



FRASER VALLEY SQUARE & ROUND DANCE ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF THE FVS&RDA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

May 4, 2014 at 1:30 pm

At Centennial Pavilion, New Westminster, BC

1. **WELCOME** – David McVige welcomed everyone to today's meeting.
2. **ATTENDANCE**
Only 10 out of 20 clubs were represented at this meeting.
3. **ADDITIONS AND APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:** Add the following to the New Business:
 - b. Guidelines for opening a new club
 - c. Festival 2015M/S/C by Barbara/Erika that the Agenda be approved as changed.
4. **CORRESPONDENCE:**
Pat read an email from Barbara Tryssenaar thanking the FVS & RDA for the bouquet of flowers sent to her after her hospital stay.
5. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF March 9, 2014.**
M/S/C by Peter/Norm that the minutes of March 9, 2014 be accepted.
6. **REPORTS**
 - A **President's Report** – David presented his "Bar Stool". See attached.
 - B **Treasurer** – Mary and Norm Cox
Mary presented the F.V.S. & R.D.S. Financial Report from July 2, 2013 to April 30, 2014. . It was M/S/C by Mary/Peter that the Treasurer's Report be accepted. Mary commented that we should try to follow up on the 134 New Dancers we have in the Association this year.
Norm presented the Proposed Budget for 2014-2015. It was M/S/C by Norm/Barbara that the proposed budget be accepted. See attached.
 - C **Vice-President** – George & Betty Langtry
Betty presented their report. Report was sent out separately. Betty also commented on supporting New Dancers as we need this new blood to keep our activity alive.
 - D **Valley Circle** – Blair handed out and presented his report on the Publication.
M/S/C by Blair/Barbara that the Valley Circle will implement the advertising rates as shown in the table titled Proposed Advertising Rates in his report, effective with the Summer 2014 issue.
It was M/S/C by Blair/Doreen that the Valley Circle will provide a 5% discount on advertising costs to all advertisers who pay for a year's ads at the beginning (September) of the dance season.
The Valley Circle would like to implement the Valley Circle's Caller/Cuer Apprenticeship Program. The terms and conditions are set out in Blair's report. It was M/S/C by Norm/Barbara that the FVS & RDA, subject to the V & DCTA's acceptance by and participation in, supports the implementation of the Valley Circle's Call/Cuer Apprenticeship Program as described in Blair's report. It was remarked that this would bring in younger dancers.
 - E **Promotion** – Norm read his report which was sent out separately.
 - F **Caller/Teacher report** – Heather Wallace presented her report which was sent out separately.
 - G **Scroll of Honour** – Barbara presented her report which has been sent out separately.
 - H **Driscoll Award** – Ron Robertson
Ron will send out an email reminder about application forms for this award to the two Teen clubs. Deadline is May 15, 2014.



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I BC Federation – Sandi Poje presented her report which has been sent out separately. It was M/S/C by Sandi/Barbara that the FVS & RDA host the 2015 Board of Directors’ Meeting and to ask Abbotsford to host it.

J Gala Report - Barbara presented her report which was sent out separately.

K Canadian Society Norm Cox introduces Judy Ramenda and Steve Williams who are attending at his invitation to see if they would like to become involved with the Association. Norm presented his report which was sent out separately.

It was M/S/C by Mary/Erika that all reports be accepted as given.

OLD BUSINESS:

A. FVS & RDA 55 year celebration. David has confirmed that our first General Meeting of the new dance season will be held on October 26th and we will celebrate our 55th anniversary at that time. This celebration will be held at Burnaby Lake Pavilion with a luncheon beginning at noon with the meeting following until 4:00 PM when the Swinging Singles hold a round dance class.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Secretary Job Description - It was M/S/C by Mary/Darlene that the changes to the description of the Secretary’s job be accepted as presented. David thanked Pat and John for the job they had done this year in the Secretary’s position.

B. Guidelines for opening a club. Blair presented new guidelines for opening a club with the FVS & RDA. It was M/S/C by Blair/Erika that these guidelines be accepted as presented.

C. Festival 2015 - The possibility of our hosting Festival in 2015 was discussed. It was felt that at least 2 full years were needed to prepare for such an endeavour. It was suggested that the venue used for the Teen Festival yesterday might be a good place to hold it. In 2005 over 1000 dancers attended here.

