



FRASER VALLEY SQUARE & ROUND DANCE ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the Fraser Valley Square & Round Dance Association

Annual General Meeting

Mar. 25, 2018 Time: 1:00 PM

Location Centennial Lodge, Queens Park, New Westminster

Welcome – Alex Galbraith

Hello to you all and thank you for attending this last meeting of the 2017-2018 season. Because Jean is at the moment suffering from bronchitis, she will not be presiding over this meeting, and I will take her place. Since it's my first time chairing a meeting, I hope you will give me the same attention and support that you give Jean. She always appreciates your attentiveness. Please speak your name, in full if you can remember to do so, whenever you ask a question, make a statement, or move a motion. It will greatly help our secretary with her work. And now, let's get together and have a productive meeting. Thank you.

Attendance 14 Clubs Quorum established

Additions to the Agenda: Under New Business:

b) Add Chilliwack Rhythm Reelers Application for New Dancer Grant.

Barbara Tryssenaar Moved to accept Agenda as amended, seconded Norm Cox **Passed**

Correspondence: None

Amendments to the minutes of Feb. 4, 2018

Correct name spelling under Good & Welfare: Bruce Fostvelt, Dick Chell, JP Slater, & Ed Filan
My apologies. Also date for the Salmon Arm Festival 2019 under B.C. Federation Report Pg. 6
last paragraph: should read July 11-13th 2019

Barbara Tryssenaar moved to accept Minutes as amended seconded by Darlene Austin **Passed**

REPORTS –

a) Treasurer's Report – Don Allan

Please see Balance sheet & Income Statement circulated at the meeting.

Also a Spreadsheet that provides a summary of the current number of dancers registered in each club.

For the convenience of those not present at the meeting, a copy of the above can be found on pgs. 10-15.

The results from the Gala are in these reports. Ticket sales were \$2,360.00 Expense for the hall of \$608 was the full amount paid against last year shown as \$135.00 but actually last year's total amount was \$541.98. We also received our share of profits from the Festival of \$1,200.00.

One point to note when it shows a minus; it means we didn't spend as much as last year.

Don moved to accept the Treasurer's Report seconded by Norm Cox **Passed**

b) Vice President's Report – David McVige

Follow -Up to my Vice-President Report of Jan.27/18- Exec. Mtg. and Feb. 4/18 General Mtg.

RE: FIRST AID & Defibrillator.

It was suggested that The FVS&RDA provide Courses for Executives Of the Region 2 Square and Round Dance Clubs.

In Summary-

It is difficult enough to get Volunteers for what we have, therefore I feel it is the responsibility of the Clubs to inquire with their Members regarding First Aid Qualifications.

I did exactly that with Abbotsford Grand Squares and discovered more that one person is qualified. Amazing what happens when you ask.

c) Valley Circle/Webmaster Blair Wallace

Accounts Receivable

| <i>Club Name</i> | <i>Outstanding Balance</i> |
|---|----------------------------|
| Booiman, Ron | \$82.80 |
| Brent's Bunch | \$23.00 |
| Chilliwack Rhythm Reelers | \$14.20 |
| Chuckwagon 8's | \$14.95 |
| Fidalgo Fogcutters | \$35.00 |
| Krazy Bob's Music Emporium | \$179.40 |
| Motiv8ors | \$42.22 |
| Okanagan Square & Round Dance Association | \$46.00 |
| Peachfest Square Dance Festival | \$184.00 |
| Promotion Committee | \$86.25 |
| Rhythm B's | \$11.50 |
| Royal Swingers | \$14.95 |
| Surrey Square Wheelers | \$96.25 |
| Swinging Hubs | \$14.95 |
| Swinging Singles Square Dance Club | \$107.40 |
| Thompson-Shuswap Square & Round Dance Ass | \$40.25 |
| Town & Country Dancers | \$69.00 |
| Wesburn Wranglers | \$10.00 |
| White Rockers | \$14.95 |
| <i>Total Receivables:</i> | <i>\$1,087.07</i> |

Website:

Scroll of honour recipients added.

Updated and current based on the information that has been provided to us.

Valley Circle:

March issue done – was a little late. Printer had issues.

