



FRASER VALLEY SQUARE & ROUND DANCE ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the Fraser Valley Square & Round Dance Association General Meeting

March 13, 2016

Location Queens Park New Westminster Time 1:00 Pm

Welcome Betty Langtry

Presidents Report

Betty Langtry

Thank you to everyone for coming. A special welcome to any new club reps. it is so important that all club representatives or their alternates attend. I see you all remembered to put your clocks ahead. Hopefully someday we can stay with the same time all year round.

March is the month for Fund Raiser Dances. It is hard to get to them all and they all support good causes. is hard to believe we only have one more general meeting for this year.

Attendance Abbotsford Grand Squares, Abbotsford Swinging Hubs, Century House Squares, Chilliwack Rhythm Reelers, Chuckwagon 8's, Delta Sundancers, Motiv8ors, Royal Swingers, Squares Across the Border, Surrey Square Wheelers, Swinging Singles, Town N Country Swingers, White Rockers.

Absent: Chilliwack Barn Dance Club, Diamond Country Dancers, Rhythm B's, Stardowners, Wesburn Wranglers, Wheeling 8's

Quorum established

Additions & Approval of the Agenda Reports: Ken Crisp Caller Teachers, Sandi to give B.C. Federation report, K) Scroll of Honor Barb Tryssenaar, New Business D) New dancer Grants E) Pins & Badges with motion by Norm Cox.
Moved by Norm/Otto **passed**

Correspondence

Sylvia

Letter received from co-operative square dance club

Co-op Squares originated in 1997 with a purpose of providing a venue for new dancers to enter the movement -- without placing a burden onto individual clubs who could not afford to provide new dancer classes themselves. Seven clubs were there at the start—See Saws, Lochdale, Royal Swingers, Ocean Waves, Stardowners, Silver Saddles, and Chuckwagon 8s. With minimal financial support --from the mentioned clubs and from the Fraser Valley Assn. for a short time-- we met with success. A few years into existence we were self supporting -- mainly through some successful recycle sales which most of you will probably recall. Folks who attended our classes went on to dance at the clubs mentioned above as well as at Surrey Square Wheelers, Swinging Singles, Town N Country Swingers, Chilliwack Rhythm Wheelers, and perhaps others. We, the committee, feel that we succeeded in our mandate.

Co-incidentally, and happily, the formation of a close-knit bond developed with the members of the committee who worked for Co-op. That bond is so strong that we continue to be closest of friends today. We feel that in this we surpassed our mandate.

As you are aware the market for square dancing in this region has changed drastically over the past years resulting in closure of our operation. We closed with some money in our treasury, and since our last dance we have distributed funds to: Wendy Krueger's venture into the Vancouver market; Delta Sundancers; Wesburn Teen Club; and Wheeling 8s. We are in the process of distributing the balance of our funds to Wesburn, Sundancers and Wheeling 8s. We will, in just a few days, have exhausted our account.

We just wanted the Association to know the status of things, and wanted also to thank the Association for their support over the years.

We have sent along a couple of items that might be of use through your body including a well kept brief case that originally belonged to Lochdale, and still bears their nameplate on it. We hope that whomever falls heir to this briefcase sees fit to retain the plate on it as a bit of history.

(Martin Fielden, President of the Swinging Singles has the briefcase)

Sincerely

CO-OPERATIVE SQUARE DANCE CLUB.

Per "Roy & Janet Ballam"

Also received notice of Resignation from our Treasurer of the Fraser Valley Square & Round Dance Association, Mary Cox, effective June 30th 2016.

Approval of the minutes of the last meeting Jan 17 2016 Norm Cox/Lucille Lysne Passed

REPORTS

A. Treasurer

Mary Cox

Mary moved her report be accepted as presented at the meeting seconded by Fred Garbett **Passed**

Registrations

I am still receiving New Registrations and I sent in 26 to the B.C. Federation at the end of February so our total Registered Dancers to Feb. 29, 2016 is 770 and of those 61 have come in since October 31, 2015. I sent in 36 Registrations (8 Teen/PreTeens & 24 Adults) March 10 bringing our total Registered to date to 806.

New Dancers Club Grant

2 Applications have been received from Chilliwack Rhythm Reelers and Swinging Singles Round Dance Class.

I now Move that we accept these applications and that Chilliwack Rhythm Reelers Club and Swinging Singles Round Dance Class be granted a \$250.00 grant each for their New Dancers Class.

I have submitted my Resignation as Treasurer of the F.V.S. & R.D.A. effective June 30, 2016 and have been working on getting a replacement Treasurer.

