



FRASER VALLEY SQUARE & ROUND DANCE ASSOCIATION

MINUTES GENERAL MEETING Sunday January 17, 2010

Meeting called to order at 1:30 PM

1 **Welcome** – by Barb & Guy Tryssenaar, Vice President Couple, in the Absence of George & Betty Langtry, President Couple

2 **Additions to the Agenda** –

8b 2010 Live Site

8c Lea Veronica

Moved by Penney Hook; seconded by Eriika d'Esterre that the Agenda be accepted with the additions. Carried.

3 **Attendance** – 16/26 Clubs attended 15/20 Executive attended

4 **Minutes of the Last Meeting** – *Moved by Art Goyer; seconded by Norm Cox that the minutes of the November 1, 2009 be accepted as printed. Carried.*

5 **Correspondence** – A 25-Year Dangle Application had been received from Doreen Cameron of the Swinging Singles. The Secretary read the Letter from Walter Michaluk of the Surrey Square Wheelers, inviting other Clubs to join them in the Cloverdale Parade in Cloverdale May 22, 2010. Contact Walter for application and details.

6 **Unfinished Business** –

a Halifax National Festival – July 29-31 2010 – Registrations are now being taken. A registration is on page 23 of the January Valley Circle.

b Insurance Cards – Dancers will be receiving these this week by Club Representatives. Please sign the Insurance Cards. The insurance can be submitted to February 17, 2010 for the 2010 calendar year.

c Seniors Games – Barb read a letter from Zone 2 Courtney of the Comox Valley on Vancouver Island. Karin Sorger will be the Co-ordinator for the Province. Ken Crisp reported he will co-ordinate Zone 3, same as last year. A Co-ordinator for Zone 4 for Vancouver is needed. Practise 90% of time square dancing and 10% in the Competition.

7 **Reports**

a **Treasurer – Sandi Poje** –

930 registered dancers. The financial statement covered to the end of November 30, 2009.

In November I reported that we had 844 registered dancers, to date we have 930 registered dancers. We will have the Co-Operatives Squares new dancer class adding to this list of dancers by February 1, 2010.

I have the insurance cards for some of the clubs. I will pass them out to you at the coffee break.



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Moved by Sandi Poje; **seconded** by Fred Garbet that the Treasurer's Report be accepted as circulated. **Carried.**

- b **Vice President – Barb Tryssenaar** – Since our last meeting, we have been very busy. Aside from regularly dancing, with the Chuckwagon's A2s and Plus, we go to the Abbotsford Swinging Hubs alternately with Town and Country Swingers on Mondays. We have represented the FV at Stardowners 30th Anniversary, Weavers during their anniversary week, Town & Country Swingers 20th year with John Corrigan and Cheryl Plume,, Motiv8tors and the Co-Operative Squares group and the Caller/Teacher AGM all in November. It was a busy month.

We have crossed the bridge twice to Surrey Square Wheelers but one of those times was dark. December saw the Annual Toys for Tots where once again square dancers demonstrated their generosity by giving to those less fortunate. Kudos to Heather Wallace who won a nice 50/50 jackpot, but turned the money back in for the kids. The Singles invited us to attend their Christmas Dinner as their guests (thank you) and we had such a good time that we would go again next year when we have to pay.

December ended with the Caller/Teacher Dance on December 27th, where the Scroll of Honour for the Callers was announced, but not presented, to a worthy, but absent couple—Ron & Bette Berglund. Congratulations to them and best wishes to them both for a return to good health.

Caller Teachers AGM on November 21st, 2009.

Twenty-two members attended with guests Brian Murdoch, Pat Meyers and ourselves.

Regular business was conducted, along with a Round Dance Demo by Brian and Darlene Penny.

Executive for 2010 is the same as last year with the exception of Heather Wallace taking over the Round Dance Co-Ordinator from Marg Beatty. Their next meeting is Saturday January 16th of 2010. We will not attend.

- c **Canadian Society** – No Report
- d **Valley Circle – Blair Wallace** – February issue is under way. There is an **Issue Cover Contest** with guidelines on Page 28 Submitted for Cover for 50th-Year Issue. 2010 is the Official 50th-Year of the Valley circle.
- A Subscription Couple is needed for September 2010, which is Renewal Month. Norm Cox pointed out several covers from past issues which Blair Wallace and others had designed. Now is the time for new ideas for future covers especially the 50th-year issue.
- e **Vancouver Caller Teachers Association – Ken Crisp** – Dec 27th, 2009 Dance was successful. Anyone has any suggestions for future dances; please bring forward to Ken Crisp.
- f **BC Federation – Norm Cox** – The BC Federation had an Executive Meeting in Mid-November, 2009, at a Hotel in Richmond, with an excellent turn out of the Executive Members.



