



FRASER VALLEY SQUARE & ROUND DANCE ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the Fraser Valley Square & RD Association General Meeting

January 17, 2016

Location Queens Park New Westminster Time 1:30 Pm

Welcome Betty Langtry President Thank you all for coming.

Attendance Abbotsford Grand Squares, Abbotsford Swinging Hubs, Century House Squares, Chilliwack Rhythm Reelers, Chuckwagon 8's, Motivators, Royal Swingers, Squares Across the Border, Stardowners, Surrey Square Wheelers, Swinging Singles, Town N Country Swingers, Wheeling 8's, White Rockers. Total in attendance 14.

Absent: Chilliwack Barn Dance Club, (Our newest Registered Member.)
Delta Sundancers, Diamond Country Dancers, Guys & Gals, Quicksteppers, Rhythm B's, Wesburn Wranglers.

Betty Langtry: We have started a new year and back to regular dancing & meals.
Perhaps a challenge for everyone would be to find where his or her club resource book is kept. Many dancers say they didn't know they had one. A lot of information is in that book, mainly produced by Mary & Norm Cox.

The Salute to Broadway Gala is coming up soon. Not many tickets left.

Please make this the year that all clubs and dancers will return documents and forms by the deadlines noted.

Since I am the winner of the shortest reports award I will quit now.

Please join me in a moment of silence to remember those dancers who are not with us today.

Additions

Scroll of honor Barb Tryssenaar

New business g. Resource Book – Mary Cox

B. C. Fed report to be given by Sandi Poje

Approval of the Agenda with additions Norm Cox/Sandi Poje **passed**

Correspondence Flyer on back table received from Williams Lake for their Mainstream Jamboree May 27-29th with Dustin McGifford Nick Turner, & Mary Anne Turner cuing.

We received a letter from Town & Country expressing their concerns regarding the financial burden put on some Clubs regarding the Executive Decision declaring a four score and more week, and to have those members wearing badges get in to dances free.

A letter was sent to Town & Country expressing our regrets as we had meant it as a suggestion and not mandatory that Clubs had to abide by. The Executive will not be repeating this in the future.

Approval of the minutes from Oct. 4th 2015 Norm Cox/Pippa Price **passed**

REPORTS

A. Treasurer

Mary Cox

Mary moved acceptance of these two financial reports, seconded by Fred Garbel **Passed**

We have a total of 743 Registered Dancers and 21 Clubs to Dec. 31, 2015 which is up 15 dancers & 1 club from last year at this time and this is encouraging. The Clubs need to be more diligent in explaining Registration fees to their dancers. The dancers need to know that the 2015-16 \$10.00 Membership fee is for Membership in the FVS&RDA, BCS&RDF & CSRDS and that fee is only to be paid at one club but each club may also charge a Membership Fee which is additional to the \$10.00 fee and this needs to be made clear to the dancers. Clubs also need to be more diligent on checking up on dancers (especially club members) at their club who have not paid their \$10.00 Membership/Insurance Fee and get them paid up as these dancers are not covered by the 3rd party liability Insurance for 2016. This fall I did some research on why New Dancers are not returning and the 23 reasons were received, which have been passed on to the Promo Cttee. for their information and possible action.

As of Dec. 31 the 76 adults and 7 teen New Dancers names were forwarded to the CSRDS for Insurance Coverage to the end of 2015. Of these 45 have paid their \$10.00 Membership Fee (Teens don't have to pay this but all the teen dancer names need to be in to me to be covered by the 3rd party liability insurance especially with a Teen competition coming up). The other new adult dancers who did not pay and those new ones starting in January need to pay their \$10.00 to be covered.

Insurance Cards have been received and are being distributed to the clubs today.

All Resource Books are updated except for Delta Sundancers which I will do soon. Regarding the motion made at the last General meeting regarding only keeping the Fraser Valley Section of the All 8 payments-total of \$1,600.00, have been paid to Chilliwack Rhythm Reelers for their New Caller Grant Program from the Valley Circle Account.

Mary Cox, Treasurer F.V.S. & R.D.A.

