



FRASER VALLEY SQUARE & ROUND DANCE ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING

OCTOBER 16, 2011

at Centennial Lodge, Queen's Park, New Westminster – 1:30 PM

- 1 WELCOME** – Barb Tryssenaar – Welcome everyone to the Meeting, especially on such a lovely Fall day.
Congratulations to Sally & Ken Crisp on receiving the Silly Award.
A card is at the back table to be signed for Al Berry's 80th Birthday.
Please hand in your Dancer Resource Book to Betty and George Langtry so the books can be updated.
- 2 ADDITIONS AND APPROVAL TO THE AGENDA**
Moved by Erika d'Esterre; seconded by Darlene Austin that the Agenda be accepted as circulated. Carried.
- 3 ATTENDANCE** – 17/26 clubs attended; 22/25 executive attended.
- 4 APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS GENERAL MEETING OF MARCH 13, 2011 –**
Moved by Norm Cox; seconded by John Connolly that the minutes of the Previous Meeting be approved with the following addition, under New Business it should read November 19th & 20th Zoomer Show. Carried.
- 5 CORRESPONDENCE** – Ginny Connolly – Thank you card from Norm & Mary Cox for the Clock they were presented at the AGM in May. Thank you e-mail from George & Betty Langtry for the Clock presented to them also at the AGM in May.
Letters from the BC Federation regarding the cancellation of the Prince George Festival. Three Motions that were to be brought up at the Penticton Festival in August. Reminder that this year the BC Federation fees would remain the same.
A get well card to Peter Tamin.

– Barb Tryssenaar – correspondence inquiries received from Powell Street Festival about the square dancers participating in the Festival. Requested complimentary tickets; but the Festival was not able to provide complimentary tickets at this time.
Also received an e-mail from a caller named, Tom Roper, who recently submitted an article to the Valley Circle September issue Page 27 regarding dancers. He sent an trifolded brochure which can be used for advertising, and liked the Frequently Asked Questions section. He is from Arizona and would like to call here in Canada. This information of his will be passed on to the larger clubs who might want to hire him for a special dance.
- 6 REPORTS**
 - a Treasurer** – Mary Cox – The first Report handed out was the Year-End Statement from July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011 and the basic difference in this statement from the ones you have received all year is that it is done on a different computer programme. The Year-End Income and Expense Total may seem rather high to you; but that is because Membership Income and Expense is entered differently but the end result is the same. Also adding to the high Expense Total is the fact that the Term Deposits were transferred from HSBC to VanCity to get a better interest rate and they show as expenses but in reality the money is still there just in a different bank.



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- b Vice President** – David McVige – To start I would like to thank Norm and Mary Cox for nominating me to the Position of Vice-President of the FVS&RDA and the members approving. I have lots to learn.

July 1st my official first Day, I attended the Town & Country Swingers Annual Canada Day Dance. Very Good dance with 17 squares.

Abbotsford Grand Squares had well attended Summer Sunday Dances ranging from 5–12 squares averaging 7.5 squares. A good cross-section of clubs were represented, with visitors from Germany & Ontario.

Abbotsford Grand Squares had a good start of New Dancers Class with up to 25 new dancers in the first 3 lessons. They are celebrating their 30th Anniversary on Thursday November 17th. Everyone is welcome.

The V&DCTA had their General Meeting Sept 17th. I was unaware of my responsibility to attend and I was not in attendance.

I attended the V&DCTA Corn Caper at Kennedy Hall Sept 24th.

Corn was in abundance with 7 squares and a panel of callers.

Stardowners are having their Oktoberfest Thursday October 20th with Ray Brendzy calling in Centennial Lodge of Queens Park.

Chilliwack Rhythm Reelers are having their Oktoberfest Friday October 21st with dinner 7:00 PM and dance 8:00 – 10:00. \$15.00 per couple.

- c Valley Circle** – Blair Wallace – The Valley Circle is halfway through the subscription renewals. The November issue is being put together. People are asked to send any correspondence to the P.O. Box Number not to 80th Avenue. There is space now available for non-square dancing ads. Commercial Rates apply Camera-ready required.

- d Driscoll Award** – Ron Robertson – The kits go out to the Teens in January. They are ready to go. Placement of the form on the square dance website and the teens can send the nominations in from there.

Sella Driscoll passed away this year and her daughter, Sharon, will be the contact.

