



El Camino Reelers Board Meeting Minutes (Approved)

Saturday, December 14, 2019, 11:00 AM-12:

KIS Offices, 48383 Fremont Blvd #122, Fremont, CA 94538

In attendance: Allan, Ed, Eric, David, Oliver.

Minutes From Last Meeting

- Minutes from the 11/19/19 board meeting were reviewed and corrections were applied where necessary. Ed will post them on the website.

Financial Report (Ed)

- Update on renewals? As of this month, these folks have still not renewed (more likely renewals in black, less likely renewals in gray):
 - Mike Aquino
 - Ann Cavalli (Tony says she will no longer be dancing due to health issues)
 - Harriett Ferziger
 - Michael Garcia
 - Rachael Hawtin
 - Gil Huppert
 - Don Margolin
 - Bennet Marks
 - Judy Pick
 - Jane Seligson
 - Paul VanHouten
 - Linda Wieder
 - Aahz
- Ed has sent a check to Nancy Shelton for our annual insurance for everyone who's renewed their membership so far. We can send a second check for any "stragglers" later.
- We received \$228.33 from Foggy City as our share of the proceeds from the SF Pride beer booth.

APD/DBD Plus Workshop

- **This was held on Saturday November 23, 2019, 1:00 PM to 6:00 PM**

- We made \$898.94 from the Rob French workshop, which is the largest profit we've seen from an event for some time.

INCOME

Advance payments (mostly PayPal)	570.00
Payments at the door	<u>750.00</u>
Total	1,320.00

(that's 44 paid attendees)

EXPENSES

PayPal fees	21.06
Rob French	200.00
St. Andrews hall rental	<u>200.00</u>
Total	421.06

(all publicity and food/drink donated)

Net Revenue898.94

- The board is considering asking Rob to do a Plus and/or Advanced "Review & Brush-up for Convention" in June. This could be two, 2-3 hour sessions, one Plus, one Advanced.
- We could also do a "Gender Swap" workshop, for people trying to learn how to dance a different gender.

St. Andrew's Church & Alternate Dance Venues

- There have been no updates from Reverend Saia.
- Eric received a confirmation from Reverend Saia for our April 17th potluck.
- Sue Kayton has presented Eric and Allan with several potential alternate local venues (Menlo Park, etc.) that would probably have Tuesday/Thursday nights available.
- There is also Foothills Congregational Church in Los Altos or Ladera Community Church off of Alpine Road (where Stanford Quads is currently meeting). The Palo Alto Contra group dances at First United Methodist Church of Palo Alto.
 - *Allan has not yet asked Annette to talk to FCC, and will also reach out the contra dance group for information on a contact for UMCPA.*

Club Nights.

- David reported that we had exactly one square last Tuesday.
- Ed reported that we had 12 people last Wednesday.
- A member provided feedback that bringing all dancers together on a single night (Tuesday is the night under consideration) would promote socialization among members.
- The other two Plus clubs in the area also dance on Wednesdays, and Sunnyvale Belle Swingers dances on Wednesdays. Beaus & Bows have an occasional class on Mondays. Interlocked Squares dances on Thursdays.
- If we move to a single club night per week, we could extend the club night to accommodate multiple levels (Plus/Advanced). For example, 7 PM to 10 PM.
- Any club night changes would become effective starting in the second quarter of 2020.
- This question will be added to the next ECR General Meeting's agenda to ask people for input.

General Meeting

- Our next general meeting will be on Tuesday, January 14th, 2019 at 7:30 PM. (This is a one-time shift from Wednesdays to ensure that Kurt can attend.) We will have a tip or two starting at 7:30 PM, and then we will start the meeting afterwards.
- To be added to the agenda (not necessarily in this order):
 - Financial report
 - Elections coming up
 - Memorial of ECR members who have passed away
 - Classes
 - Potential club night changes (consolidating club nights to Tuesdays)
 - Caller lineup changes
 - Fun Night scheduling changes (moving to a club night)
 - Propose scheduling of a game hour before dancing on club nights
 - St. Andrews status
 - Ask people to verify their club history status with Eric for anniversary dangles.

Callers

- Kurt will be moving to Oakland sometime in 2020.
- David spoke with Regina about calling more for us, and Eric spoke with Mike and James.
- For scheduling club night callers, Kurt reports:

I'll be working on the Tue/Wed caller scheduling for 1Q2020, so I'll need final guidance on any adjustments of caller frequencies (especially related to my reduction to 5th Wednesdays and at most 1/5 of Tuesdays) or additional callers to include.

When doing this scheduling, I'll advise the callers that the schedule is subject to change because the club is considering a change in nights, and that the venue may change as well.

If you have any plans to run a class in Jan or Feb (or Mar), please let me know ASAP, as this would affect the scheduling as well.
- We will discuss potential callers to take on some of Kurt's duties starting in January 2020.

Board Appointment/Elections

- There have been no new interested parties to date.
- Next elections are February 26, 2020. We have three open seats, two-year term.
- Eric is planning to run for re-election in February for a one-year term.
- Oliver's board term ends in 2020. He has decided to run again for a two-year term.
- Allan will leave the board in 2021.
- David's term expires in 2021.