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You may be aware that Nick Turner withdrew from his position as Past President of the BC Federation as of the AGM held in July 2009 in Vernon. Joan and Randy Sheffield have taken over that position.

There were some 20 items up for discussion at the Executive Meeting with the 1st Vice President requesting 75% of them.

BC Federation paid out funds for requests for Funding for New Dancer Classes to Weavers, Chilliwack and a Victoria Club.

Festival 2009 in Vernon realised a profit of which ½ went to their own Organisation and ½ went to the BC Federation.

Gord Rudeig will continue to look after the BC Federation Library.

Regina Anderson from Penticton, will look after the *Round of the Month*.

A Financial Statement was presented and showed that the current Liabilities and equity are in good shape, much of which are in a Special Account. Last year's accounting showed expenses very close to the income and with the number of dancers down, the income will reflect that this year.

All regions are requested to get their ads for upcoming events on to the Federation Web Page, so that Robert can download those onto Region 2 Web Page.

Brian Elmer introduced us to www.twitter.com, BC Fed. Dance News. Perhaps you will see yourself in photos from Festival 2009 in Vernon at <http://entertainmentwebshots>.

Norm Cox presented a visual display that he and Mary had used in conjunction with ACTNOW BC at a Wellness Fair held in Burnaby, and took it to another Fair in White Rock.

Board of Directors will meet March 27-28,,2010 in Lac La Hache. We need input from all regions regarding the agenda.

In Mid-December, I talked to Gary Geldart, who is the buyer of our Insurance for the Canadian Society. He informed me that he will buy more insurance for Late Comes as well as New Dancers at the end of February 2010. Every Dancer should have an Insurance Card by the end of this week. If you don't have one, please register NOW. We need to have any New Registrations (for Current Dancers or New Dancers) to Sandi Poje, FV Treasurer, no later than February 1, 2010, as she has to forward it to Beth, the BC Federation Treasurer, who in turn has to send it off to the Canadian Society. Purchasing and getting your insurance into Sandi is of utmost importance. Please make sure that this information goes back to your clubs, right away.

- g **BC Federation Reps – Roy Ballam** – The Committee is compiling a list of 80 plus dancers who might receive the Four Score and More Badge. A new order is being placed for the Badges. North Vancouver Island has possibly more Four Score and More recipients than the Lower Mainland.
- h **Heritage Curator – John Connolly** – Some light is showing at the end of the tunnel in the Heritage Centre storage facility, particularly with re-boxing of inventory and in sequential order relevant to the catalogue number assigned including a label identifying the content of each carton. This label is in addition to the Excel-generated list, mainly when a telephone call or an email message comes in. Having the correct carton in which each is uniform in



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size makes stacking easier without the threat of cartons collapsing in on another as was the case at the old facility when cartons were started to collapse in on themselves.

It is sad that we have a place for storage and no place for display. The dancers who missed Callers-Teachers Dance missed the opportunity to view a display of memorabilia in the room set aside for refreshments. There is one solution to the Association providing a display—at an Open House in our Amenities Room; just a case of reserving a day not already reserved for someone else.

Clubs with special dances may request what is available and have Heritage provide the memorabilia at their Dances.

- i **Classic Gala – Barb Tryssenaar** – We are ready. The Gala committee has been working hard to prepare and things are looking good. The decorations are almost done and we certainly miss Linda Earl; but we have the decorations under control and they are going to be very interesting to the dancers. A big thanks to Penney Hook who has provided us with some decorations.

The prizes will reflect the theme of the dance and we think that you will enjoy them – if your ticket is drawn, that is.

The ticket sales are going well and there are a few tickets left. I have managed to get 8 tickets and two of the callers have a few (at least as of Thursday) so if you want to come to our dance, NOW is the time to buy. The good news is that the committee has decided to extend the sale of the lower price of the tickets for this week. Sort of a period of grace.

The 7th Annual Classic Gala which is the only dance that the FVS&RDA sponsors, will take place on February 20th at Confederation Seniors Centre in Burnaby with Ray Brendzy, Brent Mawdsley and Steve Edlund calling and Ellen Robertson cueing. It will be a Plus dance. Everyone will have a great time.

If you are planning on coming to our Gala please see me for tickets.

