

Midnight Squares
Club Meeting, Minutes
28 January 2007

	Members Present	Jeff Hamilton, Arthur Morris, Fen Tamanaha, Don Queen, Richard Rockwell, Steve Stone, John Kenny, Allan Hurst, Tom Johnson, Lily Gee Hickman, Richard Tuck (SF), Susan Gregory, Tom Steele, Howard Neckel, Luise Linney-Jones, Jim Jones, Ed Zeigler, Gary Young, Randy Hicks, Ed Egenias, Neale Grasham, Larry Queen, and Michael Levy.
1	Minutes	Minutes of 3 December 2006 were accepted.
2	Treasurer's Report	Steve Zink prepared a written report, but was absent due to illness. Gary Young presented the report; it is available from Steve or from the club secretary.
3	Membership and Administrative items	<p>Judith Stevenson was absent, but Lily Hickman reported that there was no news other than the need for help with the database. The database isn't configured to produce reports in a mailing address format.</p> <p>Allan Hurst agreed to send out a request for help with the database. .</p> <p>Allan announced the availability of alternative club shirts (polo or henley styles) from www.embroideryjustforyou.com which is a website with the club logo on file. Thanks to Jim Francis and Bill Tyler for getting the club logo digitized and available for our use. If members want a shirt with a logo on it, they will need to go directly to the website and use "Midnight Squares" as the custom logo name. This option does not mean that the club T-shirt is being replaced, only that other options are being offered. Please remember to order black in order to maintain some semblance of order during the Grand March at the annual IAGSDC convention. A "rhinestone party" will be held later to allow people to place the club's trademark rhinestone on shirts.</p>
4	Club Communications	Ed Zeigler reported that the Website is up-to-date and the email list serve list is up-to-date.
5	Class Status	<p>Advanced: Class is making good progress.</p> <p>C-1: Class is about half-way through the list and doing well.</p> <p>C-2: There is insufficient class time and the class is not making good progress. There has been a low class turnout (much less the 16 who signed up) and there is a need for angels. Lily observed that it is critical that all class members study in preparation for each class.</p>

		Judith Stevenson asked to step down from the position of C-2 class coordinator. Arthur Morris agreed to volunteer to serve.
6	Upcoming Dances	The club agreed that the Kris Jensen dance the December Inter-club social went well. The club agreed to do another Inter-club dance next December, and John Kenny agreed to be the coordinator.
		Valentine's Day weekend: the dance will be a member appreciation dance (ie: free to current members; lapsed members can join at the dance in lieu of paying admission). Bill Eyler will call. Gary Young will coordinate.
		Father's Day: CJ Smith will be the caller. The club asked Allan to check with CJ and with Rob French to determine whether they would be willing to split the dance and co-call the dance. Richard Tuck(SF) agreed to coordinate the dance and Allan Hurst will send Richard the dance check list.
		August 11 (Saturday night). This dance is still tentative; Allan Hurst is still following up with Sandie Bryant. Richard Rockwell agreed to coordinate. It is likely that this dance will need a publicity committee. There will need to be a larger hall.
		Fall. There is additional work to do to determine a dance in the fall. Allan will query Anne Uebelacker
		Graduation Dances: There will be a "graduation" dance for the Advanced class on a Thursday night following completion of the class. There will be a simple acknowledgement at the completion of C1 and C2 classes.
7	Club Dancing	Jim and Luise Jones asked that the Evite list be changed to include their email address, since they have fallen off of the list. (Email addresses are: SRBuffalo@comcast.net and j_e_jones@comcast.net (not that there are underscores following the "j" and the "e"). There was discussion about any other changes to the club dancing schedule, but none were noted.
8	Equipment Sharing	It was agreed to allow Foggy City to share our equipment when they use the Studio 204 space. Ed Zeigler will follow up with FCD. FCD has agreed to be responsible if something happens to the equipment and to allow the use of their equipment if there is a problem with ours.
9	2008 Fly-in	Michael Levy reported on the 2008 Fly-in. "Push Open the Golden Gate" is named after the C4 call "Push open the Gate". It is scheduled for 19-21 Sept 2008. Callers Confirmed are: Ann Uebelacker, Sandie Bryant, Clark Baker, Vic Ceder. (club members should contact Michael (michael@michaellevy.net) with suggestions for local callers. The committee has two hotels with which they are negotiating.

		<p>Michael made a presentation on the budget assumptions and attendance requirements necessary for the success of the fly-in. There will need to be about 130 registrants, and a block of about 150 room-nights.</p> <p>The club unanimously approved the following: 1) Establishing a new checking account for “Push Open the Golden Gate” with and transferring seed money of \$6000 to be transferred back later; 2) approving the club treasurer to applying for a Tax-ID number; 3) authorizing the following to be signatories on the account: Gary Dougan, Michael Levy, Steve Zink, and John Kenny.</p> <p>Michael will work with Ed Zeigler about using the IAGSDC website to list the event.</p> <p>The club decided to use the club’s PO Box for the fly-in. (Steve Zink will inform the post office of the additional mail which will be received there.)</p> <p>There will be a logo competition for the graphics of the fly-in.</p>
10	Club Liaisons	Announcement were made about upcoming activities for TopCats.
11	In memoriam	It was announced that long time squaredancer Freddie Papapietro passed away last week.
12	Next Meeting	The next meeting is scheduled for Sunday, 25 March, 3:30-4:30. The agenda will include: 1) C2 workshops following convention and 2) whether to start classes earlier in the future.
	Adjourned	

Respectfully Submitted,
Arthur Morris
Secretary