B. Vice President

Jean Galbraith

Since the September start up of dancing, we have attended a number of club visits to Century House Squares, Surrey Square Wheelers, and White Rockers. The directors for these clubs can give a more detailed report, but at both Century House and White Rockers, we mentioned a special thank you to the club representatives who come out to our Association meetings, and report back. Surrey Square Wheelers' club rep. Pippa Price has not been well and not attended any club dancing since Sept. On Oct. 22, we held an FVS&RDA visitation to the Chuckwagon 8's Plus Train Dance, with caller Brent Mawdsley. We had over 1 ½ squares of executive members there, and our thanks go to all of you who participated. We especially recognized Darlene Maxwell, as their club rep. who later told me the club will continue to the end of this spring. We attended Town N Country Anniversary Dance on Nov. 14, 2015, which was a special event, with them celebrating 55 years as a club. As the FVS&RDA Executive we were about 16 people strong, and they were presented with the club crest and guest book, as well as a certificate from the Canadian Society, and the BC SD Federation. Congratulations also came from Van & Dist Callers/Teachers Assoc. Wesburn Wranglers Benefit Dance was held Nov. 22, 2015, and had a great turn-out of over nine squares. They had many silent auction items for their fundraising, and beside ourselves, many of our FVS&RDA executive attended. Ray Brendzy and his family called a great dance.

We couldn't miss the Surrey Square Wheelers Anniversary dance on Nov. 28, 2015, and the executive came out in droves, about 18 strong for this occasion. Our club badge and guest book acknowledged their 55th anniversary dance. The Canadian Dancers Society certificate graced the front page of their newsletter, and the BC Federation presented a certificate as well. Congratulations were forthcoming from Van & Dist Caller/Teacher Ass'n, too. Caller Steve Edlund & Cues Allison Hampton invited guest callers & cues (one from Van. Island) to lead a packed hall in the celebration.

Badge Presentations - Club Rep dangle – 1 was given to Kris & Anni Christensen at last Association meeting.

25 – year – dangle – 1 was given to Dan Adams to replace a lost dangle, Nov. 14, 2015.

50 – year - pins - 2 will be presented in January 2016 to Brian & Gerry Catterall, of Chuckwagon 8's.

2 will be presented January 22, 2016 to Oscar & Linda Schlamb, Chilliwack Rhythm Reelers.

60 – year – pins – 1 was presented to Sandy Kidd, Motiv8ors on Oct. 1, 2015. 1 was presented to Helen Daniells, Oct. 25, 2015. 1 will be presented to Mel Austin, Frank Czank, George Czank Swinging Singles, Jan. 19.

We want to acknowledge you club reps who attend these meetings. In your club Resource Book on page 24, Sec. 2 is a list of duties, 11 of them. I'm only going to mention a couple of them. Please attend, first of all. And please bring any concerns/questions your club has to these meetings to discuss. Also, on your Agenda at the end of the meeting are two separate sections, called "Good & Welfare" and "Order of the Day". Good and Welfare is the health and well-being of your club members, and here is when you'd announce, say, someone's passing. Order of the Day is for clubs to promote special upcoming dances and events. Thank you.

C. Valley Circle Blair Wallace

Valley Circle / Webmaster

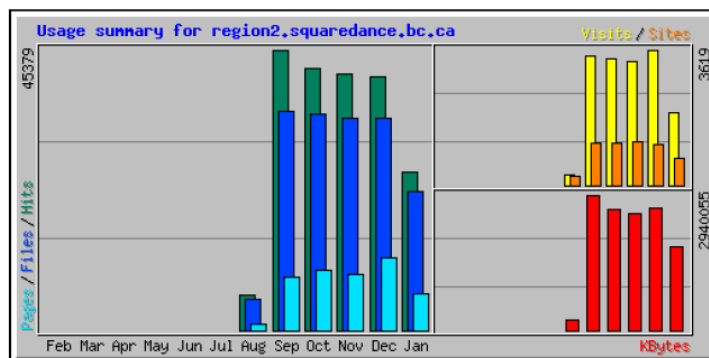
Current (and Past) Subscription Numbers:

Subscription Type	2014	2015	2016
Paid Subscriptions – Club Delivery	255	261	254
Paid Subscriptions – Mail	25	26	36
Exchange Magazines	19	17	15
Directors & Others	18	18	19
Total	317	2337	324

Webmaster:

Ads up to date

Added link to Festival site.