THIS WILL BE A GREAT DANCE AND WE HOPE THAT NONE OF YOU MISS OUT!
PLEASE JOIN US.

- j **Promotion – Norm Cox** – Some 400 Rainbow Cards went out with a 1-800-number and a coupon for 2 nights of Free Dancing to Beginners on the back. None were turned in as being used. It was felt that to be effective something *catchy* about the Fraser Valley needs to be on the front because people are afraid of 1-800-numbers as the number could be for some place away off in the East and not local.

Other suggestions brought forward –

- All clubs have used the Generic Newspaper ads and customised them.
- The WebPage-based coupons are very good.
- Bring a Friend Night works very well.
- There is a real need for clubs to participate in Demos, Special Events, Parades with special flyers as handouts (people need to see that we are having fun).
- We could list upcoming events in local newspapers, seniors papers.
- Clubs need to contact local newspapers regarding club milestones such as Anniversaries, graduations etc.



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- The WebPage is a good place to store information and from which to down load coupons and forms.
- Each club needs to have a designated contact with an e-mail address who is responsible for passing on information to other club members. These contact names and e-mail addresses need to be sent to the Promotion Committee.
- We need young people in – could make it a Family Affair.
- Also target 60+ boomer generation.

Following is a list of clubs which having New Dancer Classes and the number of New Dancers per club as of January 1, 2010:

Abbotsford Grand Squares	17
Chilliwack Rhythm Reelers	21
Ocean Waves	4
Surrey Square Wheelers	19
Swinging Singles	14
Town 'n Country Swingers	6
Weavers	6
Wesburn Wranglers	17
Squares Across the Border	6
Delta Sun Dancers	<u>6</u>
Total New Dancers	116

- k **Promotion Committee – Norm Cox** – The Promotion Committee held a Workshop in Aldergrove, Saturday, November 21, 2009, for clubs with New dancer Classes. Twenty-four people attended. As a result of this we paid out the sum of \$1,500.00 for the New Dancer Coupons (2 free nights). Four Clubs turned in newspaper ads for a total of \$699.03 which was paid out for a total of \$2,199.03 from the Promotion Committee Accounts.

The Committee did complete negotiations and payments to Robson Square with the total cost being \$874.13 plus the two callers were paid \$60.00 each and the cuers paid \$40.00 each.

We are now working on ads in Dancer Publications advertising the Lea Veronica Workshops May 29-30, 2010. Read the Valley Circle or go on the Region 2 WebPage for all the details. www.region2.squaredance.bc.ca .

April 17, 2010 will be the New Dancer Jamboree in Ridge Meadows Senior Centre.

It is a go ahead for the BC Senior Games this year in the Comox Valley September 15-18, 2010. Lots more info on the Seniors Games WebSite at www.bcseniorgames2010.ca .

If any club is putting in a request for funding from the BC Federation, please send your Applications to me, Norm Cox, as I would like to review them before sending them in.

- l **Webmaster – Robert Ascroft** – Thanks to the many viewers, the website on December 29, 2009 exceeded the 10,000-hit mark. For the past eleven months, each month's average number of hits has exceeded the previous months.

A new feature added in December is the posting of the Association's general meeting minutes. The financial statements will not be included because they are confidential to the Association. Shortly after I receive minutes from the Secretary, they will be posted on the website and stay there for a year.



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The club homepage was redesigned in December to include club logos and dates when a club changes their website information.

Based on feedback from the November 21st New Dancer Recruitment Workshop in Aldergrove, the Promotion Committee's support pages were redesigned to clarify the requirements for reimbursement and remove support material no longer required. If your club is submitting reimbursements for advertising and coupons, please have the responsible person carefully read and follow the posted instructions. The free-sessions coupon was revised to limit its use to one club only.

The website is an excellent way to get your event publicised to a large audience. Please tell your club's publicity person that event flyers are posted on the website and noted in the event calendar when the flyer is sent to me. Take advantage of this free opportunity to get your message out.

- m **Scroll of Honour – Roy Ballam** – Ron & Bette Berglund were the Caller/Teacher Scroll of Honour recipients for 2009. This was announced at the Caller Teacher Dance on December 27th of 2009.

Bea Kivits will take on the Chairperson of the Scroll of Honour Committee after the Classic Gala for the 2010 nominations.

Roy spoke about the Criteria for Nomination for the Scroll of Honour which is someone who is Dancer Couple or Caller-Teacher Couple who has given service beyond the Club level to the square dancing association.