April/May – Done and ready for the printer

Planning for Summer

Renewal numbers – update:

| CLUB NAME | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 |
|-----------------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| ABBOTSFORD GRAND SQUARES | 33 | 27 | 39 | 35 | 30 |
| Brent's Bunch | | | | 9 | 10 |
| CENTURY HOUSE | 13 | 13 | 14 | 11 | 9 |
| CHILLIWACK RHYTHM REELERS | 16 | 18 | 30 | 25 | 17 |
| Chuckwagon 8's "A" LEVEL | 16 | 18 | 18 | 9 | 14 |
| Chuckwagon 8's "PLUS" LEVEL | 8 | 14 | 9 | | |
| DELTA SUNDANCERS | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| GUYS N GALS | 7 | 6 | 8 | 5 | 9 |
| MOTIV8ORS | 5 | 8 | 6 | 5 | 5 |
| RHYTHM B'S | 10 | 7 | 8 | 4 | 4 |
| ROYAL SWINGERS | 18 | 19 | 14 | 14 | 14 |
| SQUARES ACROSS THE BORDER | 1 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| STARDOWNERS | 18 | 15 | 17 | 17 | 16 |
| SURREY SQUARE WHEELERS | 33 | 42 | 41 | 39 | 45 |
| SWINGING HUBS | 17 | 20 | 19 | 17 | 15 |
| SWINGING SINGLES | 37 | 33 | 35 | 34 | 30 |
| TOWN & COUNTRY DANCERS | 17 | 14 | 13 | 11 | 14 |
| WEAVERS | 2 | 0 | | | |
| WESBURN | | | | | 2 |
| WHEELING 8s | 2 | 2 | 6 | 2 | 3 |
| WHITE ROCKERS | 4 | 7 | 8 | 13 | 7 |
| Sub total – club delivered | 257 | 271 | 285 | 250 | 244 |
| MAIL | 58 | 51 | 40 | 39 | 47 |
| Totals | 315 | 322 | 325 | 289 | 291 |

Names / info. Re ND joining to be forwarded ASAP to receive their 6 free copies starting Sept.

c) Promotion – Betty Langtry

We are finalizing plans for our New Dancer Jamboree April 21st at Ridge Meadows Senior Centre. All dancers are always welcome.

The 5 yr calendars are still for sale and will be introduced to dancers at London this summer.

Please mark Oct 13th on your calendar for a meeting with clubs to aid in revitalizing our Hobby. It is FREE and lunch will be provided. Have your new ideas ready.

The “Live Lively, Square-dance Dance” directional signs that were used at Festival 2017 are available for clubs to use for your special dances.

d) Driscoll Award – Ron Robertson

Letters have been sent out with information and entry forms. We hope to get some response but if not we will consider ending the Driscoll awards and returning the trophies to the Driscoll Family.

e) BC Federation – Sandi Poje

* The Board of Directors meeting is being held at 10:00 AM on April 7, 2018 at the ASA Hall, 33889 Essendene Avenue, Abbotsford, BC. Any interested members may attend but are not allowed to vote.

* New Dancer Jamboree sponsored by the joint Promotion Committee (FVS&RDA and V&DCTA) will be held on April 21st

* May 4th to May 5th is the 61st Spring Jamboree Weekend in Prince George

* May 4th and 5th the “Teen Festival” is being held in Silverton, Oregon. Our 2 clubs will be entered in the competition.

* May 6th is the Star Twirlers 40th Birthday Dance to be held in Victoria

* May 18th, 19th and 20th “Blast Off” weekend with the Ripple Rockets in Campbell River

* May 25th to 27th the 60th Anniversary of the Williams Lake Stampede Whirlaways and 40 years of service to the club caller, Nick Turner

* June 1st 2nd and 3rd - Rally in the Valley, Steve Edlund calling and Heather Reynolds cueing

* June 10th is the “June Bug Dance” at the Bradley Centre in Coombs sponsored by the Sand Dollars Square Dance Club. Rounds from 1:00 to 1:30 and old time dance with music by the Port Alberni Fiddlers from 1:30 to 3:30.

