



FRASER VALLEY SQUARE & ROUND DANCE ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the FVS&RD Association Meeting October 4 2015

Location- Centennial Lodge Queens Park New Westminster BC
Time - 1:30 pm

Welcome by Betty at 1:35 pm

New Directors Kris & Anni Christensen, Joyce & Ben Lucas, & Club Reps. thank you for being here.

Attendance: Fourteen Clubs present for a quorum: Century House Squares, Wheeling8's, Abbotsford Swinging Hubs, Motiv8ors, Royal Swingers, Town N Country Swingers, Swinging Singles, Surrey Square Wheelers, Wesburn Wranglers, Chuckwagon 8's, Chilliwack Rhythm Reelers, Stardowners, White Rockers, squares Across the Border.

Absent: Abbotsford Grand Squares, Delta Sundancers, Diamond Country Dancers, Guys & Gals, Quicksteppers, Rhythm B's.

Additions and Approval of the Agenda

Old Business: Where's the Dance

New Business: should read Building Society

Moved by Norm Cox Seconded by Erika d'Esterre. **Passed**

Correspondence

Approval of the minutes of the previous meeting May 10 /15

Moved by Norm Cox Seconded by Erika d'Esterre. **Passed**

REPORTS

A. Treasurer Norm & Mary Cox

Report as distributed at meeting.

Moved to accept report Norm Cox seconded by Sandi Poje **Passed**

Registration packages need to be in to Mary Cox by October 30th 2015

Grants were issued to Surrey Square Wheelers, Swinging Singles, Chilliwack Rhythm Reelers and Wesburn Wranglers whose financial statements were due in by September 30th and the latter three have not yet been received. Any application made by these clubs next year will be turned down unless their statements come in pronto.

John Corrigan did an Audit of the books, and an amount of \$300.00 was mailed to him in appreciation. He found the books correct, and in order.

Mary submitted her expenses totaling \$201.27 Moved by Darlene Maxwell to reimburse Mary for her expenses Seconded by Diane O'Hara **passed**

Mary Cox moves the Treasurer's report be accepted seconded by Pippa Price **passed**

B. Vice President

Jean Galbraith

Clubs are starting their fall dance schedule now, with many clubs sponsoring new dancer classes, including Swinging Singles, Abbotsford Grand Squares, Surrey Square Wheelers, White Rockers, Chilliwack Rhythm Reelers, and more. During the summer the Sunday afternoon dances sponsored by Abbotsford Grand Squares were well attended, including the Callers' Corn Cob Caper, which was during the power outage. The week of September 13 to 19 was proclaimed by the BC Government to be Square And Round Dance Awareness Week, and Betty & George Langtry took great pride in displaying this Proclamation at various September events. Othello Tunnels weekend was Sept. 18, 19, & 20, a very wet weekend as it turned out. And as a major honor, Sandy Kidd was presented with her 60-year dancer pin at Motivators in early Oct.

C. Valley Circle & VC online Blair Wallace

Valley Circle / Valley Circle Online Report – October 2015

Since the AGM in May, the Valley Circle Staff has:

- Issued the Summer, September and October issues;
- Created and distributed the Directory;
- Provided subscription renewal forms to the clubs;
- Mailed out renewal forms for the mail subscriptions;
- Updated the information for all clubs on the web site; and,
- Updated the calendar for dances for all clubs.

My question about what we accomplished over the summer is a simple one. Why do we do all this work?

With respect to the directory, we sent out paper copies of the forms requesting the information. We created a webpage that allowed clubs to directly input their information.

Over the eight weeks we had to assemble the directory, I sent our four email reminders to the clubs. I also secured the assistance of Mary Cox (the Treasurer) who needs similar information for insurance purposes. Mary sent out additional email and made many, many calls too many of the clubs. The first club to respond is one that doesn't have a Fraser Valley Association Representative. The last club to respond – well I don't know, we are still waiting for a couple with complete details.