Summary by Month										
Month	Daily Avg					Monthly Totals				
	Hits	Files	Pages	Visits	Sites	KBytes	Visits	Pages	Files	Hits
Jan 2016	1601	1401	363	121	735	1814626	1937	5817	22417	25625
Dec 2015	1321	1109	377	116	1073	2644169	3619	11690	34385	40964
Nov 2015	1384	1146	302	110	1175	2524242	3304	9063	34395	41522
Oct 2015	1366	1131	312	108	1117	2624239	3361	9674	35066	42354
Sep 2015	1512	1177	290	114	1112	2940055	3448	8717	35324	45379
Aug 2015	1413	1242	260	73	237	212038	294	1040	4970	5655
Totals						12759369	15963	46001	166557	201499

Should we run an ad for free for the 2016 Convention in Regina approx \$50.00?
Regina has not requested that we do this, nor have they provided us with artwork.
Norm moves we make up & put in a free 1/3 page ad in the Valley Circle to support the Convention 2016 in Regina. Seconded by George **Passed**

D. Promotion Betty Langtry
We received a donation of \$ 500.00 from the Building Society in memory of Jack Moller
More New Dancer Jamboree planning will happen at our next meeting Jan 23.
Bank balance \$2,952.40.

E. Driscoll Awards Ron Robertson
The application forms and information will be sent out at the end of January and this year they will not only be sent out to the callers, they will also be sent to the club president. The forms and the instructions have been updated and made more user friendly. Hopefully this will entice more people to send in applications.

F. BC Federation Sandi Poje

BCS&RD Federation Newsletter:

- In the December newsletter from President, Ken and Sally Crisp, they wished everyone a Happy New Year with lots of dancing, fun and good health.
- The board of directors meeting will be held on **Saturday, April 2, 2016** at the ASAAA Hall in **Abbotsford**.
- A big thank you to members, clubs and association who submitted their Federation and Society dues on time. As of the deadline we have 68 clubs, 1863 dancers and 95 leaders registered.

SQUAREUPBC: Brian Elmer is looking for information from clubs, who are starting a New Dancer class in January, 2016.

Liability Insurance coverage for New Dancers:

- ***Please note*** that there is an issue concerning the Society's liability insurance for new dancer sessions. While each Fall your new dancers are "covered" by the process of supplying the Fraser Valley Treasurer with the number of your new dancers and by keeping at your club a list of their names that is not the case for start-ups in the New Year. Once your new dancers register for lessons in January, they should become members of the FVS&RDA, BCS&RDF, & CSRDS by paying their \$10.00 membership fee so that they are covered by the 3rd party liability insurance. ***Please check with Mary Cox (FVS&RDA Treasurer) for more information.***

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

Provincial Festival in 2017: Region 2 (Vancouver and Fraser Valley) is planning to host a Provincial Festival on July 6, to 8, 2017 at Cloverdale (Surrey) BC. The website is up and running and registration forms are available.

Please check it out, register early, and promote it everywhere you go!

<http://www.bcfestival2017.squaredance.bc.ca/>

Four Score and More Badges: These badges are compliments of the BC Square and Round Dance Federation and the Fraser Valley Square and Round Dance Association. From January, 2015 to

December, 2015 I have presented 23 badges to those dancers who have reached the age of 80 years and are still dancing.

Club and Caller/Cuer Special Anniversaries:

- **February 20, 2016** Salute to Broadway **Gala** with the BC Boys (Brent Mawdsley, Ray Brendzy and Steve Edlund) calling a Plus level dance at Confederation Hall in Burnaby and Cueing is Krista Baird. You can expect some special guests as well!! Tickets are limited, so get them early. **No Tickets at the Door!!**
- **May 27 -29, 2016** in Williams Lake-58th Mainstream Jamboree - Once Upon a Time (Fairy Tale) Theme-Nick and Mary Anne Turner and Dustin McGifford
- **June 3rd, 4th, and 5th, 2016** in Prince George-Spring Fling Jamboree - Dancing Under the Sea with Murray Few calling.
- Annual Peachfest Square Dance Festival is in Penticton, BC on **August 3-6, 2016**

G. Gala Norm Cox
Alex in charge of tickets, and almost sold out.

H, Canadian Society Norm Cox
Canadian Society in deep-freeze! Sask. Regina was 39 degrees below freezing when I last talked to them.

472 people registered but only 50 from B.C. we have the second largest number of dancers behind Ontario, surely we could get more dancers out there to support them.