Good and Welfare

Betty said that she had raised \$4,600.00 for MS. She thanked everyone.

Order of the Day Many representatives presented information on their upcoming club activities. These can be found in the Valley Circle.

The Next General Meeting will be October 26th, 2014 at Burnaby Lake Pavilion.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:45 PM.

FVS&RDA Annual General Meeting May 4/14

David's Bar Stool

Nearly a year has passed since I was Elected Pres. Of FVS&RDA, how time goes By so quickly. It has been a great experience working with all of you.

Our membership in our Region 2 has increased, including New Dancers, which Is very encouraging.

Our 11th Annual Gala was a success with nearly a sell-out. Thanks to the Gala Committee and others who contributed their time and talents.

The Annual New Dancer Spring Jamboree was also a great success with a record Attendance of 123 dancers. Thanks to the Joint Promotion Committee of V&D C/T Association and FVS&RDA . thanks to the Callers & Cuers including Gord Ruedig from Powell River who created the West Coast Square Dance Program.

Thanks to all who made the just completed Pacific North-West Teen Festival a success.

As we moved forward, let us continue to strive to promote our Great recreation Of Square & Round Dancing.

VP REPORT MAY 4 2014

Somehow it is the end of most clubs till the fall. Where does the time go? We have visited most clubs this year and attended as many special dances as possible. Several new dancer graduations will take place shortly. It was nice to see so many clubs and especially new dancers at the New Dancer Jamboree April 26. All special dances seem to be well supported . Keep up the good work.

We volunteered at the teen festival held at Langley this weekend . Quite an experience to be involved in this venture. So many people work hard at putting on the event and what an experience it is for the youth.

Recently we received a thank you card for being a frequent visitor to a local club. What a neat idea to encourage visitors to make a return visit.

There are many chances to dance during the summer . Please take advantage of as many as possible.

George & Betty Langtry



The
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Valley Circle/Valley Circle Online Report—May 2014

Since my last report the Valley Circle has received two resignations for the team. The first resignation was from Wendy Krueger, our Subscription Volunteer. Wendy wants to focus on her calling and the potential new club that she is trying to start. The second resignation was John Connolly, our Flashback Editor. John feels its time to let someone else comb through the past Valley Circles for stories that might interest current readers.

Both Wendy and John have worked hard for the Valley Circle and I, on behalf of all of you, thank them for their service

With respect to replace these two:

- We have a potential person who will be the Subscription Volunteer. I just need to meet with her and Wendy to (hopefully) finalize getting her into this new position. It is important that we finalize this position in the next few weeks as subscription renewals start in September;
- We haven't started the search for the Flashback Volunteer. John had provided Flashbacks to December of 2014—so we will begin looking for a replacement in the fall—unless. Of course, you know of someone who would like to join the Valley Circle staff now!

Otherwise, activities at the magazine and online are going well. The subscription numbers have not changed significantly from the previous report (Club Delivery: 278, Mailed: 28; Exchanges:19; Directors & others: 14; VC Staff: 6) Total: 345. Next Issue: Summer!

With respect to the Valley Circle Online—I upgraded the server that powers the calendar system. You may see that it now updates faster.

For all of your information, when an ad is submitted to the Valley Circle magazine, the ad will be placed on the Valley Circle Online. This include coming events and entries in the Annual Dance Registry.

Advertising Rates:

As shown in the first table on the following page, the Valley Circle historically has had different advertising rates for ads depending on where the ad is placed in the magazine. The rates are for inside the magazine, the inside front and back covers, and for the back cover. The reason that there were three rates was to reflect the potential increased visibility of the ads that were placed on the front and back covers versus inside of the magazine.

Over the past few years, we have consistently tried to retain the placement of the **regular club ads** within the magazine. For example, the club ad for the Surrey Square Wheelers is on Page 9 with the Town & Country club ad. The Swinging Singles club ad is on Page 7, etc. In addition, we historically had clubs that specifically requested placement of their ads within and on the covers of the magazine. This, for the most part, does not occur anymore, with the exception of the Penticton Square Dance Festival—who request that their two page ad appears in the centre of the magazine.