* June 15th, 16th & 17th - “Chase the Fun”, with Steve Edlund calling and Merv and Sandy Meyer cueing

* July 20th and 21st is “Catch the Wave” with the Ocean Waves Club. Dancing on Friday and Saturday at the Fanny Bay Hall from 7:30 to 10:30.

* August 8th to 11th 15th Annual Peachfest Square Dance Festival in Penticton

* August 16th to 19th Star Dusters 28th Annual Across the Pond Weekend in Powell River

2019

July 11th to 13th is the BC Festival in Salmon Arm

Prepared and Submitted by Sandi Poje and Norm Cox

f) Canadian Dancers Society – Norm Cox

The B.C. Federation received a notice from the Canadian Society requesting that we submit the names of our B.C. Delegates for the next two (2) years. We also received a notice from our Current Delegates, Beth & Darcy McGifford that they wish to step down from their position as Delegates to the CSRDS at this time. The New Delegates will be selected at the upcoming BOD meeting in April. Each Province has two Delegates and all delegates are assigned to a position on the Canadian Society Board of Directors. The present Delegates on the Canadian Board of Directors are:

President – Eric McCormack – New Brunswick

Past President – Roy Church - Newfoundland

Vice President – Paul Burleigh – P.E.I.

Outreach – Laurie & Wilma Illsley – Nova Scotia

Secretary & Communications Cttee. – Lorraine Kozera – Manitoba

Treasurer – Beth McGifford – B.C.

Chair Honours & Awards – Darcy McGifford – B.C.

Executive Member -Peter & Rachelle Coumoyer – Quebec

Website Chair – Peter Piazza – Ontario

Professional Development Cttee. Chair – Bill Treleaven – Saskatchewan

Convention Co-Coordinator – Norman Demeule – Alberta

The numbers are still slowly coming in for the London Festival 2018. To date 620 have registered.

g) Festival 2020 – Norm Cox

It was just over one year ago that we had our first organizational meeting to set up committees and their chairpersons. We have been on a roll ever since and many things have happened.

Festival Date – July 29-August 1, 2020

Place – Sheraton Vancouver Guildford Hotel, 15269 – 104 Ave., Surrey B.C Theme – “Our Sights Are On You. The Web Page is up and running at www.squaredance.bc.ca/2020

Registration forms are out and early Registration is \$110.00 each until July 1, 2019 and after that it will be \$130.00 each. Festival 2020 Registrar is Beth McGifford, P.O. Box 1114, Penticton, B.C., V2A 6J9. You may pay by cheque or E transfer – Details on the Registration Form

A Colourful Brochure has been produced to advertise this event.

We have 150 rooms set aside at the Hotel and these are available to book 1 year in advance of the event.

Hotel information is on back of Registration Forms.

A large Banner has been purchased and is now circulating around the clubs. Colourful Vests and over skirts have been made for promotion people to wear at 2018 London Festival.

Now is the time for you to do your part by helping to keep these Registrations rolling in. We are limited to 800 dancers at this event.

For further information contact Cox's @ 604-584-5506 marymcox@telus.net

Or Edlunds at 604-534-0969 edlunds@live.com

h) Gala – Dave Hammer/Norm Cox

Report was in the Valley Circle, which I'm sure you've all read already.

Vancouver & District Caller/Teachers Ass'n – Ken Crisp for John Corrigan, President.

The V&DCTA held a General Meeting on March 17, 2018. There will not be another meeting until our AGM in September. The Corn Cob Caper is being planned for the last Sunday Summer dance in August if the ASAA hall is available to us. A committee has been formed to organize the dance. John & Mary Corrigan, Wendy Krueger, Mike Rohde and Ken Crisp are on the committee and Mort Fromson has volunteered to cook the corn.

Mort Fromson has been calling squares, cueing contras and involved in the activity since 1941 and was presented with a dangle honouring his calling for 70 plus years.

The caller's association encourages members of the FVS&RDA to support the New Dancer's Jamboree on April 21st and welcome any and all new dancers to the activity.

i) Scroll Of Honour – Barbara Tryssenaar

The Scroll of honour for both the caller and dancer couples was presented at the February 10th Gala. The recipients are June Fitchett and Al Gibbs for the Dancers and Wendy Krueger for the Callers. I am not going to go over their achievements as I am sure they will be listed in the next Valley Circle. All three of these individuals have done a lot for our recreation and continue to do so. Job well done. All three were very humble and received their awards with gratitude. Far to humble as they all have done great jobs over the years.

