



El Camino Reelers Board Meeting Minutes

Saturday, November 20, 2021, 11:00 AM PDT

Remote meeting via Zoom 465 455 8223

Attending: David, Ed, Eric, Kurt, Oliver. Michael and Robin were missed

Minutes from Last Meeting

- Minutes from the 10/23/2021 meeting were approved.

Activities since last meeting

- Club nights have 1+ squares. This week we had 2 squares – YAY! There's a mask mandate, other clubs have opened up, and some have left due to the low level of (Adv) dancing.
- **Request to pass on info on a paid research project from Nat / Santa Clara County on Trans and Non-Binary community members:**
Yes, I'd really appreciate it if you could both share our message/flyer on your mailing list as well as directly with the trans women in your club.
The study is being conducted by Community Marketing & Insights, an LGBTQ+ owned and operated research company, on behalf of the Santa Clara County Office of LGBTQ Affairs. The goal of the study is to learn more about employment experiences of trans and nonbinary folks living and working in Santa Clara County to directly influence guidelines and programming to improve employment conditions for TNB folks in the County. Our research team is made up almost entirely of trans and nonbinary individuals in the County, so we have a personal interest in ensuring this study is completed to the highest ethical standard to most greatly benefit our local TNB community. I know for myself I've been very excited to be taking part in a project that has the potential for such tangible benefits to the local TNB community, so I'm hopeful that other trans folks in the County will also see the potential and will participate in the survey.
- *Oliver to post on ECRTalk*

Club Nights

- \$10 door as of October 5th
- Kurt has scheduled callers through the end of the year. There will be an Interclub Holiday Dance on Monday 12/27, ECR will be dark that week. Members who want to attend should send their proof of vaccination to John ahead of time. *Ed will post on ERTalk*
- *Ed will at some point come up with a handout that has general club info on small format.*
- *David will follow up with Rich Reel his feedback with his renewal. We'll contact him for non-Tuesday events*

Beginner Classes

- Have three interested people.
- Targeting February for Open House / Recruiting.
- Full vaccination required, masks according to local guidelines in effect then.
- An Open House to stay in touch and invite the few people on our interest list should happen sooner, like in February, possibly around Valentine's Day, plus one to lead up to class
- Would be great to have blast classes on April 2, 16, 30, but April 16 is Easter Saturday. If church is not available, maybe we can ask Allan to host in Fremont on the 16th. If not, May 7, 21, and June 4. *Eric to check church availability*
- Will need to advertise on Facebook, Meetup, etc.
- Violet Class: SSD-50 Level 1 Blast

Membership

- Ed has gotten badges, including for Ryan, and Vicky Woods and Aahz to be pinned at Minneapolis

Membership History Project

- We are ready to order anniversary bars.
- There are between 50 and 60 badges for this initial order

- Hanging bars cost \$3.50 each, and we're looking an initial order of 60 bars, so the cost will be \$210 plus shipping.
- Eric has proposed that we use the IAGSDC club retention program to propose they pay for the initial set of bars.
- *Eric will send an updated list / count to ed*
- We will hand out the hanging bars – when?
- Craig expressed interest in a simple pin representing 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30 years of ECR membership, and said he would look into it, and present some design options to the Board, and perhaps consider a donation towards that project. Eric suggested this might be something that could be folded into our annual merchandise push with the cost being solely the club member's responsibility. Orders would be verified with the board.

Financials

- 61 paid club members
- Tuesday Club Nights: Still losing money weekly, but not unsustainably.
- We have upped the door fee to \$10 starting October 5th, and started with a monthly subscription program for \$35/month, which is pretty popular
- We will let Indra Ong use ECR insurance for her event at St. Andrew's.

Other dancing

Venue

- Billy de Frank has started to have some in-person events again.
- Eric picked up keys for St. Andrews and has made 3 copies. David, Eric, Ed, and Oliver have keys. Kurt got a key from Stan. *Eric will make another key for Michael(s).*

Picnic

- Halloween picnic Oct 30 was fun.
- May do it instead of potlucks while St. Andrews kitchen is unavailable and sharing of food is unadvised due to Covid, weather permitting
- Will use it as a back-up if we can't dance indoors again.
- Will ask Rich Reel to be part of the next picnic caller roster.

Fun Nights

- Currently on hold.
- We previously decided that whenever we resume dancing, the monthly Fun Nights held at St. Andrews (twice a quarter) will move to Tuesday nights from 7:15 PM to 9:00 PM, with full level Plus dancing from 9:00 PM to 9:30 PM. We will advertise the night as starting at 7:00 PM to get people there on time to start dancing by 7:15 PM.
- We are planning on retaining the quarterly Friday Fun Nights at the Billy De Frank Center in San Jose once we feel comfortable doing so. We'll be reaching out to them about starting those up.

Potluck Nights

- Currently on hold.
- Once we feel comfortable to have shareable food, we will discuss scheduling potluck nights.
- In the meantime, we'll have picnics

Quarterly Dances

- Targeting. March 26th, Live Long and Prosper Day. Vic Ceder will be calling. Black & White theme.
- *Eric to reserve church for that day, and Halloween 2022 (Oct 29)*

Quarterly Workshops

- Currently on hold

- We want to hold more quarterly workshops. We'd pay \$200 or half the door. Topics we'd like to cover: Gender Swap/APD workshop, for 4 hours.
- Allan was to check with Rob to see how long he thinks a workshop should take, and if he's available for a date yet to be determined. If Rob's not available, Allan will ask the same question of Eric Henerlau.
- We will push out the date for this workshop at this point.
- Convention Brush-Up for Plus (thars, teacup chain, other rarely-used calls) This might also be handled via the 6 weeks of club nights prior to Convention, as long as we announce the topic of each club night in advance.
- APD/DBD Plus. (Again.)
- Square recovery techniques. (Keep the square dancing, and also know how to reset from lines or waves. Ideally, swap people around to get them into the right place before the end of the sequence.)

Mailing List

- We've given up trying to fix the problems with QueerNet.
- boardECR has been moved. ECRTalk has been migrated as well.
- All old email addresses have been redirected.

Social Activities

Game Night

- None scheduled.

Online Presence

Meetup

- Meetup currently costs \$24.99/mo. We will keep MeetUp and have changed to the 6-moth model.

Zoom

- Zoom has been renewed for another year in June.
- Board meetings are zoomed.

Facebook

- We will ask Dave Decot to delete the group *once Eric downloaded the pictures*.

Other

- Eric posts on Instagram, posts are sent to Twitter.

Website

- Has been updated with changes and lists callers through end of October.

SCVSDA Club Info Page

Community Events

- Some public celebrations and community events have started up again after the re-opening of California.
- We won't participate in anything for the time being, due to the Covid situation.

Next Board Meeting:

- Saturday, December 11, 2021, at 11:00 am PST. Location: Zoom