



## El Camino Reelers Board Meeting Minutes

Sunday, August 15, 2021, 10:30 AM

Remote meeting via Zoom 465 455 8223

*Attending: David, Ed, Eric, Michael G, Kurt, Oliver*

### Minutes from Last Meeting

- Minutes from the 7/18/2021 board were approved.

### Activities since last meeting

- Club nights have 2-3 squares. There was a drop-off after the first night, possibly due to the mask mandate. Initial great enthusiasm of other club members that we dance on Tuesdays. Some expressed interest in joining ECR. Should have some handouts at club night for guests interested in classes. *Eric* to follow up with *Julio*.

### Club Nights / COVID-19 Pandemic Response

- ECR requires proof of vaccination to attend our club nights. Proof can be sent to [vax@reelers.org](mailto:vax@reelers.org) (goes to *Oliver*) or bring proof to the dance. *Oliver* is keeping a list of vaccinated people, shared on our Google Drive.
- Following area authorities' guidelines, ECR requires masks to be worn at Club Night until further notice.
- *Priscilla Yarbrough* has asked if she could practice calling rounds during Club Night. The Board decided that as a square dance club, we would not have rounds during our club nights, also because it would make breaks from square dancing last longer, but when we have quarterly dances again with cueing during the breaks, we would welcome her as one of the cuers.
- Anyone who is LGBTQ+ welcoming can dance with us, members or not. No-one will be turned away for lack of funds
- Handwashing or sanitizing after each tip encouraged. Sanitizers to be left out until after last tip.
- Sign-in sheet with dancers' names for contact tracing.
- BYO snacks and drinks initially, since the kitchen is off limits (no access to ice trays, etc.)
- \$8 door
- Offer subscriptions again in the new membership year.
- Will start to expand club nights to 7:00-9:30, starting August 24<sup>th</sup>. We'll start off with a half hour of A2, end with 30 minutes of Plus, with one A2 in the middle.
- When we resume club nights with alternating tips 7:30-9:00, we will create cards or printed pages showing what level of dance will be called next. *Ed* is looking into creating something delightful for this purpose using our easel.
- *Eric* suggested it would be good to focus on a few calls per week. *Kurt* will fold that into the caller instructions for the new Club Night format.
- *Oliver* to get two more fans and an extension cord

### Beginner Classes

- Violet Class: SSD-50 Level 1 Blast
- Due to the pandemic, we are not yet prepared to set a date for the next class.

### Membership

- Dues will be \$50 as before, due in October.
- *Ed* to get a badge for *Ryan*.
- Will order a badge for *Vicky Woods'* badge to be pinned at Minneapolis since she was the 'founding' ECR caller.
- *Ed* has put a notice of *Vicky's* passing on the website.
- ECR Badge orders are on hold since BadgeWorks are having supply issues with plastics.

### Membership History Project

- We are ready to order anniversary bars whenever we resume dancing.
- *Eric* has sent a list of badges to *Ed*. 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.
- 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

- Tuesday Club Nights: Over 5 weeks, we're \$6 short, so roughly break even

#### Other dancing

##### Venue

- No news from Billy de Frank, yet, who have only been able to offer their parking lot in connection with their "garage sale" so far.
- 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.
- Eric, Ed, Oliver have cleaned out the locker at the church. Ed has the easel.

##### Picnic

- The last picnic was a success, so we'll do it again September 25 2-4, Michael Levy as one of the callers. Kurt has a previous commitment, will join us sometime after 2:30. Peers Park in Palo Alto has restrooms. Need to decide whether or not to invite other clubs.
- May do it instead of potlucks while St. Andrews kitchen is unavailable.
- Will use it as a back-up if we can't dance indoors again.

##### 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. As of 8/14/2021, there is not yet a reopening date for the Center.
- Format clarification: Incorporating member suggestions, we will start the evening with a light and easy non-square mixer, and then mostly call squares with some light non-squares (but not couples dances such as swing or waltz). Squares should have as much variety as possible, to keep it interesting. This could include calls from higher levels or made-up calls or "heritage"/historical calls (such as Grand Colonel Spin or Rip & Snort). We want to minimize break length to keep people dancing as much as possible.

##### 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

- Once it's safe to dance in person again, we will discuss scheduling quarterly dances.
- No decision has been made about scheduling a Halloween dance, due to the uncertainties surrounding Covid. If we end up not having a dance, we'll have another picnic Oct 30 instead.
- *Eric* to connect Stan to reserve the Church, just in case.

## 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 tryin to fix the problems with QueerNet.
- Moving to Google Groups. *Eric, Ed, and Allan* will confer Aug 29 and start the move.
- ECR has 2 accounts on gmail that need to be combined prior to that move. Moving everything to [information@reelers.org](mailto:information@reelers.org).

## Social Activities

### Game Night

- Eric and Allan have conducted seven gaming sessions, which went well. The next gaming night has not been scheduled. The most recent game afternoon was August 14th.

## 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.
- Zoom Meeting will continue for at least one more session. Might want to change to let them dial in for club night using the church's Wi-Fi.
- *Eric* will ask John Kenny if he's interested in continuing his Thursday Zooms, and possibly send ECR meeting attendees his way,

### Website

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

### 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:

- Sunday, September 26, 2021 at 10:30 am. Location: Zoom

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