I. BC Festival 2017 Dave McVige
Written by Co-Chair Wendy Krueger

The Cloverdale Rodeo was able to put our event on their calendar as of November 3rd, 2015, and since then, the committee has the following updates and accomplishments to present.

1. Contract with Cloverdale Rodeo & Exhibition Association (CR)—Price for the two halls for all 3 days will be \$4431.00 tax in. This includes: the halls for 13 hours per day; set up; an 8' x 8' stage in each hall; night time security on the grounds (1 security guard 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. Thursday night, and 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. on weekends), trash removal and janitorial; loan of décor items. Additions to the venue expense will be to increase security coverage to begin at 7 p.m. each evening to patrol the RV lot and the car parking; rental of fans (halls are not air conditioned); tents for shade/rain for outdoors (obtained from elsewhere: CR has none)
2. Additional space for Round Dancing is available at the Cloverdale Recreation Centre, on the same property, at a cost of approximately \$170 per afternoon, 1:00 till 4:00 p.m. As their prices increase slightly every year, an exact amount can't be quoted. Those charges are due and payable 30 days before the rental.
3. Start up money of \$1000 has been received from BCSRD Federation by our committee treasurer, Cheryl Plume. The committee has opened a bank account and has ordered cheques.
4. Our first payment of \$500 on the venue will be made by Jan. 15, 2016. We will continue to make payments of \$500 every 2 months. Full payment is required 7 days before the event, on June 29th, 2017.
5. Fees and Deadlines

Fees and Deadlines

	3 – day package	3 –day package	3 – day package	Single Day
Per Person	Until Sep. 1, 2016	Sep. 2, 2016 to March 1, 2017	March 2, 2017 to July 6, 2017	In Advance or at the Door
Adult	\$40	\$45	\$50	\$25
Youth (Under 21 at festival time)	\$20	\$25	\$30	\$15

6. RV dry Camping on site must be pre-booked via the registration form; 4 nights

Camping

Wed. to Sat. nights; Fee includes electricity—does not include water/sewer. Showers available on site	\$20/night
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maximum.

7. Food at the Festival: Canuel Catering is the exclusive Food & Beverage Contractor to the CR. Their offerings are varied and their prices look reasonable. If we pre-order, they will have lunches/dinners ready for people at our meal times. They operate a concession inside Shannon Hall. They will provide our water stations and caller/cuer/presenter hospitality room snacks/beverages.
8. Our BC Festival 2017 website went live on Dec.29, 2015. The registration form is available there for download and printing. The committee also has a Face book page and an email address.
9. Noted on the registration form, souvenir Program booklets including our schedules for the 3 days will be available to order at a price of \$3 each. This is sufficient to cover the cost of printing quoted to us by Fraser Printers. Blair Wallace will be editor of the booklet. We will be selling advertising to local businesses. Ad rates were calculated for us by Blair.
10. Within a couple of weeks, the committee will be printing Festival posters and registration forms for distribution to all BC clubs and within northern WA State.
11. Noted on the registration form, BC Festival badges are available to order for \$7 per badge. Festival 2017 bars are available to order for \$2.50 per bar. Sandy's Badges will be our supplier.
12. The Annual General Meeting of the BC Square and Round Dance Federation will take place from 9:30 a.m. till 12 noon in the East Room of Shannon Hall on Friday, July 7th, 2017.
13. The Official Trail-in Dance will be on Wed. July 5th at the Cloverdale Rec Centre 6188 176 Street, Cloverdale. The rent for this venue will be approximately \$360. As their prices increase slightly every year, an exact amount can't be quoted. Admission will be \$6 for adults, \$3 for youth under 21. Pre-rounds at 7:00 p.m. Square and Round Dancing 7:30 – 9:30 p.m.
The Trail-out Dance will be on Sun. July 9th at ASAA Hall, 33889 Essendene Ave, Abbotsford, hosted by Abbotsford Grand Squares on their Sunday Summer Dancing schedule. Admission \$5 for ASA members/\$6 non-ASA members/\$3 youth under 21. Square and Round Dancing 1:30 – 4:00 p.m.
14. Co-Chair Wendy Krueger has written monthly articles which are being published in the Valley Circle and are on the Festival website under the Blog tab in the Contents. These are

intended to foster interest and encourage early registration. Region 8 Association President Mary Ann Turner asked permission to use the January article; granted.

