



## FRASER VALLEY SQUARE & ROUND DANCE ASSOCIATION

### GENERAL MEETING

of the Fraser Valley Square & Round Dance Association  
Sunday January 20, 2013 – 1:30 PM, Centennial Lodge, Queens Park

- 1 **WELCOME** – Barb Tryssenaar – Thanks to all who came out on this cold day. Christine Rodiques & Michael Presbury of the Chilliwack Rythmn Reelers, were introduced later in the Meeting.

Moment of Silence for those Square dancers who have recently passed.

- 2 **ATTENDANCE** – 13 /23 **Clubs** 19/21 **Executive**

- 3 **ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA AS CIRCULATED** –

*Moved by Norm Cox; Seconded Sandi Poje. Carried.*

- 4 **ACCEPTANCE OF THE PREVIOUS MINUTES OCTOBER 21, 2012** –

*Moved by Erika d'Esterre; seconded by Darlene Austin. Carried.*

- 5 **PRESIDENT'S SOAP BOX** – Barb Tryssenaar – We are constantly having clubs ask about *Banner Snatching* and would refer you to the Resource Book for very clear instructions. *It is full of information.*

Banner Snatching is part of a more important thing and that is CLUB VISITATIONS. In the past when we had endless square dancers, visiting was an event that allowed clubs to show off their club dress, caller and large membership numbers; but today is different. The excess of dancers is gone and all club membership numbers are dwindling. SO, it is very important to have club visitations and return club visitations. Today small clubs with limited number of members are struggling to stay open. So if they visit your club it is with the hope that you will return the visit. This enables that small club to survive. It is just that basic – survival. We have had so many clubs fold and we scratch our heads and say WHY.

In my opinion we can do something to assist small clubs from struggling to keep the doors open. Also, in my opinion, we have an obligation to assist whenever and wherever we can.

Back to the Banner Snatching. When you give a banner to a visiting club please plan a return visit. The Visiting Club should not just take the offered banner but say *'Come on back and retrieve your banner and visit us soon!'* I never hear this and it is so logical to remind the host club that they should come back to your club.

It is fun to get out there on a night that you do not regularly dance and dance to a different caller and chat with different people. This is the social thing to do and square dancing is a very social recreation.

*One thing that really upsets me I when visiting dancers always square up with their friends. It seems rude to me to go to another club and only dance with your own club members. This is not being friendly.*

I TOLD YOU THAT THIS WAS GOING TO BE A SOAP BOX.

Once upon a time many of the clubs that have disappeared had large memberships – some even larger than Surrey's present membership. Yet they are gone! So it can happen to every club unless we all stick together and help one another.

We feel that our social recreation is wonderful on all levels; but with limited number of dancers we must consider that the proper, right, social and just plan nice thing to do is to visit a small club. If every couple would plan to visit a struggling club once in a dance season it will make a difference.



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Guy & I and June & Al and the Galbriaths visited the Weavers for their start up and we all had a great time dancing and visiting. They greeted us warmly and really appreciated our visit. Our visit made for more dancers, more money in the club coffers and it was a win, win situation for all of us. So please visit other clubs, get their banner and ask for a return visit. We all benefit.

### 6 REPORTS

#### a **Treasurer** – Norm Cox for Mary Cox –

Profit and Loss statement will be handed out simplified for the past 6 months.

The Desmitt Fund is a Memorial Fund, anyone can donate to it.

*Moved Norm Cox; seconded by Fred Garbett, that the Profit & Loss Statement be approved as circulated. Carried.*

Mary Cox has invoices to be paid of \$312.06 (postage, photocopying, photocopying Dancer Resource Book amendments). *Moved by Russell Docherty; seconded by Erika d'Esterre, that Mary Cox be paid for her bills. Carried.*

#### b **Vice President** – David McVige –

October 28 – I visited White Rockers – 5 squares dancing – John Corrigan calling & Pat Meyer cueing.

November 6 – Tues. Krista Ferguson calling in Steve Edlunds absence, well performed – 8 squares dancing.

November 8 – AGS – official visitation by 10 White Rockers – total 5 squares.

November 13 – Surrey Square Wheelers – visitation by Swinging Singles – total 13 squares full house – Heather Wallace Cueing (Allison Hampton sick).

December 12 – Swinging Singles Christmas Party – very nicely prepared – 9 squares.

December 31 – New Years Eve – while in Calgary, I visited Rockyview Ramblers in Airdrie – 6 squares, learned to dance with 6 couples in a square.

January 18 – Chilliwack Rhythm Reelers – 58th Anniversary Dance – Dan & Anita Adams calling and cueing – 6 squares dancing mainstream and plus.

January 19 – V&D Caller/Teachers Association Meeting. Round of the month – Take it to the limit phase II waltz – discussion regarding having more frequent New Dancer classes – shorter programme.

Mike Rohde new caller, new member from Chilliwack Rhythm Reelers.

#### c **Valley Circle /Webmaster** – Blair Wallace –

February Issue is going to press January 21, 2013. This month, clubs are asked to go into the website and check for times and dates the clubs are dancing and at what levels.

