if it becomes apparent that we need the capacity to play tapes or their equivalent.
5. Club Communications – Richard Tuck stated that he liked the format of the new calendar of club activities posted on our web site.
6. Friends School – Joe Iser continues to communicate with the woman who runs the Friends School with regard to our continuing to use the space after the Senior Center moves out and the school takes over control of the entire building. There has been a

rumor that there will be a major renovation of the space beginning in June. Joe will follow up on this. It was suggested that we might want to establish a committee to begin looking for other space if we need to change locations. However, it was decided to wait until we have more information from Joe.

7. Club Liaisons:

- a. FCD – great dance last night; Spring dance on April 16 with Anne Uebelacker. At that dance there will be a silent auction. Items to auction off would be appreciated. They are about to graduate their mainstream class on the 22nd of February; intro to Plus two weeks later and then the new plus class will be co-taught by Harlan Kerr and Neil Heather.
- b. WSD – Nothing to report
- c. Diablo Dancers – There is a dance on March 12 called by Gina Darcy.
- d. ECR – Mainstream class will finish first Wednesday of March and they will start Plus on March 16. Harlan mentioned that some of the students from both ECR and FCD that attended the FCD dance last night commented that they had difficulty because the more experienced dancers were not setting their formations. Harlan encouraged the experienced dancers to pay attention to this.
- e. Oaktown 8s – Their first dance will be April 2 with Darren Galina calling. Their Mainstream class will graduate on March 12, then they will go into Plus.
- f. PACE – Ben Rubright will be calling next weekend. Vic Cedar weekend set but not the location. Peggy mentioned that PACE may have a problem with space after June because La Cheim school may not be available.
- g. Top Cats – They have two to three squares of C2 dancing on Monday evenings.

8. 2008 A/C Fly-in – Michael Levy reported he has been in communication with previous A/C Fly-in organizers to get information about space requirements, etc. He asked for feedback on the following list of possible callers and for the names of any other callers we might want to consider. He mentioned Anne Uebelacker, Sandra Bryant, Dave Wilson and Vic Ceder. Questions were raised about Dave Wilson and the names of Mike Jacobs, Barry Clasper and Ben Rubright were mentioned as possible callers for the fly-in.

9. Classes – A and C1 are on schedule. C3A should be able to go the PACE weekend with Barry Clasper. Harlan Kerr encouraged that any caller scheduled to call a dance should at least be able to call through C3A.

10. Upcoming Dances

- a. Membership appreciation dance went well but the A class members did not attend. There was a question as to whether there was a breakdown in communication or if it was just coincidental that the class members were not able to attend for various reasons. Based on the feedback from class members who were at the meeting, it appeared to just be a coincidental, one-time circumstance. The dance made money and people seemed to enjoy Kris Jensen's calling.

- b. Winter Dance – Next dance is with Sandra Bryant the first Sunday in March (she will be calling a benefit dance for Michael Levy's 40th birthday the night before at Ebenezer Lutheran Church). Harlan will talk to Sandie with regard to whether she can call some tips at class level. Gary Young is the coordinator of the dance and will go over the dance checklist with Jeff after the meeting.
 - c. Rob French dance – April 24. C3A people will be done with their class. The dance is a C2-C3A dance.
 - d. June graduation dance with Todd Felleggy
 - e. Anne Uebelacker dance in September – Apparently there is a conflict with this dance and the Foggy City Dance with Tony Oxendine scheduled on the same night. There was discussion as to how it happened that the two dances were scheduled for the same time. The importance of getting dances onto the Bay Area Dance Calendar in a timely manner was stressed to avoid such conflicts in the future. Then, the suggestion was made that we might want to have a joint dance with two halls. It was then suggested that a small group work on this. It was agreed that we have time to work this out between ourselves and Foggy City.
 - f. The November dance is up in the air at the moment.
11. Club Dancing – Thursday dancing is going well. Wednesday is poorly attended. It was agreed that the location for Wednesday is terrible, but for now we need to stick it out to avoid losing the dance space at EVRC when it reopens. It was mentioned that both Western Stars and Foggy City are looking at changing their club nights (and WSD could change the venue where they dance since they've moved their class night from Monday to Thursday). If that were to happen it might be possible for us to take over all of the Thursday nights at the school, with A2/C1 club nights alternating with C2/C3A club nights. This will be discussed later when we have a better sense of what is happening with the school space. There are no dark dates in the near future. It was agreed that we would still dance on Easter as we have in the past.
12. The next meeting will be April 3, 2:30 to 3:30. A2 class from 1-2:30, C1 Class 3:30-5, C3A class 5-6:30.
13. New business – Peggy Shumway asked that the issue of callers' salaries be placed on the next meeting's agenda.