



## FRASER VALLEY SQUARE & ROUND DANCE ASSOCIATION

### Minutes for the FVS&RDA General Meeting Sunday Oct.26/14 at 1:30 PM

#### Burnaby Lake Pavilion, 6871 Roberts St., Burnaby, B.C.

Meeting opened at 1:42 p.m. with a minute to remember all those who have volunteered to the Fraser Valley Association over the past year, and to show our respect for the two Canadian soldiers who came to a tragic end this past week.

#### **Welcome- President's Message**

David's Bar Stool

Welcome to all attending our 55th Anniversary General Meeting with an extended welcome to those of you who have served with the FVS&RDA in various capacities over the previous years.

Thanks to all volunteers of the Special 55th Anniversary Committee who have worked behind the scenes to put on the luncheon, which we have just enjoyed.

Summer of 2014 was enjoyed by some of you travelling to the Canadian Square and Round Dance Convention Festival 2014 in Ottawa, others attended the Annual Peachfest Square Dance Festival in Penticton in August. Still others ventured to other locations to enjoy our great Recreation.

September brought the Annual dancing in the Othello Tunnels and Campout. Also Stardowners held their 35th Anniversary Dance Sept. 18.

V&D C/T Association hosted their Annual Corn Cob Caper which was well attended.

Abbotsford Swinging Hubs celebrated their 50th Anniversary at a luncheon at Newlands Golf & Country Club Sept. 27.

Chuckwagon "8's " celebrated their 45th Anniversary Dance October 9th. Congratulations to all.

Coming in January 23/15, Chilliwack Rhythm Reelers will be celebrating their 60th Anniversary, mark your Calendar for this special Event.

September was also the start-up of New Dancer Classes. By all account, Clubs having New Dancers are reporting good attendance.

Oktoberfests have been in full swing by Clubs hosting the Events and mostly completed and Christmas Dance Party's will be upon us.

#### **Attendance:** taken by Sylvia French

A quorum established with 15 Clubs in attendance, Abbotsford Grand Squares, Abbotsford Swinging Hubs, Century House Squares, Chilliwack Rhythm Reelers, Chuckwagon 8s, Delta Sundancers, Motiv8ors, Rhythm B's, Royal Swingers, Squares Across the Border, Stardowners, Surrey Square Wheelers, Swinging Singles, Town N Country Swingers, Wheeling 8's

President David McVige, Treasurer Mary Cox, Secretary Sylvia French, Valley Circle & Webmaster Blair Wallace, Ken Crisp on behalf of Promotions, Caller/Teacher Heather Wallace, Scroll of Honor & Gala Barbara Tryssenaar, BC Federation Sandi Poje, Canadian Society Norm Cox. Directors Peter Taminlin, All Gibbs & June Fitchett, Alex & Jean Galbraith, Ron Robertson, and Social Convenors Gaylene Ward, & Werner Pettrich.

**Absent:** Guys & Gals, Quicksteppers, Wesburn Wranglers, & White Rockers. Vice President George & Betty Langtry. Roger & Janet Purser.

#### **Approval/Additions to the Agenda**

New Business b. Motion re. Meeting Place for all Future F.V.S. & R.D.A. Meetings, submitted by Norm Cox. Moved by Norm Cox seconded by Barbara Tryssenaar **passed**

#### **Acceptance of Minutes of previous Meeting May 4/14**

Moved by Phyllis Mitchell seconded by Erika d'Esterre **passed**

**Correspondence** read by Sylvia

Letter received from the Revitalization Task Force who realize to be effective they need to know more about square and round dancing than is available from any present records and they also need to understand what active dancers believe may be the best means of pursuing any programme (s) they may seek to put in place. The best way of achieving this they believe is a short survey, which was sent out, requesting that all Presidents have as many of their members as possible complete and return the survey to David Sutton

Letter received from Wendy Krueger regarding the Return to Square Dancing in Vancouver. On Thursdays starting January 8<sup>th</sup> 2015 at the Thunderbird Community Centre 7:30-9:30 pm and Mondays at Champlain Heights Community Centre starting January 12<sup>th</sup> 2015 7:00-9:00 pm Wendy will be teaching an "Introduction to Today's Square Dancing" Angels are welcome, both venues will accept drop ins as well as registered people. Everyone is invited to get involved in getting the message out. If you have places where you could put up posters contact Wendy. Involvement will be greatly appreciated.

