



FRASER VALLEY SQUARE & ROUND DANCE ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING

JANUARY 22, 2012

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

- 1 WELCOME** – Barb Tryssenaar – Thank you for all coming out with the weather that we have had. Several Clubs have had to cancel dancing, due to the weather, but on January 7th was Al Berry's 80 Birthday. A "Four Score & More" Badge, plus a signed card from FVS&RDA was given to him. Denise Dickson is now at Fleetwood Care Centre in Surrey. He would welcome visitors at Room #220, Cedar Wing Care Life – Fleetwood, 8265 159 St, Surrey, V4N 5T5. A Moment of Silence to remember Dancers who have recently left us, especially remembering Ken Oakley who was instrumental in the Wheeling Eights; Sheila Hughes, wife of the late caller Don Hughes formerly of the Stardowners, recently passed also.
- 2 ADDITIONS AND APPROVAL TO THE AGENDA**

Moved by Norm Cox; seconded by Erika d'Esterre that the Agenda be approved, with no further additions. Carried.
- 3 ATTENDANCE** – 16/24 clubs attended; 19/24 executive attended.
- 4 APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS GENERAL MEETING OF OCTOBER 16, 2011**

Moved by Norm Cox; seconded by Janet Ballam with the amendment that the BC Federation, Board of Directors meeting will be held March 31, 2012 not the AGM as published. Carried.
- 5 CORRESPONDENCE** – Ginny Connolly – Received since the October 16th Meeting were Insurance Certificates from the Canadian Square & Round Dance Society for the FVS&RDA and the BCS&RD Federation; Society Number from BC Registry Services; thank you card from Sandi Poje; letter from Barbara Tryssenaar letting the FVS&RDA be aware that the Ocean Waves has closed.
- 6 REPORTS**
 - a Treasurer** – Mary Cox –
Mary Cox presented the current financials.

Comparison Number of Dancers 2004-2011 in Club's where dancers have bought insurance. [See Attachment in Appendix A.](#)
These are the totals that are sent to the Canadian Society, for insurance cards. Both Dancer and number of clubs have gone down. We are down 120 dancers, from last year's. Insurance is needed to be bought at "one club only" to be covered.
It is a Third Party Liability Insurance. Every club should have received their Certificate of Insurance from the Canadian Society. It should be placed in the club's Resource Book that is the club's proof that they have the insurance. The coverage is on the back of the Certificate.
The rules for new dancers have changed. A letter and instructions for each club with a form will be given out to each club for new dancer registrations in January 2012. From the \$10.00 collected from the new dancer, they will send \$2.00 of each New Dancer to the Canadian Society and the other \$8.00 will be sent to Mary Cox for the BC Federation and the Fraser Valley Association. The insurance cards for the new dancers will be issued directly from the Canadian Society to the Clubs and New Members are not insured until they receive the insurance Cards. The Teens are subsidised and they must send a list of names although they



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do not pay. Dancers who are returning in January 1, 2012 from an absence can registered as new dancers.

Barbara thanked Mary & Norm for all the work they do for the Treasurer Position.

b Vice President – David McVige –

November 17 – Abbotsford Grand Squares 30th Anniversary with 6 squares Dancing. Norm & Mary Cox presented a 30th Anniversary Badge on behalf of the BC Square & Round Dance Federation. Guy & Barbara Tryssenaar presented the Group with a 30-year Banner Badge and a Guest Book on behalf of the FVS&RDA, which was signed by all attending.

November 19 – I attended the Vancouver District Caller & Teacher Association AGM, at the OAP in Aldergrove. Mort Fromson was elected as President, Lyle O'Hara elected Vice-President, Wendy Krueger continues as Secretary, with Cheryl Plume as Treasurer. Bryan Clark instructed the Square Dance Workshop and Heather Wallace instructed the Round of the Month. The Next Meeting is January 21, 2012.

November 26 – Surrey Square Wheelers Grey Cup Dance with 8 squares. It was a surprise Roast for Steve Edlund. It was a fun Evening.

December 3 – Chuckwagon Eights Annual Toys for Tots at the Charles Rummel Hall with 7 squares Dancing. Ray Brendzy called and Allison Hampton Cued.

