



FRASER VALLEY SQUARE & ROUND DANCE ASSOCIATION

Minute of The Fraser Valley Square & Round Dance Association General Meeting

Oct. 28, 2018 @ Time: 1:00 PM

Location Centennial Lodge, Queens Park, New Westminster

Welcome – Jean Galbraith

Hello to you all, club reps, committee reporters, conveners, and callers, and thank you all for coming to this first meeting of the season of 2018-2019. Although most of you are familiar, there may be some new attendees here. Please raise your hand if you are new to this meeting. We want to especially welcome you here, and hope your experience is rewarding. Please give your names, club info, and contact info to our Secretary, Sylvia French, before you leave. We want to introduce at this time, although she's not new to the Association, Sandi Poje, who is our new Vice-President. And we also want to introduce David McVige as our new Delegate to the BC Square & Round Dance Federation, representing our Region. Also, this meeting is recorded, and it will be helpful to conduct a smooth running meeting if we all speak out our names and club affiliations clearly, whether making a motion, seconding, or whenever called on. This not only helps me acknowledge you properly, but it really helps our Secretary with the minutes. I hope you all have an agenda, and Treasurer report information, and have displayed your club event flyers at the back table. Also we have a sympathy card for the Dallman family, on the passing of Bob Dallman, and we would like everyone to sign it before they leave. So now let's begin our meeting.

Attendance: Abbotsford Swinging Hubs, Century House Squares, Chilliwack Rhythm Reelers, Chuckwagon 8's, Motiv8ors, Royal Swingers, Squares across the Border, Stardowners, Surrey Square Wheelers, Swinging Singles, Town & country Dancers, Wesburn Wranglers, White Rockers.

Absent: Abbotsford Grand Squares, Delta Sundancers, Diamond Country Dancers, Guys & Gals, Quicksteppers, Rhythm B's, Wheeling 8's, TW Twirlers.

Additions & Approval of the Agenda

Under Reports section: –

F – BC Federation – the report will be given by David McVige

G- CDS & H-Festival 2020 – Norm Cox has sent a written report.

Under “Old Business”, a) Please add that we welcome David McVige & Dianne Wilson as our new BC Federation delegates for this Region. b) I would like you all to delete item “Review and Acceptance of Minutes of Previous Annual General Meeting June 11, 2017”. Although it was not addressed at the latest Annual General Meeting, it was accepted at the next General meeting through a motion passed on Oct. 18, 2017, and in accordance with our by-laws, that is sufficient.

d) Add Discussion of Eco-friendly dances and meetings. This had been tabled from the last meeting.

Under “New Business”, I would like you all to add one item. It is the recommendation that the Executive brings to you through a motion passed at our latest Executive meeting, to wit

“That the By-Laws be amended under number of Directors to read ‘as required’ rather than ‘5’.

Barbara Tryssenaar Moved to accept the agenda as amended, seconded by Sandi Poje PASSED

Correspondence

Correspondence regarding the 2020 convention was received by Ken Crisp Secretary & Beth McGifford

Registrations: Enquiries about registrations, or persons wishing to contact The 2020 Committee are to be directed to: Festival2020Registrations@hotmail.com

Questions about packages for only one or two nights of dancing or at the door admissions can be directed to the registration mailbox. At this time only full registration packages are available. There is capacity for 800 dancers and, if the attendance at Festival 2018 is any indication, we are hopeful that we will reach that number, so we wouldn't be able to offer partial packages or drop-in. Everyone is encouraged to register for the event, but if they don't wish to, they may check back in the Spring of 2020 in case plans have changed.

Approval of the minutes of the last meeting – Sunday, Mar 25, 2018

Pg 6 New business b) Nancy SLINN seconded Norm's motion to give the five clubs the \$250.00 for their new dancer class, not Nancy Lear. Pg 8 Surrey Square Wheelers charity dance was a Mainstream Dance not Plus and the money went to the Surrey Child Development Centre.

Nancy Slinn moved to accept the minutes with amendments seconded by Dave Hammer. **PASSED**

REPORTS –

- a) Treasurer's Report – Don Allan FVS&RDA 2018 see financial documented as distributed.

INTRODUCTION

This document contains comments on the Financial Statements that were prepared for the end of the Fraser Valley Square & Round Dance Association (FVSRDA) fiscal year that ended on June 30, 2018. The fiscal year ran from July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018. The following documents were distributed with this report:

a. FVSRDA Balance Sheet 30 June 2018.pdf – The Balance Sheet for the FVSRDA as of June 30, 2018

b. FVSRDAIncomeStatement30June2018.pdf – The Income Statement for the FVSRDA for the fiscal year from July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018. The statement also includes figures from last year for comparison.