(Barbara asked Ron to tell the new reps what is significance of the Driscoll Award.) There is a point system of 12 categories to get as many points as possible. There is a female and a male award. The Teens get plaques to keep and a reference letter for them to use on a resume. Bobby Goulds and Samantha Adams were the teen Driscoll Award winners.

The Dancer Resource Book and the Website are the two resources for dancers.

- e B.C. Federation** – Ginny read the report submitted by Betty Langtry – The President of the FVS&RDA has already reported most of the changes. Treasurer reported there would be over \$3000.00 as a loss to the Federation because of the cancellation of the Prince George Festival.

– *CLASS OF 2011* – To qualify for assistance for new dancer classes in a club with both new round and square dance classes, there must be at least 70% of different dancers. If there is a shortfall of over \$250.00, the club must show they have some way to cover this.

Class of 2011 winners were

Rounds – 1st: Rainbow Rounders (Victoria)

Square Dance – 1st: Wheeling Eights; *2nd:* Country Cousins; *3rd:* Westside Squares

Honourable Mention: Swinging Singles, Abbotsford Grand Squares, Ocean Waves



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The \$150.00 not awarded will be distributed to the Honourable-Mention applicants.

- *FESTIVAL COMMITTEES* – Festival committees should establish a date in their initial plans for deciding if the festival will proceed or be cancelled.
- *SENIORS GAMES* – The BC Federation will no longer have any connection with the Seniors Games.
- *FEDERATION AGENDAS* must be sent out 30 days before meetings. Notice of the AGM must be sent out through the Federation Newsletter at least 45 days before the meeting.
- *BUDGET* for 2011/12 was approved.
- *MEMBERSHIP FEES* will remain the same.
- *SQUAREUP BC* will budget will be redesigned to a limit of \$2000.00.
- *THIRD-VICE-PRESIDENT* – Genie French was re-elected.
- *2013 FESTIVAL* – There have been no applications to have a 2013 Festival.
- *PEACH FESTIVAL COMMITTEE* will run the Penticton Square Dance Festival for one more year. The Federation will strike a committee to look into involvement of a summer dance.
- *NEXT MEETING* – Board of Directors next meeting will be in Victoria March 2012 to coincide with the 60th Anniversary of the Maverick Square Dance Club. Anyone wanting to attend should get their tickets early.

f WebMaster – Robert Ascroft – looking for someone to take over as Webmaster as of May 2012. He will be simplifying the process for the next committee and will assist in any way he can for a smooth transition.

g Classic Gala – Barbara Tryssenaar – As previously stated the 9th Annual Classic Gala dance will take place on Saturday, April 28th, 2012 at Confederation Seniors Centre in Burnaby. This hall has a good floor for dancing and is centrally located and has great sound and is generally well liked by square dancers.

It will be a Plus dance with international calling star Ken Bower calling and our own Krista Ferguson cueing.

The tickets will go on sale at the next General Meeting, in January.

The tickets will be \$15.00 per person, which in light of current local special dance prices, is a good deal. Teens will be half-price. As per always the Classic Gala gives you your moneys worth.

In January all representatives will get packages to take back to your clubs. Tickets will be available from Gala Committee Members. Several people have asked me to reserve tickets for them; but that gets too complicated, so if you are interested in attending this dance we suggest that you get your tickets early because I don't think that they will last. Would the Gala committee members please stand up: Dave & Marg, June & Al, Sandi, Ron Robertson, Ron Watson, Jean & Alex Galbraith and Guy & I.

So that is the scoop on the Classic Gala and to reiterate:

Saturday, April 28th, 2012

Ken Bower calling a plus dance

Krista Ferguson cueing

Tickets on sale for \$15.00 per person at the meeting January 22nd, 2012.

We know that you are going to want to make this one.



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- h Callers/Teachers Association** – Ken Crisp – The next Meeting is November 19th OAP Hall.
- i Scroll of Honour** – Barbara Tryssenaar – The committee is looking for more nominations for the 2011 Scroll of Honour. It is suggested that there are many people who can be nominated, the criteria is in the Dancer Resource Book.
- j Canadian Society** – Norm Cox – The next meeting of the Canadian Society is October 22nd, 2011 in Montreal. Beth McGifford is our BC Representative. She will report back after the Meeting.
Revenue Canada has already sent the Federation a Tax number.
\$10,000 per quarter is needed to qualify. HST/GST will have to be charges.
- k Joint Promotion Committee** – Norm Cox – Othello Tunnels Norm Reported that the Othello Tunnels Campout was held on September 15th – 17th with dancing in the Tunnels on September 17th. There was a smaller group than last year; but it was an enthusiastic group. We had a lovely dance in the Tunnels with no rain. There was no caravan this year for Square and Round Dance Awareness Week, as it has not been well supported in the recent years.