December 4 – Abbotsford Grand Squares visitation to the White Rockers with 1 ½ squares. There were 5 squares dancing to John Corrigan and Rounds Cued by Marg Beatty.

December 10 – I, along with Susan Chown, joined 90 enthusiastic dancers from Surrey Square Wheelers in two Tour Coaches to travel to Levenworth, Washington, for the Annual Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremonies. The Coaches were parked everywhere, with people lined wall to wall on the streets.

December 19 – Abbotsford Grand Squares Pot Luck Christmas Dinner with visitors from Swinging Singles, Surrey Square Wheelers, Town'N'Country Swingers made for 9 squares.

I was in Alberta from December 20 to January 9. While in Edmonton, my first great-grandson was born January 5, 2012.

January 9 – AGS started New Year with 5 squares of enthusiastic new dancers with Angels.

Abbotsford Grand Squares cancelled Monday January 16 & Thurs January 19 due to the Weather Conditions.

Chilliwack Rhythm Reelers cancelled their Anniversary Dance Friday January 20 due to the Weather

January 21 – Vancouver & District Caller Teacher Association Meeting, Round Workshop and Teach with Heather Wallace selected for the Month of February was a two-step titled *Why don't we Just Dance II*.

Three Waltz Rounds were shown and March Round of the Month was chosen *I Miss You*. Steve Edlund presented a Square Dance Workshop on *Effectively using New Choreography*.

Coming |Events

January 25 – Surrey Square Wheelers Fashion Show & Recycle Sale

January 26 – Abbotsford Grand Squares Penguin Promenade.

c Valley Circle – Blair Wallace – The February Valley Circle goes to press January 23, 2012 with 40 pages. Blair reminded everyone that the Valley Circle has a New Dancer Class Giveaway. If the new dancer finishes the Beginners Lessons, and Joins that club, they will get 6-month Free Valley Circle Subscription. Names need to be submitted to Blair Wallace, by the club.



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- d Promotion Committee** – Norm Cox – Flyer of February 17 to 19, 2012 Wellness Show was available for distribution. We need to have more dancers to put on Demos Friday & Saturday. Ken Crisp will be calling. He is quoted as saying “Dancers have fun, laugh more, make friends exercise more reduce stress and improve memory skills.” Friday and Saturday Demos approximately ¾ hour each.
- Saturday April 21st – New Dancer Jamboree Maple Ridge Seniors Centre,
 - Sept 12–16th – Othello Tunnels with Dancing in the Tunnels Sunday September 16th
 - Five-year Calendar will not be re-ordered at this time. It is too costly; not enough profit
 - February 7th – Next Promotion Committee Meeting
 - Report of the Zoomer Show with full report in the January Valley Circle.
- e B.C. Federation** – Roy & Janet Ballam – A very timely report was distributed by the President of the BC Federation in December 2011 covering a number of miscellaneous items that included the following of interest to us today:
- The BOD meeting will be held 10AM Saturday March 31, 2012 in Victoria. Booking of a room at a decent rate for delegates has been arranged. Delegates will be reimbursed for two vehicles per region. Our region has 8 delegates - 4 callers and 4 dancers.
 - A notice of Motion – moved by John Corrigan, seconded by Ken Crisp that “A Quorum for a General Meeting of the BC Federation shall consist of 20 Members.”
 - We are awaiting instruction from the dance movement, as to what should happen to the video/tape library. The Fraser Valley should give their view on this subject.
 - New Dancer groups must register New Dancer class Members by early February.
 - Any other items we the Fraser Valley, need to be put on the Agenda and sent to the President, Norm Cox or Secretary Ken Crisp, by February 15, with our Delegates being prepared to discuss our submission.
 - From the Canadian Society, we are reminded to publicize the 2014 National Convention in Ottawa. As of November, there were 265 registered. Dancers who intend to attend should register early, to show their support.
- f WebMaster** – Robert Ascroft – Looking for a new Webmaster. Robert will be looking at new formats and he will present some options at the next General Meeting. May 1, 2012 will be the deadline and after that date the website will not be updated.
- g Driscoll Award** – Ron Robertson – Kits are in the mail to the Teen Clubs. The Teen Festival will be in Renton Washington, May 4th & 5th, 2012. The cut-off for submission is May 22nd. The Presentation will be given out after that date.
- h Classic Gala** – Barbara Tryssenaar – Posters and Kits for the Gala will be handed out to each club today. Early Bird Draw Feb 29th from the purchased ticket stubs. Two Dancers will get a refund of the purchase. The Gala is April 28th, 2012 at the Confederation Seniors Centre. \$15.00 per person.
- There will be a Singles Board. Tickets will not be sold at the Door.
Tickets can be bought from Gala Committee Members. Buy early not to be disappointed.
- i Callers/Teachers Association** – Ken Crisp – There was a General Meeting of the V&DCTA yesterday, January 21, 2012.
- Heather Wallace presented the Federation Round of the Month for February, a two-step titled *Why Don't We Just Dance II*. Three waltz rounds were shown, and a March ROM was chosen, *I Miss You*. Steve Edlund presented a Square Dance Workshop on *Effectively Using New Choreography*.