FVSRDA FUNDS

The finances at FVSRDA are managed in three separate funds. A separate bank account for each fund exists at the HSBC bank. In addition, the FVSRDA invests reserve funds in term deposits that are held at VanCity. There is a separate term deposit for each fund.

The three funds are:

1. Operating Fund – This fund is used to collect and forward registration fees and to pay the day to day operating expenses of the FVSRDA. The fund is also used to collect and distribute income and expenses associated with the Gala.

2. Valley Circle Fund – This fund is used to collect and distribute the income and expenses for the publication of the Valley Circle.

3. DeSmit Fund – This fund is used to distribute funds to promote dancing.

The financial statements show all the income and expenses for each fund including the interest that was earned on the Term Deposits. The interest received on the Term Deposits for 2018 is lower than the previous year due to lower interest rates. The current Term Deposits have a three year term with a higher interest in the second and third year. This past year was the first year for the Term Deposit. The interest income in 2017 was earned on Term Deposits that were in their third year.

Don moved to have his report accepted seconded by Gaylene Ward **PASSED**

- b) Vice President's Report – Sandi Poje

I really don't have anything to report at this meeting, except to thank Jean and Alex for attending the caller-teacher meeting on my behalf.

And to change hats, I presented a 4 score and more badge to David McVige on Thursday, October 25th. Congratulations again David.

Jean Galbraith had report to add: as Sandi Poje has agreed that I give a report, because Alex & I were able to attend the recent V&DCTA meeting and Wheeling 8's 45th Anniversary. You've already heard about the Wheeling 8's, so this will be a short report on the Callers' meeting on Sept. 15. The meeting started with a round dance workshop with Cheryl Plume. ROM's are for Oct. 2-step "You Can't Take It With You" and Nov. Waltz "He'll Have To Go". Then business of the Callers' Ass'n was conducted, and round and square dance workshops in future were discussed. ROAR was discussed, the next FVS&RDA general meeting was mentioned and Ken Crisp agreed to attend that. The next BC Federation meeting was mentioned as well, in Victoria. Roundaree was discussed. Elections were tabled to the next meeting, which is Nov. 17, 2018 at the OAP hall in Aldergrove at 9:30 am

c) Valley Circle/Webmaster – Blair Wallace

Valley Circle / Webmaster

Valley Circle:

September issue and Directory completed. Directory was the usual pain to complete with most clubs not meeting the deadline & some clubs not responding at all. I even got one call asking why we were asking for "all this information" – they've never been asked this before. Well, the VC is nearly 60 years old – hmm.

October & November issues complete.

Renewal numbers (at subscription time):

CLUB NAME	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
ABBOTSFORD GRAND SQUARES	33	27	39	35	30	38
ABBOTSFORD SWINGING HUBS	17	20	19	17	15	15
BRENT'S BUNCH				9	9	1
CENTURY HOUSE	13	13	14	11	9	7
CHILLIWACK RHYTHM REELERS	16	18	30	25	17	13
CHUCKWAGON 8'S "A" LEVEL	16	18	18	9	15	11
CHUCKWAGON 8'S "PLUS" LEVEL	8	14	9			
DELTA SUNDANCERS	0	1	0	0	0	0
GUYS N GALS	7	6	8	5	8	7
MOTIV8ORS	5	8	6	5	5	4
RHYTHM B'S	10	7	8	4	4	5
ROYAL SWINGERS	18	19	14	14	14	12
SQUARES ACROSS THE BORDER	1	7	0	0	0	0
STARDOWNERS	18	15	17	17	16	18
SURREY SQUARE WHEELERS	33	42	41	39	42	43
SWINGING SINGLES	37	33	35	34	29	23
TOWN & COUNTRY DANCERS	17	14	13	11	13	9
WEAVERS	2	0				
WESBURN					2	0
WHEELING 8s	2	2	6	2	3	NR
WHITE ROCKERS	4	7	8	13	8	8
Sub total – club delivered	257	271	285	250	239	214
MAIL	58	51	40	39	44	39
Totals	315	322	325	289	283	253

To date – Renewals not received:

- Brent's Bunch *re received today*
- Wheeling 8's

Website:

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

If you are making significant changes to a dance (like hall, time, etc.) please indicate this in your emails to us. It will make it easier to make sure the most current information is online.

d) Promotion – Betty Langtry

The five-year calendars have all been sold. They were popular at the 2018 Festival in London in June but didn't sell well due to the popularity of hand held devices.