7 OLD BUSINESS

- a Registration & Insurance Fees** – Mary Cox – Registrations are due to Mary Cox by October 30th so that the fees can be send in on to the BC Federation, who forwards this on to the Canadian Society.
- b Wellness Show** – Norm Cox – the Coxes with the Jensens from Surrey Square Wheelers, .had a booth at the Wellness Show in Newton on June 10th.
They used one of the new standing banners, which can be borrowed for Squaredancing related events, from them.
- c Reminder to dancers and Club Reps** – Barbara Tryssenaar – To be aware of dancers who have danced 25 years who are entitled to receive a 25-Year Dangle, or who have 50 years of dancing, who are entitled to receive a very attractive 50-Year Lapel Pin, or dancers who are over 80 years of age are entitled to receive a *Four Score & More* badge. Copies of the years of dancing forms are on the Square Dance Website and need to be forwarded to the Secretary, Ginny Connolly, who will arrange to have them presented by the Club Director. The *Four Score & More* badge is obtained through Roy & Janet Ballam.

8 NEW BUSINESS

- a Wheeling Eights request** – Barbara Tryssenaar – The Executive of the FVS&RDA has moved to waive the Fees for the Wheeling Eights. The levy is presently \$5.00 who must pay the \$2.00 Insurance fee.
Moved Blair Wallace; seconded by Dave Hammer that that the FVS&RDA will waive the Fees for the wheelchair-bound dancers for the 2013 year. Carried.
The BC Federation reps from the FVS&RDA will present this motion at their AGM in 2012.
- b Zoomer Show** – Norm Cox – The event will be held at Canada Place *Under the Sails*, November 19th & 20th.



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Demos of 10-minute segment each day will be held in exchange for a free booth. We need people to man the booth, dance demos and would like 2 squares and to give out pamphlets. We recommend participants taking transit due to difficulty of parking available.

A Zoomer is a senior with a zip.

- c Grey Cup Parade** – Barbara Tryssenaar – We are not able to get a float done by the time needed for the Grey Cup Parade. Time constraints and regulations of criteria resulted in the idea being forfeited.

Surrey Square Wheelers will enter the Christmas Parade.

Do we have people who would be interested in helping with this in the future?

Thanks were given to Marg Scott & Dave Hammer for convening the Lunch.

9 ORDER OF THE DAY

- a Town & Country Swingers** – Fundraiser Traditional Christmas Dinner & Dance, Monday December 12. Tickets: \$20.00 each. Telephone contact: 604-980-6231.
- b Royal Swingers** – Steve's Muffin Madness at Edmonds Community Centre, Friday November 18th. Tickets: \$8.00 per person Telephone contact: 604-929-1593.
- c Motiv8tors** – Kevin Thomaier Plus Dance – a caller from the US – Wesburn Community Hall, November 25th; November 26th two A2 dances, in the afternoon & again in the evening. Tickets: \$20.00 per couple per dance. Telephone contact: Susan 604-272-2307.
- d Chuckwagon Eights** – Train Dance November 3rd at Burnaby Lake Pavilion. Plus Level. Tickets at the door. Telephone contact: 604-420-3442.
- e Co-operative Squares** – They will be finishing the Plus teach classes this December 2011 and will be starting a Beginners Class in January 2012.
- f Stardowners** – Oktoberfest October 20th. Sold-out. Halloween Costume party October 27th.
- g Wheeling Eights** – Halloween Dance October 27th at the Sunrise Pavilion with Caller Tyler Wagner – rounds, refreshments.
- h Abbotsford Grand Squares** – celebrating their 30th Anniversary of the Club November 17th at 7:30 PM. All levels Dance.

Barb Tryssenaar – Presentation to Sandi Poje with a certificate of thanks and honouring her for all her years of service. She was also given a gift certificate.

10 NEXT MEETING

Sunday January 22, 2012 at Centennial Lodge, Queen's Park, New Westminster.

11 ADJOURNMENT

Moved to adjourn the Meeting by Robert Ascroft at 3:10 PM.