**REPORTS**

**A. Vice-President** **George/Betty Langtry**  
Absent. No report.

**B. Treas. Report** **Mary Cox**

Mary moved her report be accepted seconded by Peter Tamilin. **Passed**

For Grants given out each year, the Clubs financial reports need to be handed in, at the end of the year, which were due by September 30<sup>th</sup>.

All of the resource books for the executive have now been updated as well as the majority of Club books. Registrations need to be in, received nine clubs, and eleven Clubs due in by Thursday this week October 30<sup>th</sup>. Mary can't send on to the BC Federation or the Canadian Society until received from you.

Ones not yet received:

Abbotsford Grand Squares, Abbotsford Swinging Hubs, Chilliwack Rhythm Reelers, Chuckwagon 8's, Delta Sundancers, Diamond Country Dancers, Surrey Square Wheelers, Squares Across the Border, Swinging Singles, Town 'N Country, Wesburn Wranglers

Expenses to date submitted in the amount of \$27.33 Motion by Sandi Poje to pay bills, seconded by Erika d'Esterre **passed**

**C. Valley Circle & Webmaster** **Blair Wallace**  
Report handed out to all present.

*The November Issue is back from the printer and ready for distribution.*

*We have received two applications for the Valley Circle Apprenticeship Program. I will be meeting with the representative of the V&DCTA to begin the review process.*

*Three clubs have taken advantage of the prepaid advertising discount. Details were in the October Valley Circle. Please note that we have to create an invoice for clubs to take advantage of this. Please have your treasurers contact me if your club is interested.*

**Website:**  
**Fraser Valley Square and Round Dance Association for**  
**Saturday, October 18, 2014**

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# The Valley Circle

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## Valley Circle/Valley Circle Online Report—October 2014

We are now in Subscription Renewal Time—The numbers are below. Somewhat disappointing.

Club	CLUB NAME	2014	2015	Diff
ABSH	ABBOTSFORD SWINGING HUBS	17	17	0
AGSQ	ABBOTSFORD GRAND SQUARES	33	24	-9
CENT	CENTURY HOUSE	13	12	-1
CH8A	Chuckwagon 8's "A" LEVEL	16	16	0
CH8P	Chuckwagon 8's "PLUS" LEVEL	8	14	6
CWKR	CHILLIWACK RHYTHM REELERS	16	15	-1
GNG	GUYS N GALS	7	6	-1
MOT8	MOTIV8ORS	5	7	2
RHYB	RHYTHM B'S	10	8	-2
RYSW	ROYAL SWINGERS	18	17	-1
SATB	SQUARES ACROSS THE BORDER	1	7	6
SSQW	SURREY SQUARE WHEELERS	33	42	9
STDN	STARDOWNERS	18	14	-4
SWSG	SWINGING SINGLES	37	20	-17
T&CS	TOWN & COUNTRY SWINGERS	17	11	-6
WEAV	WEAVERS	2		-2
WH8	WHEELING 8s	2	2	0
WROC	WHITE ROCKERS	4	9	5
Totals		257	241	-16
MAIL		28	25	-3

I will follow up with the Abbotsford Grand Squares and Swinging Singles to find out why the renewals from these clubs were so poor.

## E. Promotion

No active chairperson at the present time. Betty Langtry has agreed to Chair but is out of town at this time. Ken Crisp gave report.

### PROMOTION COMMITTEE REPORT

To FVS&RDA Meeting on October 26, 2014

The Promotion Committee put an item in the September Valley Circle titled "A Crisis in Promotion?" and asked the square dancers in our area to consider stepping forth with ideas to revitalize this committee. The response we received was decidedly underwhelming. I believe that we received one response from a member of the V&DCTA and one or maybe two from members of the FVS&RDA.