So, I propose that we simplify the advertising rates by eliminating the higher rates for ads placed on the front and back covers. The revised rates are shown in the second table on the following page. As impacts—four clubs will save money. The impact to the income of the Valley Circle will be small.

Further, as many clubs run the same ads in each issue, I propose that the Valley Circle reduce the advertising costs of a club by 5% if they provide payment for nine (one subscription year) of ads in a single payment at the beginning of the dance year.

For example, if a club runs a 1/2 page ad in each issue, the annual cost applying the reduction would be \$196.65 versus sending us nine cheques for \$23.00 (total \$207.00). AND less work, cheques, bank visits, etc. for both the club and the Valley Circle. Additional ads placed by the club would be billed at the full issue advertising rate.

Motion 1: The Valley Circle will implement the advertising rates as shown in the table titled Proposed Advertising Rates effective with the Summer 2014 issue.

Motion 2: The Valley Circle will provide a 5% discount on advertising costs to all advertisers who pay for a year's ads at the beginning (September) of the dance season.

Current Advertising Rates:

VALLEY CIRCLE ADVERTISING RATES			
All Prices shown are on a Per Issue Basis			
INSIDE PAGES			
1/4 Page.....	FVSRDA Member Clubs, FVSRDA Club Members, VDCTA & VDCTA Members\$11.50		
	Non FVSRDA Member Clubs & All Other Individuals\$13.80		
	Commercial\$17.25		
1/3 Page.....	FVSRDA Member Clubs, FVSRDA Club Members, VDCTA & VDCTA Members\$14.95		
	Non FVSRDA Member Clubs & All Other Individuals\$19.55		
	Commercial\$23.00		
1/2 Page.....	FVSRDA Member Clubs, FVSRDA Club Members, VDCTA & VDCTA Members\$23.00		
	Non FVSRDA Member Clubs & All Other Individuals\$26.45		
	Commercial\$32.20		
Full Page.....	FVSRDA Member Clubs, FVSRDA Club Members, VDCTA & VDCTA Members\$40.25		
	Non FVSRDA Member Clubs & All Other Individuals\$46.00		
	Commercial\$59.80		
Strip.....	All Categories.....\$ 8.00		
INSIDE COVER RATE (6 Spots)			
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	Commercial\$26.45		
OUTSIDE COVER RATE (2 Spots)			
1/3 Page	FVSRDA Member Clubs, FVSRDA Club Members, VDCTA & VDCTA Members\$20.70		
	Non FVSRDA Member Clubs & Other Individuals\$24.15		
	Commercial\$27.60		
<p>All advertisements and articles are to be submitted "Camera Ready" in printed or digital form. Advertisements and articles submitted digitally can be .doc, .pub, .tif, .jpg, .gif or .cdr at a recommended resolution of 300 dpi. Special art work or photography rates available on request.</p> <p>Make all cheques payable to the Fraser Valley Square & Round Dance Association. Advertising deadline is listed on Page 4 of every issue.</p>			
<p>Finished ("Camera Ready") sizes for advertisements are as follows:</p>			
1/4 Page	- 4 7/8" x 1 7/8" (125 mm x 48 mm)	1/2 Page	- 4 7/8" x 3 7/8" (125 mm x 98 mm)
1/3 Page	- 4 7/8" x 2 1/2" (125 mm x 64 mm)	Full Page	- 4 7/8" x 7 3/4" (125 mm x 196 mm)
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Proposed Advertising Rates:

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Caller/Cuer Apprentices Program:

Some clubs would potentially welcome the opportunity to hire a young or beginner caller/cuer—maybe their current caller/cuer is approaching retirement and they want provide some continuity; maybe they have a beginning caller/cuer that they want to support—BUT the club may not have the financial resources to provide the beginner call/cuer with any payment for their time & resources.

So, we are initiating the Valley Circle's Caller/Cuer Apprenticeship Program. The program would provide a club with up to \$200 per month for one dance year (8 months) as reimbursement for monies paid to a beginner caller/cuer. The conditions on acceptance of a caller/cuer into the apprenticeship program are:

1. The club must provide confirmation that they are willing to accept and support an apprentice caller/cuer;
2. The club caller/cuer must provide confirmation that he/she are willing and capable of providing a mentorship program for the beginner caller/cuer.
3. The beginner caller/cuer cannot not already be employed as a caller/cuer and must have attended a caller/cuer school.
4. The Valley Circle will work with the V&DCTA to insure that appropriate goals and standards are maintained with the each caller/cuer's mentorship program.
5. Provide regular reports to the Executive on the status of the Apprenticeship Program.