Mary M. Cox, Treasurer

F.V.S. & R.D.Association.

B. Vice President

read by Alex Galbraith

First, I want to thank you all for your attendance at this meeting, whether you are new as a club rep or you have done this job many years. We appreciate your being here, and taking what you learn back to your clubs. I am updating my club representative list, and would appreciate during the break or after the meeting if you could verify your contact information with me. I will say as well that with the busy dance period we have just gone through, that it is appreciated when our executive are acknowledged at your dances, whether by group or individually. It helps to establish a link between our executive and our member clubs. Recent badge presentations include –

25-year dangles to Richard & Barbara Laffere

50-year pins to Brian & Gerry Catterall, Oscar & Linda Schlamb

60-year pins to Mel Austin, Frank Czank, and George Czank

We miss having Erika d'Esterre at these meetings, with all the help and support she gave to the square dance recreation, and we know everyone here agrees that without that kind of commitment, our jobs and our dancing as a whole will suffer, so again thank you all for being here.

C. Valley Circle VC online

Blair Wallace Verbal report

******* Need a Flash back editor desperately. *******

The article in the Valley Circle put in by Blair - how many responded? **Zero**

Web site, Blair has a 6 page long report on Statistics for anyone interested, it shows how many hits the different clubs get on the web site.

D. Promotion

Betty Langtry

New Dancer Jamboree will be held April 30 at Ridge Meadows Activity center, 12150 224th Street At 7:00 pm. We need all dancers to support the new graduates in our great hobby.

Sadly the Othello Tunnels weekend has been cancelled due to poor attendance. We are looking for a new home for our train, Maybe a club would like to take over this weekend or some version of it. Bob and Lauretta who store our train during the year are very generous to fellow dancers.

E. Driscoll Awards

Ron Robertson

REMINDER NOTICES HAVE BEEN SENT OUT but nothing has been received to date but then we don't expect anything till May and usually just before the deadline, as everyone is busy with the teen festival this year it is held in Langley on the first weekend of May

Ken Crisp no report.

F. BC Federation

Sandi Poje

The Board of Directors Meeting of the BCS&RD Federation will be held on **April 2, 2016** at **10:00 AM** at the ASAA Hall at 33889 Essendene Avenue in Abbotsford. All dancers are welcome to attend, but only delegates may vote. And don't forget the "**After Meeting**" Dance at **7:30 PM**, same hall with a panel of callers and cuers.

The website is currently under redevelopment and we may not be able to get all of the information displayed for the upcoming meeting in time. Please forward this message to any executive or members who may wish to provide information or direction to the regional delegates.

A printable copy of the pamphlet and rack card that has been developed through the revitalization committee is on the website or you can e-mail Dennis Sutton (dsutton9@telus.net) if you are interested in copies for your club. These new brochure and rack cards were mailed to each of your Region's club Presidents. The brochure and rack card, along with the Health Brochure produced a few years ago, are useful awareness tools when you are advertising your **New Dancer sessions** in the fall or in January. They can be placed in your local library, doctors' dentists' and physiotherapists' offices, hospital waiting areas, and bulletin boards - anywhere where people gather. Remember to ask permission to place these!

Check out the BC Federation website, as there is lots of dancing taking place around BC.

Clubs, Caller/Cuer, Special Anniversaries and Events:

- Century House will be celebrating their **35 anniversary** on **April 25**
- New Dancer Jamboree sponsored by the joint Promotion Committee (FVS&RDA and V&DCTA) will be held on **April 30** at the **Ridge-Meadows Activity Centre** in Maple Ridge
- The "**Teen Festival**" will be held on **May 6 and 7, 2016** in **Langley, BC.**
- 60th Birthday celebration of the Country Cousins in Victoria on May 14, 2016
- May 27 to 29, 2016 58th Mainstream Jamboree in Williams Lake
- June 3rd, 4th, and 5th, 2016 Spring Fling Jamboree in Prince George
- **Canadian National Festival 2016** in **Regina** from **July 28 to 30, 2016**
- Annual Peachfest Square Dance Festival is in Penticton, BC on August 3 to 6, 2016

- **Provincial Festival, 2017** in Region 2 (Vancouver and Fraser Valley) on **July 6, 7 and 8th** in Cloverdale

Prepared by: Sandi Poje and Norm Cox
FVS&RDA Delegates to the BCS&RDF

Norm added:

BOD Meeting April 2nd Abbotsford.

The Swing Dance in Abbotsford every Sunday night is not a Club; the Motion will be withdrawn regarding this for the BOD meeting.

