



El Camino Reelers Board Meeting Minutes – *Unapproved Draft*

Saturday, October 13, 2018, 9:30 AM-11:24 AM

KIS, 48383 Fremont Boulevard #122, Fremont, CA 94538

In Attendance: Allan, Eric, Ed, Carol, Annette, Lynn, Kurt.

IAGSDC Delegate Transition

- Eric will ask Craig if he is willing to be the IAGSDC Delegate, and then Eric will be the IAGSDC Alternate Delegate. This will keep a board member in attendance at each IAGSDC meeting.

Board Meeting Minutes

- Due to concerns from a couple of club members, Allan will make a concerted effort to post minutes from each meeting on a more timely basis after each meeting.

Member Access to Board Email List

- Craig Mahaffey has requested that non-Board members be allowed to send email to the board email list. We will post the ecrboard@reelers.org address on the web site on both the Board page and the Contact Us page.

BDFC Cost Concerns

- A club member expressed concern that the DeFrank Center was costing ECR more than the church.
- For Fun Nights, we're paying a special discounted rate of \$100/night, which is slightly less than we're paying St. Andrew's (\$125). We have sent the BDFC a contract locking in this rate for our 2019 Fun Nights.
- We have not yet attempted to contract with the BDFC for quarterly dances, but the quoted rate of \$50/hour would probably still apply, which would cost us between \$150 and \$200 per dance. Ed has stated that St. Andrew's charges \$200 for a Saturday night.

St. Andrew's Church

- Lynn has communicated with Marilyn of the church to iron out any remaining concerns about our storage space.
- A number of ideas were discussed for nice things to do for St. Andrews:
 - Lynn has suggested fixing the sliding screen doors as a gesture to St. Andrews.
 - Kurt has suggested replacing the upside-down and worn-out electrical outlet next to the table closet, and the two floor outlets on the altar.
 - Craig Mahaffey suggested we look into funding a new water fountain with a water bottle tap as a gift to the church. The price for an Elkay fountain on Google Express is \$985.99. This does not include installation.
 - Refinishing the floor is another idea.
 - Annette has suggested recruiting ECR assistance/contributions for their food drives.
- Lynn will ask Marilyn what their most urgent needs are, and also ask about the seating chart.

Recruiting

- We reviewed a combined list of former and lapsed dancers, which should be on Allan's computer. He sent the list to the board, and *he and Ed will work on a mass mailing.* ("Renew, Remember, Reenergize, Reboot Reconnect...")
- Lynn has suggested a dance "reunion" of former dancers. *We will target former dancers for Darren Gallina's Fun Night in November. Former ECR members: "RSVP and/or wear your old ECR badge to get in for free!"*

First Fridays for Potluck Nights

- November 30th ... Rich is confirmed.
- Dates for 2019 ... Lynn has booked the following dates with the church: March 29th, 2019, May 31st, 2019, September 27th, 2019, and November 29th, 2019. These are already on the calendar.

Fun Nights

- Contract has been sent to Gabrielle for the following nights, at \$100/night:
 - Friday, October 19, 2018
 - Friday, January 18, 2019
 - Friday, April 26, 2019
 - Friday, July 19, 2019
 - Friday, October 18, 2019.
- Our Fun Night ad ran in the Palo Alto Frontrunners newsletter. *Carol will send an announcement update to the Frontrunners about the Billy DeFrank Center Fun Night.*
 - It is worth noting that the person from Frontrunners who came to a Fun Night signed up for our cancelled Blast Class.
 - *Carol has been authorized by the board to run another three months' worth of ads in the Frontrunners newsletter.*
- Eric has set up an Instagram account for ECR, per the IAGSDC Recruitment sessions. Eric will work with Ken to get pictures posted and tagged.
- Allan will establish a NextDoor account using Eric & Scott's address. (No progress since last month.)
- Allan will ask James & Mike Pogue about calling a Fun Night. (Contact info in roster.)
- Carol will investigate potential dance sites in San Mateo County later this year. If a suitable site is found, we could put it into the quarterly rotation.
- Upcoming Schedule:
 - October 19, 2018 (BDFC): **Harlan Kerr** (confirmed)
 - November 16, 2018: **Darren Gallina** (confirmed)
 - December 14, 2018: **Rob French** (confirmed)
- We have no Fun Night callers booked for 2019 yet:
 - January 18, 2019 – BDFC
 - February 15, 2019 – St. Andrews
 - March 15, 2019 – St. Andrews
 - April 26, 2019 – BDFC
 - May 17, 2019 – St. Andrews
 - June 21, 2019 – St. Andrews
 - July 19, 2019 – BDFC
 - August 16, 2019 – St. Andrews
 - September 20, 2019 – St. Andrews
 - October 18, 2019 – BDFC

- November 15, 2019 – St. Andrews

- December 13, 2019 – St. Andrews

Club Nights (Lynn)

- Wednesday club nights will feature Plus until our next Level 1 Blast class.
- Callers for October Wednesday club nights were asked to call Plus with an A2 star tip, and to work in DBD Plus where possible. Callers will be empowered to “rebalance” squares as they deem necessary to make club nights more successful.