The Committee has tried a variety of promotional activities over the years. In recent years it has been under the leadership of Norm Cox and at present Betty Langtry has agreed to chair it for the current year while we attempt to determine what, if any, changes need to be made. We currently sponsor an annual New Dancers Jamboree. This dance was originally held at the end of the calendar year but because of poor attendance due to poor weather it is now held in the Spring. We have assisted member clubs with the cost of advertising new dancer classes. This program is currently on hold pending new funding support from the parent Associations. We have provided displays at the Wellness Show and similar types of promotions but determined that the costs do not provide adequate value for our efforts. We attempted to provide activities for Square Dance Awareness Week in the Province of BC with a Caravan dancing through the area and the Othello campout. The members of this committee feel that our ideas are drying up and our enthusiasm is waning. We have requested funding from the parent Associations to continue with current year activities while we review our promotional activities.

Members of the committee propose a meeting be held early in 2015 to get caller and dancer representatives from clubs in our Region to discuss and provide direction on the subject of promotion. It was proposed that we meet at the Aldergrove OAPO hall after the V&DCTA meeting on January 17, 2015. Unfortunately the person who books the hall is away until the end of October and the hall representative we spoke to only thinks that it might be available. We know from past experience with V&DCTA meetings, however, that often there is an event booked on Saturday afternoons after the regular callers meeting. We will be verifying hall availability within the next few days and it seems more likely that we will try for a Saturday morning booking perhaps in February 2015. This will give us more time to organize and promote the event.

Square and round dancing has experienced decreasing membership in our area and around the world. We can let it die a slow death or we can continue to try to find ways to revitalize the activity. Does the promotion committee have a role to play in this? Can you and the members of your club provide answers, guidance and effort to reverse the trend? Please consider being represented at our workshop in the new year.

The committee will be meeting on December 10, 2014 to finalize planning of a workshop on promotion.

Wendy Krueger

Square Dancing lessons will be on the program at 2 community centers in Vancouver in January! As a way to increase community awareness, I have set up a demo at Hastings Park Farmers Market on Sunday November 9th from 11 a.m. to 12 noon. Square dancers in brightly colored attire are wanted to attract attention to our activity. (I know some non-dancers say they don't want to wear the attire but many others find it very attractive. At the lessons in the community centers, we will all dress "cleaned up casual".)

Please help nurture the return of square dancing to Community Centers in Vancouver and send some dancers from your club(s) to help out at the demo. I am quite sure the Farmers Market will be an attraction to us, too, while we are there. The entrance is off of Renfrew Street.

I know our November weather isn't usually any good, but the demo is going ahead the best we can, rain or shine. Maybe we'll be doing "no hands" dancing with umbrellas! Hey, if people driving tractors and people driving chuck wagons can square dance in Alberta, we Vancouverites can do it with umbrellas!! Thank you for any help you can offer.

#### **F. Caller/Teacher**

**Heather Wallace**

The Vancouver & District Caller Teachers Association met on September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2014.

The Corn Cob Caper for 2014 was the biggest yet, thanks to everyone who came to the dance.

The Caller/Teachers have arranged the next Mid Term Dance and Social for December 27<sup>th</sup> at the Abbotsford Social Activities Centre. The dance will once again feature the West Coast list of moves.

The next Caller/Teachers dance is on November 1, 2014 at Kennedy Hall. It is a Roundaree event for Phase II – IV dancing, with Pre-Squares starting at 7:00pm.

We are currently reviewing the requirements for a new Bursary for new dancers and/or callers. Once the details have been presented and finalized by the Caller/Teachers at the November 15, 2014 meeting, we will be able to present the bursary requirements at the next Fraser Valley meeting. The Bursary will be named for in honor of Al & Joy Berry.

We have received a letter from the PNTSDF requesting additional support for verbal advertising amongst our dancers for young dancers (children, grandchildren, etc.) to join the teen clubs. For example, the flyers and advertising available to the adult clubs does not appropriately reflect the teen dancing or the competition aspect. They are looking into creating their own flyers, but need the assistance of the Fraser Valley and the Caller/Teachers. The Caller/Teachers will be discussing what we as callers can do to assist the teens. I will be able to report more at the next Fraser Valley Meeting.

Thank you everyone!