For some of the others, vacations delayed the response, but the information eventually arrived. For others, the emails were ignored – the response was crickets. Even more annoying were the clubs members who responded by saying – that's not my job anymore, why are you contacting me?

Do you know that it takes longer to assemble the 20 page directory than a whole issue of the Valley Circle magazine?

What Mary & I did learn was that the only people who responded quickly were the Treasurers. Am I the only person hearing crickets? NO. In a recent issue of the Valley Circle, the President of the Vancouver & District Callers/Teachers Association asked a series of questions that he thought would elicit a response – what did we hear? Apart from a note from Norm Cox – we heard crickets. We heard yesterday at the Executive meeting that three clubs have not submitted their financial statements by the deadline as required by the rules for the new dancer funding grants. I know of at least two opportunities for clubs and callers to recruit new YOUNG dancers have received – crickets in response. What do clubs hear when they ask for volunteers to fill positions – crickets.

Is what I am looking for is accolades for what I do – No, if I was I would have quit in January of 2002, a month after I started. What am I looking for? Some suggestion that there really are dancers, callers, and cuers, out there who really care about something.

- Relaxing or removing costume restrictions and accepting non square dance attire
- Encouraging more upbeat, modern music and using less hoedown music
- Modifying the program making it quicker and easier to feel like you are dancing

There is an organization called Alliance of Round, Traditional and Square Dance (the ARTS) that is working hard to re-image our activity as well. Why not check them out at:

www.arts-dance.org

Re Treasurer's Report

A small discrepancy was noticed in the Treasurer's Report between the amount collected and the amount paid for Canadian Society dues. Treasurer, Pat Zeeman advised Ken that there was an entry error and that the \$6935.00 paid out is the correct number. A revised Profit and Loss Statement will be provided to Dennis Sutton who will review the books.

Liability Insurance coverage for New Dancers:

New Dancers who have just started dancing are covered, for free, for the remainder of the current calendar year only if they have been registered (in name only) with the FVS&RDA Treasurer (Mary Cox). All other dancers are not insured if they are not registered and have not paid the requisite fees. In order to be insured you have to have paid for your membership and obtained a membership number. (which will be distributed in the New Year)

Survey by SQUAREUPBC: For those clubs with New Dancer classes, I hope that you have sent your Survey's to Brian Elmer.

Provincial Festival in 2017: A group in Region 2 (Vancouver and Fraser Valley) is working on organizing a Provincial Festival. Details will be available soon.

Club and Caller/Cuer Special Anniversaries:

- Amalgam-Eighters (Nanaimo) had their 50th Anniversary on September 25
- Sand Dollars (Parksville) 25th Anniversary on October 16
- Garry Dodds (Victoria) 50 years Square Dance Caller on October 18
- Town and Country (Maple Ridge) 55th Anniversary on November 14
- Surrey Square Wheelers 55th Anniversary on November 28
- On October 25th, Chuck Jordan will officially be 80, therefore we will be presenting him with his 4 Score and More Badge at the Singles Halloween Party on October 27th. All are welcome to attend.

Have you registered for the 19th National Convention to be held on **July 28 to July 30, 2016** in **Regina Saskatchewan?**

Prepared by Sandi Poje and Norm Cox

H. Gala Dave Hammer/Norm Cox

The Fraser Valley Gala will be held on Saturday, February 20, 2016 at Confederation Senior Centre, North Burnaby. Pre Rounds at 7.00pm with Krista Baird and Plus Dancing at 7.30pm – 10.00pm with the B.C. Boys. Cost is \$15.00 each and Teens \$7.50 each. Theme – “Salute To Broadway”.

Tickets on sale November 1st, 2015.

Norm Cox, Co-Chair Gala Ctte.

I. Canadian Society Norm Cox

Minutes of Annual General Meeting, which was held in Alberta, September 2015, and Provincial Reports are on CSRDS Website. Some very good reading – please check it out.