Norm discussed a Motion, which had been considered that honorary non-dancing members forgo their \$5.00 fee and go directly to the Canadian Society for Insurance (need coverage when at the facility helping out in any capacity) The Club would be responsible for paying the insurance and up to them if they wanted to collect from the volunteer members. Decision just to let the Clubs look after this.

G. Gala

Norm Cox Co Chair

Was that not a Classic Gala – Salute to Broadway? Yes, we had three of our finest lads (Ray, Steve & Brent) dressed in their best duds, performing in their best voices and calling some of their greatest moves. One would have to look no further than the crowded floor of happy dancers to realize that this was a night to remember when all the stops were pulled out. Now what about our ever lovely, charming cuer, Krista Baird, who wooed the Round Dancers with the PreRounds and the Rounds between tips. The highlight of the evening was the last singing call that took the cake - the young and middle aged singers on stage singing and calling to the theme song from Sound of Music. A special Thank You to all the committee members every one of whom had a job and many working together on more than one job to make this night happen. We have some great artistic and design members who showed their skills.

Ticket sales numbered 200 – 25 squares – too many for that hall. During the last 3 days we had 13 cancellations for various reasons but by that time our waiting list was depleted.

The total intake was \$3,339.01 and the total expenses \$2,388.10.

Split the Pot was divided 3 ways with 3X\$40.00 prizes given to the dancers and the remaining \$100.00 being donated to the MS Fund Benefit Dance. There were also 7 Door Prizes given out.

Scroll of Honour was presented to Dancer Fred Garbett and Cuer Margaret Beatty.

Stay tuned to hear what might take place next year.

H Canadian Society

Norm Cox

Festival 2016 in Regina now has 600 Registered. Their goal is for 1000.

B.C. now has 75 Registered – it would be nice to reach the 100 mark.

Trail in Dance is on the Wednesday 7.30pm – 10.00pm at a cost of \$5.00 each.

Banner Parade is Friday morning and Clubs are requested to please bring their banners.

Green and White Dance is on Friday 7.30pm – 10.30pm – Wear your Green & White outfits.

Dry Camping – Register on Line at www.saskrestival2016.ca

Check out – To Earn a Challenge Badge.

J. Festival 2017

Dave McVige

The Committee held a meeting Feb.27/16, 11AM at Denny's Restaurant, Fraser Room, 8855- 202 St.,

Langley, attended by 21 members. Co-Chair'd by David McVige and Wendy Krueger.

To Date, there are 27 registrations received. According to other Festivals, registrations trickled in at the beginning.

David and Wendy had Festival 2017 committee badges designed and made, which were presented. Members approved and 13 were ordered.

The " I Am Registered " ribbons are now on hand and will be sent out as Registrations are received.

Ribbons are white with Copper colored print.

There was an in-depth discussion Re: Publicity and Promotion- presented by Jean & Alex

Galbraith- Publicity to local dancers/callers, Publicity to BC Province, Publicity Beyond, Publicity in General public.

Advertising will begin in Summer Issue of Valley Circle, spread throughout the year into 2017

RV Camping- Betty Langtry- On-site dry camping. Fraser Downs Campsite will be checked for availability.

Website- Maureen Wilson- being upgraded continually as needed. Registrations are available to be downloaded and printed. Payment by Master Card and Visa will be available effective July 6/16 (not allowed sooner than 1 yr in advance)

Paladin Security- reported by-June Fitchett, patrol and Duty times to be scheduled.
Local Fire and Police Dept.'s will be notified in appropriate time.

Other topics in planning-

Opening and Closing Ceremonies- Dave Hammer, Lana and Tom and Decor Crew from Chilliwack Rhythm

Reelers, "Hospitality" area for Callers/cuers, Single Dancers.

If you want to wear Festival colors- Aqua and Tan.

**THE FESTIVAL COMMITTEE ARE PROMOTING PRE SALE OF TICKETS BY
OFFERING A FREE REGISTRATION DRAW
TO ANYONE PURCHASING A TICKET PRIOR TO SEPTEMBER 1st, 2016.**

K. Scroll of Honor

Barb Tryssenaar

The Scroll of Honor is presented Annually from the Fraser Valley Square & Round Dance Association, and is usually presented to one dancer couple or Person and one caller Couple or Person within the FVS&RDA and Vancouver & district Caller/teachers Association. The Honour is in recognition of the people who have gone above and beyond the call of duty and have dedicated their service to the Square Dance Community. This goes beyond the Club level and they have shown leadership to the FVS&RD Association of B.C. Federation or Canadian Society.