ROAR 2 was held with a total attendance of 22. This consisted of:

2 BC Federation Representatives

8 Fraser Valley Executive Representatives

10 VC & Cuer Representatives

5 dancers from 4 clubs with a total of 8 Clubs represented

Those present heard of new and exciting ideas from Callerlab. Lengthy reports are available with some interesting suggestions.

Ideas were exchanged and suggestions put forward concerning recruiting and retention.

Clubs with New dancers are reminded that there are reimbursements for New Dancer advertisements. Please check the VC website or the FV Resource book.

e) Driscoll Award – Ron Robertson

Written from Verbal report: Regarding the Driscoll Awards, nothing is done until January, as the Teens are busy with their Teen Festival. You will have read in the September issue of the Valley Circle, that the recipients from last year were Michael Hampton & Katie McCormack.

The Driscoll Teen Award is an Annual Award originally intended to promote square dancing through outstanding leadership, co-operation, teamwork and ambassadorship, and recognizes both a male and female B.C. Teen, or Pre-teen dancers.

In January notifications are sent requesting letters of recommendation for likely candidates. Letters may come from candidate's peers, caller/teacher and executive of the eligible B.C. Teen Square Dance Association that participates in the Pacific Northwest Teen Square Dance Festival.

The more submissions the better, these nominations are good for 5 years, & there is one nomination left over from last year which will be included in the consideration process.

f) BC Federation report from AGM – by Norm Cox presented by David McVige

This will be my last report from the B.C. Federation as I have resigned as a Delegate from the Fraser Valley Square and Round Dance Association to the B.C. Federation.

I will try to be rather short and to the point in this report from the B.C. Federation Annual General Meeting in Penticton in August 2018.

1. Monies requested from Festival 2019 for Advertising was turned down because this money was to be in the form of a Grant and not a loan to be paid back.

2. The B.C. Federation membership fees increased from \$7.00 each to \$10.00 each. This was in support of the ongoing activities in which the Federation is involved:

. Social Media through Square Up B.C. and Brian Elmer 's programs.

. Continuing of Grants for New Dancer Classes.

. Cost of Meetings- travel & accommodation for Federation Executive members.

. Leadership Grants (Callers & Cuers)

3. List of the New Executive for B.C. Federation is to be found on Page 19 of the Fraser Valley Directory.

NOTE: New Dancer Classes applying for a Grant before March 1st. 2019 must send applications to Dennis Sutton, 1st Vice President of B.C. Federation.

Norm Cox, Retiring F.V Rep to B.C. Federation.

g) Canadian Dancers Society – Norm Cox - Jean Galbraith gave report in his absence.

Norm requests that we all refer to October Valley Circle page 11 for Festival 2020 update. He notes that usually the BC Fed. Rep reports on the CSRDS, and since I expected Norm to also report on BC Federation until quite recently (after agenda was done), he also asks us to check the Oct. VC on pages 27, 28, 29, & 30 for BC Federation news.

h) Gala – Dave Hammer

The latest Gala meeting was held Sept. 22, 2018. The callers will be the BC Boys and the cuer will be Margaret Beatty. The Gala will be held Saturday March 16, 2019 at Burnaby Confederation Senior Center at 7 pm. Tickets

will be \$20 per person, \$10 per teen. The ads, club posters, and tickets will be out by Oct. 28, thanks to Sandi's work. The theme will be a salute to Festival 2020. There will be the usual cookies for refreshments, presentation of Scroll of Honour, and Money Draw. Next Gala meeting is scheduled for Jan. 12, 2019

i) Vancouver & District Caller/Teachers Ass'n – Ken Crisp

Next Meeting will be held the 3rd Saturday in November being the 17th November.

The last Ken heard was that they were investigating into whether they will be doing a midterm Prom between Christmas & the New Year, and today Blair had a request for an ad to go into the December issue of the Valley Circle, so the word is, their will be a Prom on December 29th.

See your December issue of the Valley Circle for details.

j) Scroll Of Honour – Barbara Tryssenaar

Its that time of the year to take a look around your Club and see who can be recommended for going above & beyond your club level. Nominations will be taken all through the month of November.

Motion to accept Reports by Dave Hammer seconded by Donna Lonneberg **PASSED**

**Half hour break at this time.
Many thanks to Eva & Nelson for a lovely Lunch**

OLD BUSINESS –

a) Welcome to Sandi Poje as our new Vice-President, David McVige & Dianne Wilson, as our new BC Federation Delegates

b) Acknowledgement of Wheeling 8's 45th Anniversary Dance by Jean Galbraith, a very good turn out, everyone had a great time, there were some reporters present who wrote a really good article in the newspaper.

c) Eco-friendly dances: Diane & Gerhard Kouff Chilliwack RR go green

First of all thanks to giving us the chance to talk about an important step the Chilliwack Rhythm Reelers took, though this is more a report of a personal journey that led to a change.