J. Scroll Of Honor Barb Tryssenaar

November 30th deadline for submissions, as they want them be given out at the Gala on February 23rd 2016. Barb says “Don’t leave the job to someone else” the people who have received this honor are the ones who just do that, they “step up.”

L. Caller/Teacher Heather Wallace

The Vancouver & District Caller Teachers Association held their Annual General Meeting on September 19th, 2015. We held our elections that day, with the following results:

1. President – Lyle O’Hara
2. Vice-President – vacant
3. Treasurer – Cheryl Plume
4. Secretary – Wendy Krueger

Heather Wallace did not run for re-election for Vice President, due to her demanding work and travel schedule and 4 nights of Calling/Cueing a week. A new Vice-President will be appointed shortly by the VDCTA Executive.

Anita Adams has also stepped up to replace Heather as Round Dance Coordinator. This is a position that is a lot of fun and I look forward to wonderful things from Anita!

At the meeting, we accepted several updates/changes to our by-laws. The majority of the changes were to update our by-laws to reflect the current policies and procedures of the organization.

On August 30th, the Callers Corn Cob Caper was held and it was a roaring success! One of the best dances we have had for the Corn Cob Caper yet. This dance was different because the VDCTA moved the dance from the 3rd Saturday of September because conflicted with other Region 2 events. At the AGM, the VDCTA is hoping to work with the Abbotsford Grand Squares to hold the dances at this time for future years. Stay tuned for more information!

We are continuing to hand out 5 year increment mile-stone awards to Callers and Cuers. Keep a look out for a few more longstanding recognition awards at the dances!

Upcoming VDCTA Dances:

November 7th – Fall Roundaree – Kennedy Hall 7:30 – 9:30 pm

December 27th – Mid Term Dance – ASA Hall

Coffee Break Thanks to Gaylene and Werner for food.

OLD BUSINESS:

a. Possible Festival 17

BCFESTIVAL 2017 COMMITTEE CHAIRS AND HEADS OF SUB-COMMITTEES:

Co-Chairs— David McVige (FVS&RDA) and Wendy Krueger (V&DCTA)

Treasurer— Cheryl Plume (V&DCTA)

Secretary— Christine Dahl (AGS)

Registrations— Minnie Basaraba (AGS)

Housing and Accommodations—Betty and George Langtry (FVS&RDA)

Publicity, Advertising, Promotion—Jean and Alex Galbraith (FVS&RDA)

Scheduling--square dance program--Brent Mawdsley (V&DCTA)

Programming—Round dancing between tips—Marg Beatty (V&DCTA)

Programming—Round dance program-- *We Need You*

Website design— *We Need You*

Decorations and Displays— *We Need You*

Hospitality— *We Need You*

Committee Members at large—Norm and Mary Cox, Kris and Anni Christensen, David Hammer, Al Gibbs and June Fitchett, John Corrigan
Ex Officio Members--Ken & Sally Crisp (BCS&RDF president couple)

At the Annual General Meeting of the British Columbia Square & Round Dance Federation on Friday, August 7, 2015 in Penticton BC, on behalf of the BC Festival 2017 committee, Co-chairs David McVige and Wendy Krueger received approval for Region 2's bid to hold a Provincial Square and Round Dance Mini-Festival in July 2017. The dates selected are Thursday through Saturday, July 6, 7, and 8.

The presentation made by David and Wendy was based on a preliminary budget of \$5000 for a venue and \$4000 for other expenses. At registration fees of \$40 (stepping up to \$45 and \$50 as the date approaches), the break even point would be 200 dancers. Wendy hopes our goal will be to attract "417 for twenty seventeen".

VENUE RESEARCH:

On Friday, September 25th, 2015, eleven members of the Committee toured the Cloverdale Rodeo grounds buildings called Shannon Hall and the Alice McKay Building. They unanimously approved this venue for our festival.