The award this year went to Fred Garbett, and the Caller & Teachers Award was presented to Marg Beatty.

Someone has to be nominated to be awarded. There may be many who qualify but have not had a nomination submitted to the Chairperson, being Barb Tryssenaar. The committee is made up of four couples that have already received the Scroll of Honour, usually two Caller Couples, and two Dancer Couples plus Chairperson. If there is anyone you feel is deserving of this award, get your letter highlighting his or her endeavors in.

Discussion of Reports

Motion to accept reports Diane/Sandi **passed**

*****Break for Lunch*****

Old Business

a) Banner Napping

There will be no changes to the wording regarding Banner Napping.

New Business

A. Annual Promo Payment -Norm Cox

Where as we have not had a request this year to date from the Promo Committee requesting Funds;

Whereas we normally give the Promo Committee \$1,000.00 from the DeSmit Fund

And Whereas at the present time our spendable monies are low in this fund due to extra demand for Grants from the New Dancers Class - we do have a 3 year term coming due this summer;

I Norman Cox move that out of our generosity we give the Promo Committee \$500.00 at the present time and

\$500.00 in September 2016. Seconded by Barb Tryssenaar **passed**

B. Resignation

Dave

Mary & Norm Cox have been our treasurer Couple for many years. Donald Allan was invited to an executive meeting & will let his name stand for the position of Treasurer at our Upcoming Election at the AGM. Other nominations are still be open.

C. Election

To be held at the AGM MAY 8th 2016

New dancer grants

Having received two applications for new dancer grants that were approved at the Executive Meeting, it was Moved by Mary Cox seconded by Diane O'Hara, that we accept the applications and that Chilliwack Rhythm Reelers, and Swinging Singles Round Dance Class, be granted a \$250.00 grant each, for their New Dancers Class. **Passed.**

E. Badges & Pins - Motion from Norman;

Preamble to the motion: --There was a motion moved and seconded at the FVS&RDA Executive meeting on March 5, 2016 reading-- Moved by Norm and seconded by David that the list of required badges and pins be ordered after July 1, 2016 so that the expense will be in next year's budget as this years budget has already been overspent. This was passed.

However the Vice President (person in charge of dangles and badges) feels that with the number of upcoming Anniversaries and request for 50 and 60-year pins, she will probably be short with number she has on hand. Therefore I have contacted all the voting Executive from that meeting and they are all in agreement to amend the motion to read that the badges are to be ordered after March 15, 2016 so I Norm Cox present to you an amended motion to read

The list of required badges presented at the March 5, 2016 FVS&RDA Executive Meeting be ordered after March 15, 2016. Seconded by Kris Christensen **passed**

Good & Welfare

Chilliwack Rhythm Reeler have a retired Chef who wants to cook the Barron of beef the way it should be done this year and that will be April 22nd.

Rally in the Valley is having such a good response again this year; they may need to put a cut off date.

May 16th Graduation New Dancers. Rally registrations very high already.

The Barn dancers in Chilliwack only meet once a month 50-70 people at the Old Chilliwack United Church Hall, they had 10 fiddlers playing. 1st time attending is free.

Blair will give you a Valley Circle to take with you for them, if anyone is going out there.

Order of the Day

Betty invites everyone to the MS fundraising dance next Sunday March 20th.

Someone needs to be responsible for keeping the resource books up to date. This is something Mary has always taken care of, and from experience, Clubs do not put the updated info into their binder, which is why she does it for them otherwise it can get to be quite the mess.

Betty moves meeting adjourned 02:50 pm

Next meeting May 8 1:00 pm

After the BC Federation B.O.D. meeting on April 2nd

there will be an

“After Meeting Dance”

Region 2 is putting on a dance to welcome our fellow dancers from other regions and we invite you to join then and your friends on Saturday evening, April 2nd.

Pre-rounds with Heather Wallace will start at 7:00pm and Square Dancing will start at 7:30pm.

The dance level will be Mainstream with Plus tips and will feature Callers and Cuers from our own Region, as well as many from other Regions in the Province. So come out and meet some new friends from other areas of the province and enjoy dancing to callers and cuers from those same areas.

Let's show the rest of the province that we in Region 2 know how to put on a party!

the “After Meeting Dance”

at

Abbotsford ASAA Hall at 33889 Essendene Avenue, Abbotsford

Pre-Rounds with Heather Wallace - 7:00pm – 7:30pm

Square Dancing – 7:30pm – 10:00pm

Mainstream with Plus Tips

Heather Wallace with a panel of local and out of town Callers & Cuers

Admission - \$5.00

