



El Camino Reelers Board Meeting Minutes (Approved)

Saturday, November 17, 2018, 9:30 AM-12:00 Noon

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

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

Air Quality Issues

- Allan is still unwell, and is unable to call the review this coming Tuesday due to the air quality.
- An email will be sent out to ecrtalk today, letting people know that we believe Wednesday dancing is likely, but Tuesday may possibly be cancelled due to air quality. We will send out an announcement on Monday evening to confirm whether or not the class will be held.

APD/DBD Workshop

- has received some positive feedback from Rob French and has forwarded positive feedback from a couple of attendees to the board.
- The workshop appears to have paid for itself.
- Consider making the workshop shorter, people were getting mentally fatigued by the end.
- One dancer suggested to Lynn that if Wednesday dancing was more like this, there wouldn't be such a rush to Advanced.
- The board will look into doing this workshop 2 or 3 times a year, using a shorter format (4 hours).
- Kurt has been asked for at least one APD/DBD tip each Wednesday.

Financial Report & December Club Meeting Agenda (Ed)

- The Agenda for the club meeting was reviewed.
- Eric will send Ed statistics on the first 12 Fun Nights.
- General Financial Report will be presented at this meeting.
- The ECR Membership Meeting will be held on Wednesday, 12/12/18.
- We will present the revised Bylaws at the December meeting to be voted on in February.

Club Nights

- Holiday Schedule: Dark on 12/25, 12/26, and 1/1/19, but will dance on 1/2/19.
- Wednesday club nights will be Plus until our next Level 1 Blast class.

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.

Quarterly Dances for 2019

- February 23, 2019: **Bill Eyster** is confirmed. He is flying in from Palm Springs (found a good deal) on Saturday 2/23, and will depart on Sunday 2/24. Bill will need housing with a club member.
- 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 is still working to book this with Vic Ceder or Mike Kellogg.
- October 26, 2019: Allan will ask Andy Allemao, with Mike Kellogg as a backup.

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

Advanced Class

- Started 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.
- Allan will call 30 minute review before each class as an unpaid volunteer, from 7:00 PM to 7:30 PM.

2019 Beginner Classes

- **Blue Level 1: SSD-50 (10 AM to 5 PM), which will be \$99.**
 - Delayed until first quarter of 2019 for lack of sufficient enrollment. We had only 2 names confirmed.
 - This class will be scheduled for Saturdays only.
- Potential blast class dates which Eric will mail out:
 - Saturday 2/2/19 [Lynn out of town], Saturday 2/9/19, and Saturday 2/16/19 (right after the February Fun Night)
 - Saturday 3/2/19 and Saturday 3/9/19
- Oaktown 8's is considering moving over to blast classes on Sundays at Lake Merritt Dance Center, and Kurt would like to formalize/coordinate blast class curricula and dates. Elks & Does in Alameda has Thursday night club nights. Kurt would also like to set up an arrangement for club night dancing for blast dancers for each other's students for the six weeks following each club's blast class. The board agreed this was a good idea, and will formalize the decision once the 2019 blast class schedule has been finalized.

Fun Nights

- We need more attendance at Fun Nights.
- Lynn has suggested that we email prior Fun Night attendees about each Fun Night and upcoming Blast Classes. Eric will email his list of Fun Night attendees and list of folks who have expressed interest in a Blast Class.
- Our November Fun Night was cancelled due to bad air quality. The GDP dance tonight has been cancelled, as has the Saturday caller workshop and a number of other related events.
- Our Fun Night ad is continuing to run in the Palo Alto Frontrunners newsletter. The ad costs \$75 for 3 months, which was paid by a donor. We will need to decide on continuing the ad at our next board meeting.
- Upcoming Schedule:
 - December 14, 2018: **Rob French** (confirmed)
- We have no Fun Night callers booked for 2019 yet. Allan sent out an email asking callers for availability. As of 11/16/18, Allan has received positive responses from Kurt, Darren Gallina, Eric Henerlau, and Scot Byars. Andy Shore specifically said he is not interested. No response from Harlan Kerr yet. Allan will tabulate the responses and book callers over the next couple of weeks:

- 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
- Eric has set up an Instagram account for ECR, per the IAGSDC Recruitment sessions.
 - 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 in 2019. If a suitable site is found, we could put it into the quarterly rotation.

St. Andrew’s Church

- Lynn has talked with Reverend Fassissila, who has confirmed that 3 rows of 7 chairs with the center and end chairs having arms is working just fine for him.
- A number of ideas have been discussed for nice things to do for St. Andrews:
 - Fix the sliding-screen doors.
 - Replace the the upside-down and worn-out electrical outlet next to the table closet, and the two floor outlets on the altar.
 - Fund 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.
 - Refinish the floor.
 - Annette has suggested recruiting ECR assistance/contributions for their food drives.
- Lynn will ask Marilyn what their most urgent needs are.
- We may wish to add this topic to the agenda for the December General Meeting.

Recruiting

- Allan and Ed have not yet begun work on a mass mailing. (“Renew, Remember, Reenergize, Reboot Reconnect...”)
- Lynn has suggested a dance “reunion” of former dancers. We can target former dancers for Rob French’s Fun Night in November. Former ECR members: “RSVP and/or wear your old ECR badge to get in for free!”

Old Business: 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?*

Old Business: IAGSDC Delegate Transition

- Eric will reconfirm with Craig if he is willing to be the IAGSDC Delegate, and then Eric will be the IAGSDC Alternate Delegate.

Old Business: Member Access to Board Email List

- Last month, Ed posted the ecrboard@reelers.org address on the web site on both the Board page and the Contact Us page.

New Business

- (Ed) Vicki Campagna extended an invitation for ECR to join the “Fifth Wednesday” group of SCVSDA clubs that do a rotating free Plus-level dance (the “Whing Ding”). The board has voted to respectfully decline to participate at this time.
- 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 were to coordinate calculating length of membership for the current roles.

Next Board Meetings:

- Wednesday, December 5, 2018, 5:45 PM at St. Andrews.