Support will be limited to two clubs per year. Applications for the apprenticeship program must be submitted to the Valley Circle by November 1st. Acceptance into the Apprenticeship Program would be confirmed following review of the application by the Valley Circle and the V&DCTA.

With your acceptance of the Apprenticeship Program, I will be presenting it to the V&DCTA at their next meeting.

Motion: The FVS&RDA, subject to the V&DCTA's acceptance by and participation in, supports the implementation of the Valley Circle's Caller/Cuer Apprenticeship Program as described above.

Joint Promo Committee Report for the May 4, 2014 Executive Meeting and F.V.A.G.M.

The New Dancer's Jamboree was a huge success as there was one of the largest numbers of dancers in attendance that we have had in many years. In total, 140 people attended between Dancers, Callers, Cuers. I would like to thank all the committee members for their help in make this happen. We must also thank the Callers and Cuers who took time to be part of the program. We even had a Caller plus dancers from Powell River attend.

The next event for the Joint Promo Committee will be the Othello Train Dance on the weekend of September 12-14, 2014. Book early because you don't want to miss the train. Remember it's a Free Weekend with you only having to pay for your camping/lodging and bring food for Friday Supper, Saturday Breakfast and a contribution to the Pot Luck Supper on Saturday evening(Sunday Breakfast and Lunch are provided). We need you also to bring Campfire Stories and Songs. This will be part of our celebration of Square Dance Awareness Week. Book your campsite by phoning 1-877-869-9448 and further information is available from Norm Cox at 604-584-5506.

The Joint Promo Committee decided to honour Applications for Club Advertisements Reimbursements only once during the 2014-2015 season of dancing at a rebate of up to \$300.00 per Calendar Year.

The Current Bank Balance in the Joint Promo Committee Account is \$1,500.00 approximately.

Now as this will be my last report for the Joint Promo Committee I would like to thank the 3rd Secretary, Ken Crisp(as well as the other 2, Ginny Connolly and Robert Ascroft) who has been part of this Committee during my 10 year term of office. As they say 'It has been a slice' but now my bread is Toast.

Thank you

Norm Cox, outgoing Pres. Of the Joint Promo Committee.

May 4th, 2014 – Caller/Teachers Report

~Heather Wallace

The Vancouver & District Caller Teachers Association executive met on April 12, 2014.

We discussed the possibility of a bursary for new callers/cuers/members in the name of Al & Joy Berry. We discussed several options that we will take to our next general meeting, on September 20th, 2014.

We have also been working to update our Honorary Members List. We have been out of contact with many the honorary members and we are looking for assistance. If anyone with the Association can assist us with contact information for:

Shirley Robson	Dick & Esther Bothwek
Mary Murdoch	Jean Lewis
Doyne Sillery	Sue Blakey
Ken Gibson	Pat Maertz
Charlie Walkinshaw	Betty Harmer
Shirley Hill	Marg & Jim Stewart

The Caller/Teachers will be having the annual Caller's Corn Cob Caper on September 20th, 2014 at Kennedy Hall. Pre-Rounds start at 7pm, square dancing at 7:30 with corn on the cob to follow.

We are also having a Fall Roundaree on November 1st, 2014 at Kennedy Hall. This will be a round dance event from 7pm – 9:30pm.

Thank you everyone!

May 4th fvs&rda AGM - report for Scroll of Honor

We are sure that you are all aware that the 2013 Scroll of Honour for both Caller and Dancers were presented at the March 22nd Gala. But when it comes to Awards you cannot mention it too often.

This award is a big thing! To be nominated by your peers for your positive contribution to our recreation is a very big honour.

Sooooooo, the 2013 Scroll of Honour for the callers was presented to Brian & Darlene Penny, and the dancer award was presented to our own Blair Wallace. Congratulations for a job well done .

Now we need nominations for this years Scroll. I am going to read the criteria for the Scroll of Honour. (*You can find this on page 40 of your Resource Book.*)

Barbara reads criteria

So please take a look at your fellow dancers and do a write-up of their accomplishments and send it to me.