A New Contest will be in the next Valley Circle approximately Page 35.

We need more letters to the Editor or letters of acknowledgement from the dancers. Possible information about other dances, elsewhere or letters of thanks.

The Website gets an average of 24 hits per day.

The Memoriam Page has been well used lately, with many dancers recently passing away.

#### d **Joint Promotion Committee** – Norm Cox – A Certificate of Appreciation was sent to all the leaders who were involved in putting on ROAR. We did receive a \$500.00 Grant from the FVS&RDA to cover some of the expenses. Thank you very much for this Grant. We are still waiting for a cheque from the BCS&RD Federation.



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The Promotion Committee will be involved in the 21st Annual Wellness Show in the Vancouver Convention Centre February 15, 16 & 17, 2013 with Dance Demo Times being Friday February 15th, at 2.00 PM and Saturday February 16 at 12 NOON. We are in need of dancers both days as well as some people to help with Booth Display. Contact Norm, 604-584 5506, if you can help.

New Dancers Jamboree will be held Saturday April 20th, 2013 in the Ridge Meadows Seniors Centre.

Othello Tunnels Camp Ground is booked for September 14 & 15, 2013 with the Tunnels Dance on Saturday September 14th, 2013.

Please check the website [www.WheresTheDance.com](http://www.WheresTheDance.com) and ensure your club is listed and that the information is up-to-date.

Next Promotion Committee Meeting is on February 5th, 2013.

Requirement for the New Dancer Grants is on the Webpage. Sold all the Calendars With a \$500-profit. Thanks to Betty Langtry for all the work on the calendars.

**e Callers/Teachers – Ken Crisp –**

The V&DCTA meeting was held yesterday, January 21, 2013. Our Annual Dance will be held on Saturday September 21, 2013, at the Kennedy Hall in Surrey, and will again be called the **Corn Cob Caper**. A committee was formed to organize this function.

There was some discussion on how the Callers' Association could be more appealing and relevant to all the callers and cuers in the area.

David McVige representing the FVS&RDA, asked if any consideration had been given to a joint meeting with the executives of the two associations. This is definitely an idea that might be beneficial to consider further.

**f Scroll of Honour – Barb Tryssenaar –** The 2012 Recipients have been chosen. When and where of the presentation will be in the Valley Circle. New nominations are needed for the 2013 Scroll of Honour. To be sent to Bea Maudsley.

**g Driscoll Award – Ron Robertson –** The Committee met in November 2012 and updated the procedures and forms. The forms for nomination are on the Fraser Valley Website and in the Dancer Resource Book.

This will make it easier for the forms to be filled in especially, on line, as well as easier to the committee to read.

The Committee uses a point system when calculating the winner, so it is important to give as much information, as possible, to the committee when filling out the forms.

**h BC Federation Report – Norm Cox –**

– The January 2013 newsletter has gone out by e-mail, and we ask that you print it out and place it on your Club's Bulletin Board, for all members to see. If you did not receive a copy please contact one of the FV&SRDA Delegates to the BC Federation, for a print out. We need to do a better job of Communicating.

– The BC Board of Directors Meeting will be held on April 6, 2013 in the ASA Hall in Abbotsford. There will be a dance in the evening hosted by the Abbotsford Grand Squares.

**h Canadian Society – Norm Cox –** April 6, 2013 is the BOD Meeting in Abbotsford in the morning with an evening dance. Beth McGifford, our BC Rep to the Canadian Society, reports that as of last week all Certificates of Insurance and Insurance Cards have been mailed. However, there have been some serious errors reported to date. Beth will deal with these at a



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Conference Call Meeting on February 3rd. Please report any errors in your Certificates to Mary Cox, 604-584 5506 OR e-mail [marymcox@telus.net](mailto:marymcox@telus.net) by February 1 as we are compiling a list to go to Beth. **DO NOT CONTACT THE CANADIAN SOCIETY.**

- i **Classic Gala** – Barbara Tryssennaar – Please go to the heritage section of the webpage to see pictures of previous galas. You might see yourself and your friends. They are great pictures and thanks to John & Ginny Connolly for taking the pictures and posting them on the webpage.

Today is the day that the 10th annual Classic Gala tickets go on sale!

This year, on Saturday, April 27th, at the Confederation Seniors Centre in Burnaby, we will hold our 10th annual Classic Gala. Over the years this dance has changed and each year brings with it a new, interesting and FUN dance. The only constant thing about the Gala is the FUN and of course the cookies.

This year, we have another FUN dance planned and instead of a new *theme*, we are having a FLASHBACK theme. So along with other music there will be decorations and songs from all the past Galas.

We are fortunate to have Heather Wallace as our caller and Brian Penny as our cuer. Heather has come up through the teen ranks and has years of experience calling and cuing and Brian is an established, experienced local cuer. Both are extremely excited and honoured to be part of the Gala. Heather is young and bouncy and Brian is sophisticated and reserved. *And I think old enough to be Heather's dad; but don't tell him I said that.*

So, we think that they will make a great couple on the stage. *Rumour has it that they have a little surprise in store for the dancers.*

We know that this year's Gala will be quite a party.

