

## **Summary for June 14, 2026 ECR Board Meeting**

### **Attendees**

- Pete Levins
- Michael Golden
- Ed Wilson
- Oliver Vogel
- Mike Keeley
- Ben Wilde
- Kurt Gollhardt
- Michael Levy

### **Agenda for June 14, 2026 11:00 am ECR Board Meeting**

- Call to order
  - Participants joined the call gradually, with some experiencing technical difficulties.
- May 2026 meeting minutes review & approval
- Financial update
  - Ed reported no significant changes and mentioned upcoming checks to callers at the church.
- Picnic / Tie-Dye event review
  - Picnic and tie-dyeing were a success. Some wanted to do it again soon.
- Merchandise update
  - Mike provided an update on the merchandise order process, explaining that while there were some initial challenges with Bay Area Shirt Company, everything was resolved successfully with all orders fulfilled and payments made. The group discussed documenting the merchandise ordering process to help with future implementations, with Mike agreeing to create documentation in the collab site.
- Plus Class status: began January 27; Sat April 11 Plus Class Review (San Mateo church); graduation plans June 23
  - Plus class graduation on June 23rd. Ed will generate certificates and he and Pete will sign them before graduation.
  - The team discussed the progress of the plus class, which is going well with two weeks remaining, and confirmed plans for graduation including certificates and cake.

- Action item list review:
- Ed:
  - Generate diplomas/certificates for plus class graduation
  - Look into alternative venue (Palo Alto United Methodist Church) for Saturday dances and inquire about availability/pricing for Mondays, Tuesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays (*Update sent to Board 6/8/2026 -- see New Discussion Item, below*)
  - Set up bylaws vote on Election Buddy after markup is cleaned up
  - Notify Joe Dean of new open house and class start dates for calendar and class promotion page
  - Look into lodging for Vic Ceder (August 1 dance)
    - Vic will be staying with Kim and Bennett
  - Prepare Advertisements for Open Houses
- Michael Levy:
  - Check with Rich Reel about calling August 29 picnic; if unavailable, Kurt will call
- Oliver:
  - Clean up markup changes to bylaws and send out revised version to Board members
    - The group discussed changes to their bylaws regarding dance instruction levels, with Ed questioning the relevance of listing specific levels like C1. Michael Levy and Kurt clarified that the current wording using "such as" allows flexibility without requiring specific level names, and the group agreed to leave the bylaws as proposed. Oliver pointed out that the ballot voting options should include "abstain" for both proposals, which Ed will adjust. The team is still waiting for final bylaw wording updates and election timing details, though they noted that timing before convention in July is preferred due to member availability.
- Kurt:
  - Provide calling and video for Mountain View Pride demo on June 20th
  - Will provide video and calling
- Pete:
  - Purchase Pride decorations for Mountain View and San Mateo Pride events (*DONE - all ordered merchandise received*)
  - Will bring a table for Mountain View Pride and Hank will make an announcement about the importance of club members attending to support new dancer recruitment.

- Help with logistics for pizza at open house nights
- Send "thanks but no thanks" note to San Mateo County Pride regarding county fair booth (*DONE*)
- Future Collaboration (*need to designate a Board Member*)
  - Coordinate with other clubs (e.g., Oaktown 8s, Farmers & Farmerettes) for inter-club Mainstream class activities and workshops. Michael G. will coordinate with Kurt G. on this.
- Calendar Review (June - September - *see below*)
- New Discussion Items
  - Usage requirement of 501(c)3 status to rent the hall at Palo Alto First United Methodist Church to host quarterly dances. Ed will work with Kurt on how to do this through USDA (United Square Dancers of America) or any alternatives.
  - NextDoor membership (information@reelers account). It sends out too much information that doesn't apply to us. Pete will check to see if he can find the password or unsubscribe link to this.
  - Kurt suggested that after the current Plus class has ended, to add an additional A tip on club nights through September 15th when the Mainstream class starts and on open house nights. (If we have the Monday night Advanced class, we won't need as much on Tuesdays.
  - We discussed the format for upcoming dance classes and events. We decided to implement a slightly new format starting September 15th with open house nights schedule being 6:45-7:00 pm Advanced tip; 7:00-7:15 pm socializing with intro dancers; 7:15-8:30 pm to focus on the intro dancers; 8:30-9:00 pm Plus tips. Pizza will be served at 7:45 pm.
  - The team confirmed that an Advanced program will start on September 14th, running for 32 weeks on Mondays from 7-9 PM, with Kurt tentatively agreeing to be the caller.
  - For the Mainstream class schedule, we agreed to implement a short break with a two-caller format running from 6:45-9:15 PM (An Advanced tip 6:45-7:00 PM), that would equally balance class-level and club-level dancing, including plus-level tips. We agreed that we could sustain paying two callers for at least the short term. The group also discussed the need to recruit additional callers, with Kathy Villa being identified as a potential new caller.
  - Organize a tie-dye picnic on September 26th.
- Close