Congratulations and thank you for your contributions to our recreation. Square dancing is the better for your involvement.

Discussion/Questions follow each report as given

Acceptance of Reports motioned by Diane O'Hara seconded by Donna Lanneberg **Passed**

OLD BUSINESS –

a) Vacant executive positions – Vice-President, Director

List of responsibilities of the Vice-President read out of the Resource book pg. 18 by Norm Cox, also the responsibilities of the Director. Discussion followed with no volunteers at this time.

25 minute break for lunch at this time.

NEW BUSINESS –

a) Resource Books: Betty Langtry

I would like to have all representatives ask their club members:

- * Do you know what the resource book is and where it is at your club?
- * Do you know what information it contains?
- * Is your resource book in need of replacing? Cracked or falling apart.
- * Was your resource book updated Sept 2017/ if not please let me know.

b) Requests for New Dancer Funding – by Abbotsford 'Grand' Squares, Surrey Square Wheelers, TW Twirlers, Wheeling 8's & Chilliwack Rhythm Reelers.

The applications have been gone over and considered in order.

The money for the New Dancer Grants, will come out of the DeSmit fund, which was left to the Fraser Valley Square & Round dance Association by Irene DeSmit in her will. It would seem that the Estate is still on the books for Revenue Canada as the wife of the Executor of the will has been in touch.

From the money left to us, we are allowed to spend 10% each year which goes to the Promotion Committee & to the Clubs for Promotion of New Dancers.

Norm made a motion that the five Clubs named above receive a \$250.00 grant each.

Seconded by Nancy Lear **Passed**

c) Club Reports – Making our club nights “green” (eco-friendly) **TABLED**

d) Club Reports – Sharing the FVS&RDA meeting minutes with our clubs.

I want each club representative to have a pencil and paper ready for this. On the paper they are to write their name and the club they represent, and then underneath how they usually share with their club dancers what happens at our meetings. When they are finished, let them discuss it a bit with the people around them for more ideas, and then turn in the papers to Sylvia so she can enter this in the minutes. I feel this is an important thing to know, because we often find that people aren't very aware at the club dance level what the Dancers' Association is or what we try and accomplish with each of these meetings. So this will

be a start to find out what happens to the minutes. If the club rep doesn't do anything with the minutes, we still want to know, so we can go about getting better communication to our dancers at large.

Century House Squares:

Share reports with other Executive members and member who show interest.
This Club holds no executive meetings.

Chuckwagon 8's

We read the minutes and high light at our executive meetings then share with the Club.

Royal Swingers:

Rep. gives oral report & posts minutes on bulletin board.

Surrey Square Wheelers:

Club Reps. sharing with local Club.
Formal written report to executive.
Oral reporting of outstanding events/points of info.
Display Club flyers on our table for members on dance nights.
Attempt to recruit for special needed positions.
Discuss how we (executive) can work co-operatively with other clubs regarding conflicting events.

Swinging Singles:

Nothing is discussed at Club level.

Club Representative reports highlights of the FV meeting at the Swinging Singles executive meetings which are held every month, or hands in a written report if unable to attend.

Squares Across the Border:

Report from Rep. at Class.
Hard copy available at Class.

Town & Country Dancers:

Done at executive meetings & pertinent parts presented at Club nights.
Suggestion, that minutes be displayed at dance night regularly.
Also it helps if the person informing the dancers, do so in an energetic manner i.e. like Norm.

T.W. Twirlers:

This is the 1st time I've heard and I think it a good idea to share.

W 8's

Leave meeting minutes on table.
If members have questions be able to answer them.

White Rockers

Highlights at coffee time mentioned
Minutes at entrance for view.
Keep Binder of Minutes.
Pick up events Flyers ND - Plus

GOOD & WELFARE –

Jean has chest infection, taking care of herself and Alex filling in today.
Dave had surgery, but looks good today and present at the meeting.