15. Festival colours are aqua and tan.
16. Application was made to the City of Surrey for a reduction in the rental costs for the venues on the grounds that we are serving the recreational needs of seniors, but it was declined.
17. A letter inviting the Mayor of Surrey and/or City Council members has been sent to Surrey City Hall.

Posters have just picked up from the Printers with Registration forms available from Jean. Just on the verge of "I am registered" ribbons being ready.

On the Web site you will find a list of Volunteers for the Convention, it's just awesome the amount of support the committee have received.

It may be possible that payment will be available through Visa or MasterCard on the web site.

Break for lunch.

Thanks to Gaylene and Werner for a fabulous lunch Good to see Werner back with us.

Caller Teachers Report

Ken Crisp

The V&DCTA held its general meeting yesterday, Saturday January 16th 2016 at the Aldergrove OAP Hall.

We still do not have a Vice President but in the meantime, I will attend the Dancer Association meetings as their liaison person.

The CT Association sponsored the Mid-Term Dance on December 27th 2015 at the ASAA Hall in Abbotsford. Although there were some concerns about the weather earlier in the day, it was well attended and we made a modest profit. A big thank you to the dancers who supported this dance.

Discussion of Reports: none

Mary moved that we adopt the reports George seconds. **Passed**

Old Business

a) Festival 2017

Poster for the Convention 2017 & Registration forms for all clubs in attendance today, are now available.

b) Club Reps: Any new Reps who don't have their dangles, check with their previous Clubs Rep. and if no dangle available, let Jean know and she can supply you with one.

Duties of club Reps are in your Resource Book pg. 21.

We have 21 clubs, and it is really important that you are here, as if we don't have a quorum we can't conduct business. If you can't make it please appoint someone to attend in your place.

New Business

A. Correspondence

B. Directors paying at dances: This was discussed and it is felt that if they are At a Club on official business, they would not pay, but if they are there to dance they should. It would be entirely at the Clubs discretion to say otherwise.

C. Time of GM's: A vote was taken to move the time of the General meeting to 1:00 pm from 1:30pm majority in favor.

D. Resource Book Report – Mary

All resource books have now been, except for the Delta Sundancers, which Mary hopes to get to soon.

Should I now remove the B.C. Federation, & CSRDS Sections from the Club and Executive Resource Books, as they are no longer being updated? Reports can be found on the Web Site!

Motion by George seconded by Norm, Removal of Section 3 & 4 in the Resource Book, that is the B.C. Section & the Canadian Society section, could be done at a time, convenient to Mary. **Passed**

Good & Welfare A couple of people to keep in our prayers, Phyllis Mitchell, who is not doing very well, has been report as being very cheerful, loves to have company, so if you want to visit, please phone first. Also Alice Fairbourn from the Swinging Singles.

Erika D'Estere passed away 27th December, it was her 80th Birthday on the 24th December and friends took a cake into the Hospital for her Birthday.

Erika's only relatives live in the States. We are waiting to hear from her Executive Janice Rutherford with details of a Celebration of Life for Erika.

Pete Prentice passed away; his wife who was the first caller in B.C preceded Pete.

Margaret Phillips also passed away, prior to Christmas, member of the Star Downers, founding member and Secretary of Fraser Valley for a long time. Doreen heard from Marg Camponi and she fell & broke her hip and is in Langley Hospital.

On an up note, Bill Summers who dropped out early in the fall and has been receiving Chemo treatments for lung Ca is back dancing.

Order of the Day

Many brochures at the back of the hall, of upcoming special events and dances.

Also see the web site.

It was brought to our attention that the Annual dance Registry in the Valley Circle lists upcoming events and this could be taken into account when scheduling your special dances as not to conflict.

Rhythm Reelers will be celebrating a 61st Birthday this upcoming Friday, see also their new face book page.

Squares across the border are asking that they get support especially for their new dancers. It's a very small club with just 23 members, so everyone is very welcome.

March 20th will be the Annual MS Dance at Kennedy Hall Steve calling.

Stardowners Robbie Burns night, complete with Haggis and Piper will be on the 22nd.

Swinging Singles, 47th Anniversary Tuesday 7:30 pm

Janet moved to close the meeting at 3:22 pm

Next meeting March 13th 2016 Time 1:00 pm