

WESTERN STAR DANCERS: General Meeting – September 21, 2009

The meeting was called to order at approximately 8:00 pm. Daryl Daniels gave a detailed account of our many activities during the past year, and gave thanks to the individuals who made it all possible.

The issues facing the club in connection with our venues (EVRC, Forest Hill, Ebenezer, etc) and the rents we're asked to pay were presented and explained to the membership.

Members were encouraged to bring friends to the Free Intro Nights for our upcoming Green Class (Magnet on Oct 5 and FH on Oct 12), and the financial importance of getting a good turnout for this class was emphasized.

Daryl raised the question of raising fees, and whether the best way to generate more income would be by raising class fees, membership fees, or asking members for a per-evening contribution when they angel. Matt Thomson talked in detail about how El Camino Reelers has handled this issue, and said that ECR has come to the conclusion that requesting a donation from angels was more effective than raising fees. After further general discussion, it was determined that Western Star would try the same approach.

Daryl raised the issue of amending the By-Laws to push the date for Board Elections back two months. This would put the actual terms of office in sync with the calendar year, and allow us to get the fall class off and running before dealing with election procedures. After further general discussion, it was determined that the general membership is in favor of making this change.

John Dobson updated the membership on our search for new venues, and discussed the pros and cons of Harvey Milk Academy, which he had recently looked at.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:00pm.