Tickets are available now from the people wearing the *Ask Me* badges and the caller & cuer. They are \$12.50 per person & half price for teens.

Would the committee members who have tickets, please stand up:

Sandi Poje, Ron Robertson, the Galbriaths, June Fitchett & Al Gibbs, David McVige, David Hammer and, of course, Guy & I.

So these are the people to see about purchasing your tickets.

There will be an *Early Bird* draw on MARCH 1st when two dancers will have their ticket money refunded and come to the dance for free. *Be sure to purchase your tickets early and get your name in for the draw.*

The FVS&RDA is proud to sponsor this dance. Yes, in our region it seems that all special dances are great; BUT there is something about the Gala that makes for a memorable experience. Please join us and be a part of the Gala Experience.

## 7 OLD BUSINESS

- a **Registration Numbers** – Mary Cox – Mary Presented list of Comparative Numbers of persons who have registered from each club from 2005 to the present, and have paid their insurance at there club. We have had a drop from last year. We need to keep our dancers and we need new members. New Dancers in January 2013 can now pay for the insurance and will be covered March 1 - December 31, 2013. The Deadline is February 8, 2013.

Please have the Club Reps read the Insurance Cards and make a list of all the numbers. They should be put in the front of the Dancer Resource Book, in the clear folder at the front. Contact Mary Cox with the numbers.

Dancers Resource Book have been updated, especially Canadian Society.

New Dancers need to be welcomed and greet them in the square.



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- b New Dancer Grants** – Barb Tryssenaar – We received New Dancers Grants from Guys & Gals and Swinging Singles. As recommended by the Executive of the FV&SRDA, I propose that we approve the application of the Beginners Class Grant received from the Swinging Singles and pay the \$250.00 from the DeSmitt Fund to the Swinging Singles.

*Moved by Mary Cox; seconded by Blair Wallace. Carried.*

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*Moved by Mary Cox; seconded by June Fitchett. Carried.*

### 8 NEW BUSINESS

- a Where's the Dance?** – Norm Cox – Promotion Committee – John Connolly helped updated the FV&SRDA clubs information. This is a free world wide information about square dancing on the Internet at [www.wheresthedance.com](http://www.wheresthedance.com). Each club needs to look after updating their own club information, including contact telephone numbers, photos and dance location and dates. Norm has a poster for clubs to post.  
Club ads that are more than 6 months out-of-date are not good advertising.
- b Elections** – Barb Tryssenaar – May 5th will be the Annual General Meeting for elections of a new Executive.
- c Board of Directors Meeting & Evening Dance** – April 6th, 2013 BC Federation BOD, an all-day event. Evening will be a Post-Meeting Dance: 7:00 - 10:00. Executive from all over the Province.

### 9 GOOD AND WELFARE

June Fitchett with a Happy Belated-Birthday. Everyone sang Happy Birthday to her.

Norm Cox recently received his Four Score & More Badge.

Mary Decario improved health from heart surgery.

Ken Lockett Passed away.

Betty Burglund & Ellen Robertson returned to round cueing.

Congratulations to Chilliwack Rhythm Reelers Christine & Michael on their engagement.

### 10 ORDER OF THE DAY

- a Abbotsford Grand Squares – Zajac Ranch Benefit Dance** on March 3rd. ASAA Hall in Abbotsford -- Donation at the Door.
- b Surrey Square Wheelers – Moving to Brookwood Seniors Centre, 19899 36th Avenue in Langley on January 29th, 2013. Recycle Sale & Fashion Show** on Wednesday January 24th as the last event at Port Kells.
- c Wheeling Eights – Valentine Party** on February 14th. **St Patrick Party** on March 14th from 6:30 - 9:00 PM – Thursdays at the Chuck Bailey Recreation Centre, 13458 107A Avenue in Surrey.



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- d** Squares Across the Border – **Back to Basics with Pearls** on February 16th with Gary Monday calling. **St Patrick Party** with Barry Sjolín calling. St Michael Church at 409 Broadway in Vancouver.
- e** Vancouver Motiv8ators – **Tim Crawford** calling Plus on March 8th; calling A2 afternoon and evening of March 9th.
- f** Swinging Singles – **44th anniversary** on Tuesday January 23rd. *Box Lunch* Valentine Dance on February 12th, 2013. Burnaby Lake Pavilion.
- g** Chilliwack Rythmn Reelers – **Rally in the Valley** – May 31, June 1 & 2. Registrations are now being taken.
- h** Wesburn Wranglers – **Wesburn Dance for Teen Alumni** – February 10 (**DANCE HAS BEEN CANCELLED**).

**11 NEXT MEETING** – The Next General Meeting of the FV&SRDA will be Sunday March 17th, 2013

### **12 ADJOURNMENT**

*Moved by Norm Cox to adjourn at 3:20 PM.*

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