Friday Potluck Nights

- Potluck dates for 2020 (David will schedule callers):
 - **January 31st, 2020** [SAUMC confirmed] - Called by "Three of a Kind" (James Thompson, Regina Schulz, Mike Pogue), theme: "Load the Love Boat".
 - **April 17th, 2020** [SAUMC confirmed] - (Caller TBD)
 - **September 25th, 2020** [SAUMC confirmed] - (Caller TBD)

- **November 27th, 2020** [SAUMC confirmed] - (Caller TBD) (“Black Friday” theme)

Quarterly Dances for 2020:

- **February 22, 2020: Eric Henerlau** [Confirmed 10/17/19]
 - St. Andrews confirmed.
 - Contract acknowledged by Eric Henerlau 10/10/19.
- **May 2, 2020: Barry Clasper** [Confirmed 8/11/19] – ECR’s 35th Anniversary Dance
 - St. Andrews confirmed.
 - Booking accepted by Barry, contingent upon our providing transportation and dinner beforehand.
- **August 1, 2020: Mike Kellogg.** [Confirmed 9/10/19]
 - St. Andrews confirmed.
 - Contract sent 8/10/19.
 - Contract accepted in writing by Mike on 9/10/19.
- **October 31, 2020: TBD**
 - St. Andrews confirmed.
 - Allan will reach out to Sandie Bryant, Andy Allemao, Justin Russell, Scot Byars, Steve Minkin.
 - Halloween Dance. (This may be the same date as a SCVSDA Whing Ding.)

2019 Beginner Classes

- **Indigo Class: SSD-50 Level 1 Blast**
 - There were 9 students from Oaktown. There are no students from ECR.
 - Kurt will coordinate review nights on ECR Wednesday nights following the classes.
- **Violet Class: SSD-50 Level 1 Blast**
 - We are deferring discussion of the blast class for a month until January, pending resolution of the St. Andrews situation.
 - Eric can email the “interested in class” to ask if there’s interest in a January class. Eric has received 2 or 3 positive responses. This included someone from the November Fun Night.
 - We would like to get at least 4 interested students for a blast class.

Recruiting & Retention

- Non-dancing club events this month.
 - 3Below’s sing-along schedules that would work are:
 - Saturday 12/28/19 at 6:30 PM: *Fiddler On The Roof*
 - Ed will email ECRtalk to ask folks to RSVP for the above sing-alongs.
 - Perhaps a Star Wars movie outing in January?
- The Philadelphia club has started doing board games for an hour before their club night. Eric has suggested we ask about this at the general meeting.

Fun Nights

- Robin has offered to reach out to some other Meetup groups and Facebook groups with \$5 offers to their membership.

- Allan will add Robin to the meetup account as an admin when he sets up the January fun night on Facebook and Meetup.
- Wednesday night Fun Nights will run from 7:15 PM to 9:00 PM will be Fun Night, and then 9:00 to 9:30 PM will be full level dancing.
- 2020 Fun Night Schedule (confirmed dates **in bold**)
 - **Wednesday 01/08/2020: SAUMC / Michael Levy**
 - **Friday 02/14/2020: BDFC / Caller TBD**
 - *Note: We have invited the BDFC's Transwomen group to attend for free, since the ballroom was originally scheduled for them on this date.*
 - Wednesday 03/18/2020: SAUMC / Caller not yet confirmed. Ed will talk with Rich Reel about this.

The remaining St. Andrews dates in the calendar will not be scheduled until we have guidance from the church about whether they're staying open.

- Wednesday 04/22/2020: SAUMC / Caller TBD
- Wednesday 05/20/2020: SAUMC / Caller TBD
- **Friday 06/19/2020: BDFC / Caller TBD**
- 07/xx/2020: Location TBD / Caller TBD
- **Friday 08/21/2020: BDFC / Caller TBD (Jim Maxwell's Birthday)**
- 09/xx/2020: Location TBD / Caller TBD
- 10/xx/2020: Location TBD / Caller TBD
- **Friday 11/20/2020: BDFC / Caller TBD**
- 12/xx/2020: Location TBD / Caller TBD

Longevity Bars

- Eric's still working through the back catalog of club directories.
- A bar usually costs around \$3-5 plus shipping. We'd be looking at 53 dangles, so an initial cost of \$150-\$200 plus shipping.
- Eric has proposed that we use the IAGSDC club retention program to propose they pay for the initial set of bars.
- The initial set can be handed out at the 35th anniversary dance (May of 2020, Barry Clasper calling), and then future sets will be handed out during ECR general membership meetings.

Dark Dates for ECR

- December 24, 2019
- December 25, 2019
- December 31, 2019
- January 1, 2020

Next Board Meeting:

- Tuesday, January 14th, 2020 at 6:00 PM (mini-meeting to finalize general meeting agenda).
- Saturday, January 18th, 2020 at 11:00 AM at Oliver's home in Palo Alto.

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