The Pros far outweigh the Cons for this venue:

The location is central, easy to find, accessible by public transit, convenient to highways and the border. The 2 large halls are close to one another and though one is clearly superior, both offer good dance-ability. Shannon Hall: superb sound, no echo, wood sprung floor, 7000 square feet, a concession that is operated by caterers and the food prices look reasonable. Alice McKay Building: very smooth, even, level concrete floor, 6800 square feet, needs some dressing up.

Other on-site plusses: staging is available, more than ample parking, RV parking with washrooms and showers nearby, the closest hotel is within walking distance, other hotels/motels in South Surrey and Langley are an easy drive away, decor items for a rodeo theme will be lent to us, tables and chairs provided, all set up, security, janitorial, and take down included. There is no air conditioning so we will need to rent fans.

We are looking to attract more people to fill the vacancies on our committee and swell the numbers of members at large. We will get to work on the Website and Publicity as soon as possible.

Looking at a "Rodeo" theme, as it is the major Centre for Rodeo "No Bull allowed"

NEW BUSINESS:

a. Building Society Peter Tamin

Peter was joined on the floor by Sandi Poje, Alice Fairbourn, & Florence Wray.

In 1989 the purpose was to raise funds for a New Square Dance facility December being the last meeting. The Building society wish to make a presentation to the FV in honor of Jack Moller Peter handed to Betty a check in the amount of \$500.00

b. Confirm FV Delegates to BC Federation

Diane O'Hara moves we accepted the nominations of Norm Cox, Sandi Poje & Dave McVige as our Delegates to the BC Federation. Seconded by Barb Tryssenaar. **Passed**

c. Resource Book Norm Cox

Norm moves that "as of the beginning of January 2016 we cease keeping the resource books up to date, except for the Fraser Valley section and the Vancouver and District Caller Teachers Section seconded by Barb Tryssenaar

The BC Federation & Canadian Society section is kept up to date on line. **Passed**

d. Banner Napping update Norm Cox

This came up as Dancers are wanting to be members of more than one Club.

If someone were already a member of a visiting club, then for clarification purposes they would be wearing the Badge of the visiting Club.

To take another clubs banner, they would need either one square plus their caller, or two squares of dancers visiting.

e. Nov. 11 Badge Week

It was moved by Norm and seconded by Jean that "November 11th be declared Badge Week, from the 8th-14th of that week, when anyone wearing a 4 score and more badge, should be able to attend free to honor them" **passed**

Several people have already received 60 yr Certificates, and it was voted on at the Executive Meeting that anyone who had received a Certificate could also get the new 60 yr pin.

f. Club Representatives

Please Make sure you have an Alt. Club Representative present if you cannot make it to the meeting yourself.

g. Where's the dance.

Clubs need to send in their information on New Dancer classes by January 1st or they will have to pay. "Where's the Dance" Club web site www.WheresTheDance.com

Good & Welfare

Order of The Day

Oktoberfest on Thursday Oct. 15th at Stardowners \$8.00 includes Plus dance food & non-alcoholic beer.

Royal Swingers are having a Halloween Pie Night Fri, Oct. 30th, Steve will entertain us with an auction of pies @ the end of the evening, proceeds going to cancer research. We will be

DARK Fri Nov 6th

Steve's annual Muffin Madness Dance Fri. Nov 13th, I have tickets.

55th Anniversary dance at Surrey Square Wheelers, Nov. 28th with Steve Edlund, calling Mainstream with Plus tips, & Alison Hampton cuer. @ 7:30 pm Kennedy Hall. Squares Across the Border have a Halloween Howl Dinner dance All Levels with Steve Edlund Calling, For information on any special dances & Anniversaries, please check your Valley Circle or web site, difficult to catch everything coming from the floor so I do apologize.

Next Meeting –

Tentative date: Sunday January 17th 2016 to be confirmed once hall booked.

Adjourn @ 3:23 pm