The last meeting of the Caller Teacher Association was September 20<sup>th</sup> the morning before the Corn Cob capers, which was a huge success, the biggest turn out yet.

The association has arranged a Mid term dance & social December 27<sup>th</sup> in Abbotsford at the Social Activity Centre from 1:00 – 4:00 pm featuring West Coast Square dance list again.

This Saturday November 1<sup>st</sup> is the Roundaree at Kennedy Hall, with pre squares at 7:00 pm Round Dancing at 7:30 - 9:30 pm with Heather, Anita, and Cheryl cuing.

The Association has accepted the Valley Circle proposal for sponsorship program and Lyle O'Hara will be the caller representative, working with the Valley Circle.

Also the Caller Cuers Association is currently reviewing a new bursary for new dancing or new callers in the area, in the name of Al & Joy Berry. Will be finalizing at our next meeting in November and will be able to report more at the next General Meeting.

Finally, the callers teachers association received a letter from PNTCS Teen Dancing Festival, who need additional support for advertising. They are trying to put together their own brochure & do things on their own, but would like verbal support.

#### **I. Gala**

**Barbara Tryssenaar**

The GALA is an annual dance sponsored by the fvs&rda. To date we have had 11 Galas and are now planning the 12<sup>th</sup>.

It is unusual in to days square dance environment or a dance to have such longevity. We on the committee decided that in order to keep interest in the Gala we would make each dance different. We have done this by:

Having a variety of callers and cuers

Changing the Venue

Changing the dance level

Changing the theme and decorations

*IN fact each year we change everything but the GREAT DANCING, the FUN AND OF COURSE THE COSCO COOKIES.*

So now to next years Gala particulars.

*The 12<sup>th</sup> annual classic Gala will take place on Saturday,  
March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2015 at KENNEDY HALL IN DELTA/SURREY.*

IT WILL BE A PLUS DANCE

WE ARE BRINGING IN A GREAT CALLER FROM WASHINGTON STATE. MR. STEVE NOSECK WILL BE THE CALLER AND ANYONE WHO HAS DANCED TO HIM WILL TELL YOU THAT YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS THE OPPORTUNITY TO DANCE TO HIM.

The Cuer will be the very popular ANITA ADAMS.

THEY WILL BE A GREAT DUO AND WILL COMPLIMENT EACH OTHER ---- STEVE WITH HIS UP BEAT CALLING & ENTHUSIASM AND ANITA WITH HER GRACE AND SMOOTHNESS.

AS KENNEDY HALL ONLY HOLD SO MANY SQUARES THE TICKETS ON THIS DANCE WILL BE LIMITED AND WILL GO QUICKLY SO DO NOT DELAY ON PURCHASING YOUR TICKETS OR YOU MIGHT BE OUT OF LUCK.

I KNOW I SAY THIS EACH YEAR BUT THIS WILL BE A GREAT DANCE. *ALL THE GALAS ARE. DON'T MISS IT. HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE !!!!.*

BARBARA & GUY TRYSSENAAR, GALA CHAIR COUPLE

**TICKETS WILL GO ON SALE AT THE NEXT GENERAL MEETING JAN 18<sup>TH</sup> 2015 AT A COST OF \$12.00 EACH.**

### **G. Scroll of Honor**

#### **Barbara Tryssenaar**

Recipients of the Scroll of Honour receive this certificate and this PIN but mostly they receive the admiration, respect and thanks of their peers. All of this is a recognition of the work that they have done for our recreation.

We have several recipients of the Scroll of Honour here with us today. Would you please stand up and be recognized. These people have contributed greatly to square dancing so lets give them a loud applause to say THANK YOU. !!!!

They received this award because someone submitted their name and accomplishments to the committee. So please when you are out and about take a moment to find someone that you feel does a good job and should be recognized. Then submit a written application to myself.

If you are in doubt as to the requirements for this award they are in the Dancers Resource Book and I will read them now.