ORDER OF THE DAY-

Request from Diane O'Hara **NEEDED DANCERS FOR DEMO**

Dancers for a community demo on Saturday May 26 in Crescent Beach (South Surrey) at Camp Alexander on McBride. Demo is 12:~~00~~-12:45.

Lots of activities going on. We will have a Caller & need at least 2 squares of dancers. We hope to get a few from the audience up as well to show how easy it is.

Unlike the Homecoming Festival (which was a one-off event celebrating our centennial), Alex Fest has been a mainstay of South Surrey and White Rock since the 1970s, and regularly attracts approximately 3000 visitors (weather permitting). Aside from music and other entertainment offered from two stages, the day includes vendors, children's activities, community displays, crafters, food trucks, and other activities.

Please ask your members if anyone is interested & PLEASE let me know so I can keep track of participants. If you have NEW DANCER classes scheduled for fall 2018 bring flyers to hand out.

Diane O'Hara, White Rockers
604-583-2625
theoharas@telus.net

Sunday April 15th 7:00 – 9:30 pm MS Benefit dance at Kennedy Hall with Brent Mawdsley & Friends calling MS & Plus levels Admission by donation receipt for donations of \$20.00 & above.

Sunday April 8th 11:00 - 3:00 pm Swinging Singles Recycle Sale Charles Rummel Hall.

Surrey Square Wheelers would like to thank everyone who attended their Annual Charity Plus night. they had \$2,700 come in from the recycle sale & 50/50 donations for a total of \$4,700 donation to the Physically Challenged.

They had a moving speech from a young women now 32 who has had mental & physical challenges in her life, she had been told at birth she would never walk or talk. What an impact this donation makes in the lives of such people.

Tuesday May 29th there will be a Year End Special dance pre rounds @ 7:30 all level dance to follow Western theme.

Mid August Century House Hoe Down. Hope to have ad in the next Valley Circle.

Thursday March 29th Wheeling 8's Easter Party at Chuck Bailey Rec. Center 6:30 – 9:00 pm.
Season ends June 14th.

Sunday April 1st. Guys 'n' Gals Easter Party at OAP Hall Aldergrove 1:00 – 4:00 pm. Season end June 17th.

Monday April 2nd. T.W. Twirlers Easter Party 7:00 – 9:00 pm at Christian Life Assembly.
Season end June 18th.

July 1st Town & Country Dancers, 32nd Annual Canada Day dance. There is to be a celebration of their Caller/Cuer's 30 yrs with a panel of callers Sunday October 21st.

Royal Swingers had 10 squares at their St. Steve dance, and will be having a Potluck dinner April 27th.

Thursday March 29th in Abbotsford Grand Squares have their Easter Bonnet dance 7:30 – 9:30 pm

Saturday April 7th after the BOD meeting in Abbotsford there is a Mainstream dance, pre rounds at 7:00 – 7:30 pm many different callers who will be attending the meeting first.

Also many teaches going on during May & June. At OAP Hall in Aldergrove during May with Steve intro to A level Wednesday's 6:00 -8:00 pm, Charles Rummel Hall A2 teach with Ray on Wednesday's from 7:00 – 9:00 pm & A1 at Queens Park Thursdays, and possibly John Corrigan will have something arranged, so don't miss out, check your Valley Circle for details.

Finally next Monday the Sorrento Bunny Hop.

NEXT GENERAL MEETING - Centennial Lodge, Queens Park, New Westminster, 1 PM,
Date to be announced

Barbara Tryssenaar moved to adjourn the meeting at 3:11 pm

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| (1) – Numbers of dancers at the end of the 2015-2016 year includes dancers that registered in December and January. | | | |
| (2) – Numbers of dancers registered by Nov 15, 2016 for 2017 insurance. | | | |
| (3) – Numbers of dancers at the end of the 2016-2017 year includes dancers that registered in December through April 2017. | | | |
| (4) – Number of dancers registered by November 2017 for 2018 insurance | | | |
| (5) – Number of dancers added at end of December 2018 | | | |
| (6) – Number of dancers added at end of February 2018 | | | |
| (7) – Total registered dancers at March 15, 2018 | | | |
| (8) – Difference between last year (3) and now (7) | | | |