Second go green means it is a process not a decision you make today and from tomorrow on all has changed. You try to eliminate more and more plastic step by step and let us tell you it is hard.

Let's talk about some facts that motivated us to start this long journey.

Coming from Europe recycling was always a part of my husbands and my lives and plastic bags cost money for most of our lives. But that did not mean, that we actually really know all about plastic and mostly how to avoid it. Since the early 70s when plastic consumption was about 2 kg per capita per year things have dramatically changed, today we consume 43 kg per capita per year, tendency increasing.

Here are some more facts:

Decomposing time:

Up to 1,000 years, depending on the plastic, straws, diapers, Styrofoam and bottles about 500 years, plastic bags up to 100 and in general all the plastic that end up in landfills will never decompose, because it needs heat, light and a certain moisture. Recycling in the adequate facilities use these factors, but the out coming product is not as strong and durable as the original.

According to National Geographic 73% of all beach litter is plastic.

1 million plastic bottles and 2 million plastic bags are bought around the world every minute.

Plastic is killing more that 1.1 million seabirds and animals every year

5 massive plastic patches are swimming in the ocean; the one between California and Hawaii is as big as the State of Texas.

Every minute one garbage truck of plastic is dumped into the oceans

By 2050 there will be more plastic in the oceans than fish

An average person eats 70,000 micro plastics each year.

Since the 1950s 8.3 Billion tons of plastic have been produced, most of it in the last ten years, 23% has been recycled, Her in BC the recyclable get separated in to the different materials like glass metal papers plastics etc. There are 7 different types of plastics. Only two of them can be recycled, the rest gets shipped overseas.

We are sure you know already a lot of the facts, but for us it became more and more obvious on our trips to Asia and the last to Texas. Being in Borneo at the North Tip, where hardly anybody lives we visited a beautiful almost endless sandy beach almost filled up to a third with plastic bottles and other plastic garbage. It is the current that washes the plastic ashore.

Same on Padre Island National Park, Texas. Another almost endless beautiful coastline, but the current washes a tremendous amount of plastic ashore every single day. We collected on three consecutive days plastic garbage at the same spots. In half an hour a huge bag was full and a small section was almost clean, but you had to start all over the next day at the same spots with the same results. This area is famous for the leatherneck turtles to lay their eggs there.

To make a long story short, we brought this subject to the attention of the executives of our square dance club and ran into open doors because we all care about nature and the future of our kids. We offered to buy a certain amount of plates and cups and that reduced a huge amount of single use plastic especially at the beginning when people tended to forget their own plates and cups. So the first step was made and it is just a bit more work for those who are in charge with the coffee because they have to clean a few more things. But the response in general was very positive. We get more and more used to bringing our own plates and mugs. For the Rally in the valley we hand out one plastic bottle per person to refill it as much as needed. We still have a lot to work on like the cups for the water; they are still plastic ones, and a few more things we have to deal with especially during big events. But as I said at the beginning: It is a journey not just an easy simple change and you start a journey with the first step. And it needs sometimes just one person, someone who initiates a change.

David addressed the new "Feather" on display for advertising, which is available to a Club for Promotion, if they want to buy their own cost depending on hardware required, (there is a spike that goes into the ground or stand at extra cost). Basic cost \$149.00 + tax printed one side Approx cost \$200.00 with spike or stand.

Discussion followed regarding ROAR workshop, article available in December issue of the Valley Circle.

NEW BUSINESS –

a) Review of club discussion – Sharing The Minutes With Our Clubs

I hope you all have read the responses to this idea in the minutes of the last meeting. I notice that 10 clubs gave responses, and that at least 4 clubs discussed the minutes with their club executive. Some clubs do not have a club executive, and the number of clubs that share highlights of the minutes with the dancers directly goes up to eight clubs. Four clubs post the minutes for interested dancers to view them. It seems that of the 10 responses, no two are alike. We hope that all clubs will consider sharing highlights of the meeting with their club members, whether in a short written report, or a short talk whenever it's convenient for the club. We request that all clubs post a written copy of the minutes for all club members to read. And please when you are thanking your callers & cuers, and those that helped in the kitchen, and decorators, etc. every once in a while, thank your club representative for their service in faithfully attending the meetings. Jean Galbraith

For anyone interested minutes are posted on the Web site.

b) Club Report – Royal Swingers

Nancy introduced herself & Peter Slinn as the new representatives of the Royal Swingers to the Fraser Valley. At the back of the room was a photo album, and photo board displaying activities of the Royal Swinging.