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There was a clarification on Licensing Music through SLOCAN Tariff #19 and the Secretary will look into the possibility of remitting these fees for members through the Association.

A Committee was formed to organise the V&DCTA Dance for September 2012.

Vice President, Lyle O'Hara, is organising a one-day workshop on *Sight Calling Techniques*.

Our New President, Mort Fromson has asked members to express their opinions on the Operation of the V&DCTA and in particular the prospect of more than 4 meeting per year with more emphasis on *Caller Education*.

Callers, Cuers and Dancers are reminded that the Teen Festival will be in Renton, Washington, May 4 & 5, 2012. There is a real need for Canadian Participation, as Judges and Helpers. Further information can be obtained from Bryan Clark.

- j Scroll of Honour** – Barbara Tryssenaar – The 2011 Recipients have been chosen. Where they will be given has not been decided yet. The Committee feels that the Gala is too late in the year. They are looking for Names for Nominations for 2012. The qualifications are in the Dancer Resource Book and names can be submitted to Bea Maudsley.
- k Canadian Society** – Norm Cox – The AGM in Ottawa in November 2011. No Minutes have been sent out yet, due to the Secretary's Health. The Minutes will be on the Website soon. The 2012 AGM of the Canadian Society will be in Ottawa, at the Convention Center to check out the facilities for 2014 Convention. On the Canadian Society Webpage, a Form from the Canadian Society must be sent in for approval for special Dances.

Wheelchair-Bound only dancers request to have the BC Federation Fees be waived.

7 OLD BUSINESS

- a Report of the Webmaster--Replacement** – Robert Ascroft – Looking for someone with computer skills to be the new Webmaster. If anyone knows someone they think might be suitable for the Webmaster to see Robert Ascroft.

8 NEW BUSINESS

- a Delegate to the BC Federation Meeting** – Barbara Tryssenaar – As Peter Tamilin is away. We need a Delegate to the BC Federation. The Executive of the FVS&RDA has approved Ron Robertson to fill the position of Delegate for the Meeting.

Moved by Bob Brisebois; seconded by George Langtry that Ron Robertson will fill in as Delegate to the BC Federation while Peter Tamilin is away. Carried.

BC Federation Delegates need information from the dancers for the AGM, March 31st.

Presently a motion from FVS&RDA, regarding the Wheeling Eights *Wheelchair-Bound Dancers* fees for 2013 of \$3.00 is to be waived. The FVS&RDA has accepted the motion to approach the BC Federation at the BOD Meeting, March 31, 2012, for the BC Federation Fees for 2013 – \$5.00 to be waived, as well. In 2013, they will only pay the \$2.00 to the Canadian Society which, is the insurance.

A letter will be sent to the Secretary of the BC Federation to have the Fees waived for the BC Federation for the *Wheelchair-Bound Dancers* of the Wheeling Eights

In 2013, Region 2 would like to propose to host the BOD of the BC Federation. *It was moved by Betty Langtry; seconded by David McVige that a letter be sent to the BC Federation requesting a proposal to host the Board of Directors Meeting in 2013. Carried.*



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Barbara thanked all the Clubs for supporting the Special Dances.