Just so that there are no duplications would those people who are already Scroll recipients please stand up. Thank you. So do not write about these people but please do send in a nomination and soon please. You have the summer to do so.

Thank you

**Respectfully submitted by
Barbara & Guy Tryssenaar
Scroll of Honour chair couple**

**BC Federation Delegates Report at the FVS&RDA General Meeting
May 4, 2014**

- I have made extra copies of the Presidents Newsletter of April 2014 if you haven't already received one.
- Minutes of the Board of Directors meeting of April 5th are posted on the BC Fed web page. Please read them
- The 4 Score and More badges are available through your Regional Delegate (which is me) and NOT directly through "Sandy's Badges". An ad for this change will be in your Summer edition of the Valley Circle
- There are new guidelines for New Dancer Grants and Caller/Cuer School Grants and this will be updated in your handbook and website shortly. Applications for these grants must be in by March 1st and monies will be paid out by March 31st. Grants may be applied for once every two years to a maximum of \$250.00.
- Social Media advertising for New Dancer classes beginning in the fall will continue but Club information must be sent to Brian Elmer by August 1, 2014
- West Coast Program has been very successful in Region 9 and 2. See Gord Ruedig's website at www.wescoast.squaredance.com.
- A Revitalization Task Force has been introduced with a representation from each Region working together for the next 2 years to investigate, report and recommend such changes as they deem appropriate to improve the work and effectiveness of the BCS&RDF in providing support, advice and leadership to the square and round dancers in BC. Heather Wallace from Region 2 has volunteered to stand on this committee and Dennis Sutton from Region 1 has agreed to chair the committee.
- Ken Crisp (secretary of the BC Federation) is looking for applications for the "Sillery Awards" as well as the Canadian Society Awards. Please submit your suggestions and application to him.
- Darlene Penny received her 50 dancer pin and Chuck Jordan will receive his shortly.
- BCS&RDF Annual General Meeting is August 8, 2014 at 9:30 AM in the Ken Wigness Room at the Senior Drop In Centre at 2965 South Main Street n Penticton. This is election year and also the 35th Anniversary of the BC Federation so look for something to happen on Friday night.
- Canadian Square and Round Dance Convention is in Ottawa on July 17 to 19, 2014
- BC Festival in 2015 or 2017 ????, bring ideas and suggestions to the AGM in Penticton
- A list of summer dancers available for your dancing pleasure is also in the Presidents, April 2014 newsletter.

Submitted by Sandi Poje and Peter Tamilin

May 4th fvs&rda AGM – Gala Report

This is the meeting that I get up and say – WOW!!! the Gala was great and then I give you a small glimpse into the next Gala.

Sooooooooo

WOW !!! the March 22nd Gala was great!. About 18 plus squares attended. Murray Few and Ellen Robertson provided us with great dancing , the Scroll of Honour was presented to our own Blair Wallace and to Brian & Darlene Penny. Congratulations all!! It was all good. Sorry if you missed it but ther is always next year.

So next years Gala.

The committee has not yet met to make plans for next years Gala as I have had some health concerns. But we will probably have a meeting in the Fall. So detail will be forthcoming.

But I can assure you that it will be totally different from this year. I have some ideas. And tickets will PROBABLY go on sale in January. That is all that I can tell you now --- except that it will be a great dance – aren`t all the Galas!!! And that there will be Costco cookies.

Further details TBA.

**Respectfully submitted:
Barbara & Guy Tryssenaar
Gala Chair couple**

Canadian Society Report for F.V. Executive Meeting & F.V. A.G.M. May 4, 2014

The only news from the Canadian Society is about Festival 2014 in Ottawa. To date there 919 Registered and of that total 808 are Canadian, 11 from U.S. and 100 from other Countries. There are 36 Registered from B.C. and 45 from Alberta.

The Canadian Society has agreed to NOT to raise the Registration Fee as of April 1st. It will remain at \$125.00. There will be a Trail-In Dance Wednesday evening at the Convention Centre and other Special Dances throughout the Festival. Please go on the Canadian Society Web Page for all the information.

Norm Cox. Pres. B.C. S. & R.D. Federation