October 19th was Steve Squared with Steve Edlund & special guest Steve Noseck who came up from the States they had nine squares on the floor and several sitting out.

November 9th is their Annual fundraiser Muffin Madness. Peter then gave a brief history presentation:

Under New West Parks & Recreation a beginner square dance group was started in September 1969 headed up by Denny & Leatha Bolton and Herb & Gladys Neaustreader.

The following Spring this group of enthusiastic dancers formed the Royal Swingers Square Dance Club.

Traditions began to form, Fun Badges, Banner Snatching, Camp-outs, Caravans, Club Picnics, gatherings on Mayne Island at Gordon & Yvonne Sewells & Halloween Pie Night, extras being auctioned off and the proceeds donated to Cancer Research (this is still being done) Other special events that soon followed were Goofers Night, Mother of the year Dance and Club Night Out, held the day after our March AGM. Royal Swingers hosted their 1st Hyack Festival Dance in 1973 and continued for many years (at the Arenex) 1997

1981 saw many communities dealing with civic strikes, New West being one, forcing the club to relocate venues. In December of that year primary caller Denny Bolton retired. A variety of callers were engaged through the Spring of 1982.

Teen caller, Steve Edlund was hired in September of 1982 and continues to be the pride & joy of the Royal Swingers. He can take as good as he gives when it comes to a joke and challenges the dancers with unusual

sequences keeping our minds active, always with a good dose of humour & rapport. Everyone has a birthday, but Steve, well, he has not only a birthday, but a birthday month, birthday week and birthday eve! It may have been a bit of a gamble, back then, but we all know how well it has worked out, recently commemorating Steve's calling for the R.S. for 35 years)

Royal Swingers entered a float in the Hyack Parade from 1982-1989

1983 was the 1st on many entries into the Penticton Parade.

A September shuffle was held from 1984 for 3 years, 1986 they hosted the Royal City 86 Square & Round Dance Rally at the river.

Steve's Muffin Madness Dance is the club's annual fundraiser, begun in 1987; this dance takes place in November is still baking along.

In 2020, Royal Swingers will celebrate their 50th anniversary.

c) Square Dance Awareness Week – Club Contributions

Port Moody Credit Union had an ongoing display throughout the week continuing on for two weeks at no cost. Framed document of the Proclamation of Square awareness week was displayed along with a picture of the Queen when she was visiting Ottawa as Princess Elizabeth square dancing back in 1951, which gained a lot of interest.



d) Bylaw Amendment

Under our present By-Laws Part V – Executive Committee, Section 5.3 (D), it reads “the number of directors shall be five (5) or a greater number determined from time to time at a general meeting”. The Fraser Valley Square & Round Dance Executive have been asking for a volunteer to fill this vacant position for some time, with no success. Because there are now fewer member clubs than when the By-Laws were first formulated, the Directors who now hold the positions feel that they can adequately attend to the clubs under their direction, and feel that a fifth Director/Director couple is not needed at the moment. Therefore, under our recommendation, we advise the By-Laws to be amended to read “the number of directors shall be as determined by the Executive, and may be changed from time to time at a general meeting”. We give you, the club representatives, notice of this change to the By-Laws, which will be voted on at the next General Meeting. Jean Galbraith

GOOD & WELFARE –

It is with sadness that we report that Bob Dallman has passed away. He was a long-time caller for the Delta Sundancers, and avidly promoted teen dancing. His family became involved with him, and held a celebration of life for him, unfortunately on the same day as this meeting. We have a card of sympathy that Sandi has provided that we hope all will sign. Jean Galbraith

Marg. Camponi is still in Hospital with Pneumonia.

ORDER OF THE DAY-

November 24th Annual Hawaii dance at Surrey Square Wheelers

Jan 30th is their Annual recycle sale contact Marj Kenny if you wish to be a Vendor.

Remember Steveuary during the whole month of January.

Royal Swingers Muffin Madness Plus Dance Friday Nov. 9th Edmonds Community Centre

Chilliwack Rhythm Reelers Special Plus dance with Brent Mawdsley & Heather Reynolds Friday November 2nd starts 7:30 pm with pre rounds.

Westburn Wranglers benefit dance with the Brendzy Bunch Sunday November 25th 3:00-5:15 with silent auction.

Guy's N Gals Dec. 31st New Year Party Music by Tyler Wagner Contact Darlene for more info.

Next General Meeting, Centennial Lodge, Queens Park, New Westminster,
January 13th 2019 1:00 pm

Motion to Adjourn moved by Jean @ 3:19 pm