Classes

- Green Level 3 (Plus)
 - The class graduated on 9/26/18. Ed printed up 11 diplomas.
- Blue Level 1: SSD-50 (10 AM to 5 PM), which will be \$99.
 - Delayed until January for lack of sufficient enrollment. We had only 2 names confirmed.
 - Allan has not received any replies from two email enquiries to the Odd Fellows hall in Mountain View to ask about space for future classes. He will try calling the number listed.
 - https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe_F94057VwVVocAkhKKqen12M_uJZaeiWpnU-Z77ur_I_fjQ/viewform
 - Outreach Committee: 650-804-9044 or jessica.dickinson.goodman@gmail.com
 - This class will be scheduled for Saturdays only.
- A one-day Plus APD/DBD Workshop with Rob French has been confirmed, to be held at Foothills Church in Los Altos on Saturday, November 10, 2019 from 10 AM to 5 PM. ECR will provide water and snacks only. Participants must bring their own lunch. Lynn reported we have approximately 10 or 11 sign-ups at present. Eric will talk with Mike and Ken.

Advanced Class

- Start on November 13th, as a traditional 30-week class on Tuesday nights at 7:30 PM, to complete in time for July’s convention in Philadelphia.
- Instructor(s): Kurt, Dave, Michael Levy. Kurt will coordinate the calling schedule.
- All three instructors will be present on the first day of class.
- Class cost: \$240 paid up front, or \$125 in two installments.
- Allan will call 30 minute review before each class as an unpaid volunteer, from 7:00 PM to 7:30 PM.
- 2 full-level Advanced tips each night for the angels.
- Angels can pay \$8/night on Tuesdays or do a subscription.
- Ed will research how much we charged last time, and how much we paid the callers (\$30/hour).
- Allan will send out daily-rate contracts (\$30/hour) to all callers, specifying that Kurt will provide the final calling rotation.
- We have only one sign-up for the Advanced class at present. It was noted that both Foggy City and Star 8’s are also starting Advanced classes at this time of year.

Financial Report (Ed)

- No update on the Green Plus Class.
- We have 46 members who have paid, 30 who have *not* yet paid, and two people who have withdrawn from the club. We also have two new members: Gloria and Gil Huppert.

- General Financial Report will be presented at the next board meeting.

Electronic Communications

- Ed has suggested that we use information@reelers.org account for Google Drive. This account is linked to the Google Photos account that Ed and Ken use to store ECR photos. There were no objections to utilizing this as a repository for club files. *Allan and Ed will work together on a file system to be shared out to the board.*
- The one item of possible value in the Yahoo! Groups archive is the roster. The treasurer also has a list of accounts and passwords, but that's not an electronic file. *Are there any other pieces of information we want to archive/download from the Yahoo! Group?*
- Do we want to consider moving the website to a different hosting account which is not owned by a club caller?

St. Andrew's Church

- We have not yet gotten a diagram of how chairs should be laid out on Saturday night for Sunday morning. Lynn will ask Marilyn about this again. If they can send us a picture of how the chairs are set up before a typical Sunday service, we can create a diagram for them.

Quarterly Dances for 2018

- Oct 27, 2018: Bronc Wise ... travel plans have been finalized, and Allan is waiting to hear back from Bronc that he has purchased the ticket.
 - Ed needs someone else to take over as dance Treasurer that evening, because he will need to leave early. This means counting money, divvying up the 50-50, write the check to the caller, etcetera. Eric will handle those duties. Any two signatures from Eric, Lynn, or Ed are required to authorize a check.
 - Ed will email out a signup sheet for volunteers.

Quarterly Dances for 2019

- February 23, 2019: *Allan sent a request to Bill Eyler on 8/18/18. Need to discuss compensation.*
- May 4, 2019: Gary Monday is confirmed. ("May the Fourth Be With You" dance, Star Wars theme, with special guest Mary Juana Leia.)
- August 3, 2019: *Allan sent a request to Vic Ceder on 8/18/18. There's a date conflict for Vic. Still being worked out.*
- October 26, 2019: *Allan will ask Andy Allemao.*

Lynn emailed Reverend Faasisila on 8/26 to reserve the above dates.

Alternate callers if the above don't work out: Mike Kellogg , Sandie Bryant, Kris Jensen.

Quarterly Dance Caller Compensation Policy

- We will offer all quarterly dance callers \$350 or half the door, and if they live within driving distance but more than 100 miles away, instead of our paying for airfare, we will pay a fixed travel fee of \$150.

Bylaws Change

- We will present the revised Bylaws at the December meeting to be voted on in February.

Miscellaneous Items

- The ECR Membership Meeting will be held on Wednesday, 12/12/18.
- Holiday Schedule:
 - We will be dark on 12/25 and 12/26 due to the Christmas holiday.
 - We will be dark on 11/6/18 due to the election.
 - We will be dark on Tuesday 1/1/19 due to the New Year's holiday.
 - We will have dancing on 1/2/19.

New Business

- Club membership longevity dangles. A bar usually costs around \$5. We'd be looking at 30 or 40 bars, so an initial cost of \$200 at most.
 - Eric and Ed will coordinate calculating length of membership for the current roles.

Next Board Meetings:

- Saturday, November 17, 2018, 9:30 AM at Allan's office.
- Saturday, December 8, 2018, 9:30 AM at Allan's office.