“The chair would like to thank all those dancers and clubs that support Special Dances. Many clubs sponsor Charity Dances and the generosity of square dancers has made a big difference for many people less fortunate than ourselves; but with the number of dancers dwindling each year, it is necessary for many clubs to put on Fundraising Dances. Without the revenue from these dances, many clubs would not survive. So we need to support as many dances as possible. So please encourage your members to get out and visit. The members of this Executive attends almost all special dances – be they charity or fundraising and I would like to thank them for that, and also thank the regulars who support as many dances as possible. Thank you all.”

9 ORDER OF THE DAY

- a **Abbotsford Grand Squares** – March 4th – Heart & Stroke Fund Dance.
- b **Town’n’Country Swingers** – March 31 Leap into Spring and Recycling Sale.
- c **Wesburn Wranglers** – Fundraiser for the Teen Festival 2:00-5:00 PM, Sunday January 29th, \$7.00 per person.
- d **Wheeling Eights** – Valentine Dance on Thursday February 9th, 6:30-8:30 PM. We are dancing in the new building – Chuck Bailey Community Centre, 13458 107A Avenue, Surrey, 10 minutes from the Gateway Skytrain Station. On March 15th is the St Patrick Dance.
- e **Swinging Singles** – February 25th, Swing into Spring Square Dance with Bryan Clark calling; Anita Adams Cuing. \$10.00 per person. Singles Board.
- f **Surrey Square Wheelers** – Surrey Recreation held a New Dancer Programme with 12 dancers registered, 7 - 8 graduated and from that 3 new Surrey Square Wheeler Club Members. They will try again in September 2012.
Recycle Sale & Fashion Show, January 25th, 7:00 PM at the Port Kells Hall.
Happiness Dance on April 14th, Kennedy Hall. Pre-Rounds, 7:00 - 7:30 PM; Dancing until 10 PM.
Facebook Page – Look them up and Like them also e-mail <http://surrey.squaredance.bc.ca/>
- g **Betty Langtry** – MS Benefit Dance on April 22nd, Kennedy Hall and Silent Auction
- h **Chuckwagon Eights** – Haggis Bash, January 25th; Tribute to Frank Sinatra, February 23rd, songs sung by Brent Maudsley.
- i **Squares Across the Border** – The Club will be hosting on June 30, July 2nd, the 29th Annual IAGSDC Convention, at the Hyatt Regency, in Vancouver. Interlocking floors in use. For more information go to www.danceupastorm.ca

10 NEXT MEETING

Sunday March 18th, 2012 at Centennial Lodge, Queen’s Park, New Westminster.

11 ADJOURNMENT

Moved to adjourn the Meeting by Dave Hammer at 3:00 PM.



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Number of Dancers in Each Category by Club as of January 1, 2012											
Club	ND	Basic	M	Plus	A1	A2	C Dancers	Phase 1111	Phase 1V R	Phase V R	Total
Abb. Grand Squares	23			6	37						66 4 Teens
Abbotsford Swinging Hubs							25				25
Century House			0	3	17						20
Chilliwack Rhythm Reelers				12	36						48
Chuckwagon 8's					39		42				81
Co-op Squares					17						17
Delta Sundancers	4			11	6						21 20 teens
Guys n'Gals	1			2	1						4
Motiv8tors							25				25
Quicksteppers								2	10	3	15
Rhythm B's Ald.								8	2		10
Rhythm B's Surrey								8	22		30
Royal Swingers					33						33
Squares Across Border	1	8			2		8	33			52
Stardowners						26					26
Surrey Square Wheelers	11			13	91						115
Swinging Singles	4			16	57						77
Town n' Country				20	36						56
Weavers					33						33
Wesburn Wranglers	2			8	7	3					20 20Teens
West Coast Contra											0
Wheeling 8's	2			7							9
White Rockers					20						20
Totals	48	8	98	432	29	100	33	18	34	3	803 44 Teens