## **Next steps**

### **Ed**

- Follow up with Kurt offline to discuss options and requirements for obtaining 501c3 status, including details about the USDA group exemption process
- Update the election ballots to ensure both proposals have the "abstain" option, or remove/standardize as appropriate
- Send open house notification/flyer to Jo Dean
- Print and distribute any additional open house flyers as needed (but confirmed not needed at this time; monitor)
- Update the bylaws link on the website once final version is confirmed

### **Kurt**

- Forward the exact text/description for new open house and class night formats to the group
- Begin identifying and confirming additional callers for the new two-caller format for September class nights
- Schedule and confirm caller for September 26th picnic (Kurt tentatively assigned, but confirm)
- Collate and finalize summer caller schedule once all responses received
- Provide video and calling for Mountain View Pride
- Forward details about two-caller format and class scheduling ideas to the group for further planning

### **Michael Golden**

- Coordinate with Kurt about potential collaboration with other clubs for joint dance opportunities during the fall instruction period

### **Michael Levy**

- Work with Kurt to resolve Zoom meeting host permissions and default sharing settings before next meeting
- Meet with Kathy Villa to discuss her interest and availability for calling, including possible support for Redwood Rainbows and Caper Cutters
- Explore possibility of Rich calling for Monday A2 class in September

### **Mike**

- Provide Ed with the final amount owed by the club for the merchandise credit card fee
- Document the merchandise ordering and distribution process for future reference

### **Oliver**

- Add new prospect information from recent Pride events to the Google Group/prospect list

- Will ask Pete for help on the specific items I am not able to decipher from recent Pride events

## **Pete**

- Talk to Eric B. about continuing the kitchen review sessions for at least a month after convention
- Look into unsubscribing or managing Nextdoor notifications (check credentials or use unsubscribe link)
- Schedule and confirm September board meeting for the 13th
- Bring table and materials (flags, candy, bracelets) for upcoming Mountain View Pride event
- Bring cakes for graduation

## **Collaboration**

- Ed & Pete: Sign graduation certificates at the event

## **Calendar Review**

### **June**

- Pride Event Participation (sign-up volunteers, demo dancers)
  - San Mateo County Pride (June 13 -- booth confirmed; no parade in 2026)
  - Mountain View Pride (June 20 -- booth request confirmed; stage demo confirmed @ 12:45pm)
- Social Event: Theater on June 13 ("*Toxic Avenger*")
- Dark Day (Due to convention: June 30)
- Plus Graduation on June 23
- Advertise July 14 Open House
- Board meeting: June 14 11am

### **July**

- Convention: Montreal Mix (July 1-5)
- Dark Day (Due to convention: July 7)
- Picnic: July 25 -- caller: Dave Decot
- Open House: July 14
- Board Meeting: July 19 11am

### **August**

- Quarterly Dance - August 1: Vic Ceder
- Open House: August 11
- Advertise New Mainstream Class/Contact Open House visitors
- Picnic: August 29 1:30-4:00pm: caller: Rich Reel
- Treasurer: Send Membership Renewal Forms
- Board Meeting: August 9 11am

## **September**

- Open House (September 1)
- Mainstream Class (Begins September 15; ends December 22)
- Advanced Class: September 14th: Kurt Gollhardt
- Picnic: September 26 1:30-4:00pm: Kurt Gollhardt
- Schedule Board Meeting: September 13 11:00-12:00 pm

## **Quick recap**

The El Camino Reelers square dance club held their monthly board meeting to discuss upcoming events, financial updates, and scheduling changes. The group reviewed the successful tie-dye picnic event and merchandise sales, with Mike reporting that all orders were completed despite some initial challenges with the Bay Area Shirt Company. Ed provided a financial update indicating a negative balance for June due to upcoming checks to callers, while noting that income was typical for the season with two dark nights in June and July. The club discussed pursuing 501c3 status to rent the Palo Alto United Methodist Church for dances, with Kurt offering to provide details on the process through USDA. The group reviewed the calendar for upcoming events including Pride demonstrations, open houses, and the graduation of the PLUS class on June 23rd. A significant portion of the meeting focused on planning the fall schedule, with Kurt proposing a new two-caller format running from 6:45 to 9:15 PM on Tuesdays for the new Mainstream class, starting Tuesday, September 15, to balance class time with club-level dancing. Kurt is tentatively assigned as the caller. An Advanced class, with a single caller, will start Monday, September 14.