Respectfully submitted Barbara & Guy Tryssenaar Scroll of Honour chair couple

(Requirement to receive the Scroll of Honour, is to do things above & beyond the "Norm" Beyond the Club Level. Submit by 30<sup>th</sup> November and it will be presented at the Gala)

### **H. BC Federation Delegates Report**

#### **Sandi Poje**

- The BC Square and Round Dance Federation annual general meeting was held in Penticton on August 8, 2014. Congratulations to Ken Crisp (and Sally) for being elected as President.
- We would like to thank Norm Cox and Mary for their tireless effort for the past 4 years as President. Special thanks to the outgoing members for their hard work as well.
- The following members are newly elected or continuing on the Executive:
  - Norm (Mary) Cox, Past President, Region Two
  - Ken (Sally) Crisp, President, Region Two
  - Bill (Jean) Wood, First Vice-President, Region Nine
  - Gordon (Yvette) Ruedig, Second Vice-President, Region Eight
  - Wendy Krueger, Secretary, Region Two
  - Pat Zeeman (Gary Dodds), Treasurer, Region One
  - Beth and Darcy McGifford will continue as BC's delegates to the Canadian Society.
  - Roy and Janet Ballam are prepared to continue operating the 1-800 number for the next year until a decision is made whether to continue the service or not at the March Board of Directors meeting
  - BCS&RD Dancer Fees for 2016 will remain the same at \$5.00 per person.



Sandy's badges had a pin on the back, which made it difficult to roll up, but now have nothing on the back. All the B.C. Federation Crests are cloth that is stitched on to the banners.. See what your Clubs do with them.

**January 18<sup>th</sup> report back as to what you have found out.**

**b. Motion re. Meeting Place for all Future F.V.S. & R.D.A. Meetings for Meeting Oct. 26, 2014**

Where as we have encountered some difficulty with the booking of the Burnaby Lake Pavilion for the F.V.S. & R.D.A. Anniversary Lunch and General Meeting on October 26, 2014 regarding extra costs for week-end janitor service, moving of tables and chairs and an extra cost because we are serving food, and even although at F.V.S. & R.D.A's Executive Meeting in September we agreed to try holding the January F.V.S. & R.D.A. General Meeting at the Burnaby Lake location,

I Norm Cox hereby request that this assembly move that **"from now on that all of the F.V.S. & R.D.A.'s General Meetings and A.G.M.'s be held in Queen's Park Centennial Lodge whenever possible."**

Seconded by Phyllis Mitchell Discussion followed. Motion **passed**

c. Walter Michaluk representing a committee for putting a proposal forward to the FVS&RDA regarding a float for the Grey Cup Parade, November 29<sup>th</sup> 10:00 am – mid day with the aim of promoting Square Dancing. Theme: Country Covered Wagon from bygone years. Tow vehicle John Deer Tractor. Hope to display FVS&RDA banner.

Motion by Norm that **the FVS&RDA will support in principle this committee to put a trailer into Grey Cup Parade 2014** seconded by Alex Galbraith motion **passed**

At present \$350.00 has been paid out of pocket and a further \$250.00 is needed, which includes insurance of \$200.00.

Norm Cox moved that **an amount of up to \$250 upon receiving receipts be given from the De Smit fund to support the Grey Cup Parade Float.** Seconded by Otto Baudais all in favor **Passed**

If you are wanting to participate in the Grey Cup Parade, meet at the staging area Smithe Street & Hornby Street at 9:00 am. The Parade will start at 10:00 am at Smithe St. and Hornby St. working it's way up to Barrard, North along Barrard to Dunsmuir then East to Granville St. where it ends. The float is like a covered wagon, with seating for anyone who needs to rest, there will be a couple of callers with music and dancing along the way. Wendy Krueger is also asking for a helper handing out publicity along the parade route.

**WHEN Saturday November 29<sup>th</sup> 2014**

Mary Cox made comment that in future, these kinds of things should not be signed in the Fraser Valley name before being brought before the Fraser Valley for approval.

**Good & Welfare**

**Saturday, Nov. 1 – Fergusson/Baird Wedding.**

**If you don't have a subscription to the Valley Circle, ask your self why not?**

**Order of the Day** Announcements made by various club members.

Norm Cox moved Meeting Adjourn at 3:29 p.m.

**Next Meeting- January 18, 2015**  
**Centennial Pavilion Queen's Park**

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