- n **Driscoll Award – Ron Robertson** – The kits will be sent out soon. The Teen Night Driscoll awards will be presented sometime to be determined in June of 2010.
- o **Dancer Resource Book – Mary Cox** – If you are not aware of the information in the Dancer Resource Book, I suggest that you take some time, and familiarise yourself with it, as it has a wealth of information. Each Club has a Resource Book, which is the property of the Fraser Valley Association (see the green sheet at the beginning of your Resource Book – Disclaimer). It is to be returned to the Fraser Valley Executive, if your Club ceases to exist. Also, if lost, it costs \$25.00 to replace it.

The Book has 5 Sections:

- Section 1 is for your club information (e.g. Minutes, notices, etc)
- Section 2 is the Fraser Valley Section and contains the Constitution, By-Laws and information on the workings of the Fraser Valley Association.
- Section 3 is the BC Federation Section, with its By-Laws and Executive Lists, etc.
- Section 4 is the Canadian Society Section with similar Information
- Section 5 is the Caller-Teacher Section with their By-Laws and Membership Lists
- On Page 24 of Section 2, you will find the Job Description for Club Representatives to the Fraser Valley Association. Please take time to read this and familiarise yourself with your duties, which you may or may not be aware, for instance:
 - You are responsible to report, to your Club, information that you receive at this meeting and post the minutes of these meetings on your Club Bulletin Board.
 - You are to receive and update the new Information for the Dancer Resource Book, and make the Book available to Club Members.



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More on Page 24:

You have received a brown envelope for your Club Resource Book. If not, please get it from me, before you leave. Instructions are on the front of the envelope. It is your responsibility to get these pages into your Club's Dancer Resource Book. Section 2 and part of Section 3 were updated by me in all books in November 2009. There are three different bundles of paper—salmon colour paper is for Section 3. Please remove and discard pages 9 & 21 from Section 3 in your Club's Book and replace it with the 2 pages in your envelope. Pink colour paper is for Section 4. Remove all of Section 4 and replace it with the pages in the envelope. Grey/Lilac colour is for Section 5—remove and discard the Caller-Teacher Telephone/Address List in Section 5 and replace with the pages in the envelope.

At the end of your term as Club Rep, please make sure you pass this book and your badge on to the next Fraser Valley Rep from your Club, and remember that this book should be accessible and in view at all club dances for anyone who wishes to browse through it. Any questions, feel free to ask me at any time.

8 New Business

- a **BCAA Advertisements on CKNW & 104.9 Fun FM – Ken Crisp** – reported that the BC Square Dance Federation has written a letter to Public Relations CKNW regarding the recent BCAA Ads. He read his letter at the Meeting.
- b **2010 Live Site – Ken Crisp** – Abbotsford Grand Squares will be part of the 2010 Live Site which will be advertised in the Valley Circle. The Arena will have free swims, skates, etc. Two Thursday evenings – February 18 & 25th – square dancing and a half-hour introduction for public to participate.
Russian Figure-skating using the same arena for practise will give the public a chance to see them practise.
- c **Lea Veronica Workshops – Norm Cox** –
Free workshop in May.
Abbotsford – Saturday – donation to the Club toward lunch. Dance in the evening.
Kennedy Hall – Sunday
Fraser Valley Association will send a letter that we will support.
Let Robert know by May15 if you are attending Lea Veronica Workshops.

Moved** by Joan Sheffield, **seconded** by Budd Ball, that we will write a letter to the Canadian Society, Chuck Jordan, that the Fraser Valley & Round Dance Association will support these workshops. **Carried.

Thanks to June Fitchett & Al Gibbs – attending to the kitchen duties, in the absence of Anni & Kris Christensen

9 Order of Day –

- a Town 'n' Country Swingers – **Leap into Spring** on March 13
- b Chilliwack Rhythm Reelers – **55th Anniversary** on January 22, 2010;
- c **MS Dance** on March 28th
- d Wesburn Wranglers – **Benefit Dance** on January 30th – \$6.00



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- e Wheeling Eights – ***Valentines Dance***
- f Chuckwagon Eights – ***Disco Night*** on Thursday February 4th
- g Abbotsford Grand Squares – ***Heart Dance*** on March 7th
- h Swinging Singles – ***41st Birthday*** on January 19th; ***Ice Cream Social*** on June 5th
- i Surrey Square Wheelers – ***Happiness Dance*** on April 24th

10 **Adjournment** – 3:15 PM ***Moved*** by *Robert Ascroft*.

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