



## FRASER VALLEY SQUARE & ROUND DANCE ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting June 2, 2024

Chaired by Alex Galbraith; Zoom Host – Maureen Wilson

Meeting brought to order at 9:10 AM

Alex Galbraith welcomed everyone

Attendance:

**Abbotsford Grand Squares** (Norma Ridler), **Brent's Bunch** (Bill Fex), **Chuckwagon 8's**, (Sandi Poje), **Century House Squares** (Pat Gerbrandt), **Circle 8's** (Janice Hiscott), **Guys & Gals** (Dianne Wilson), **Motiv8ors** (Ray Brendzy), **Royal City Squares** (Peter Slinn), **Stardowners** (Christine Brendzy), **Surrey Square Wheelers** (Maureen Wilson), **Swinging Hubs** (Norm Cox), **Town 'n' Country Dancers** (Nancy Slinn), **Wesburn Wranglers** (Caitlyn Brendzy), **White Rockers** (Lyle & Diane O'Hara), Don Allan, Alex Galbraith, Al Gibbs & June Fitchett, Eva Matheson & Nelson Baranow, Frank McNeil, Blair Wallace

Absent:

**Chilliwack Rhythm Reelers** (Michelle Thiessen), **Quicksteppers**, **Valley Promenaders** (Wendy Krueger), **Wheeling 8's**, Jean Galbraith, Dave Hammer, John Corrigan

We have a quorum with 14 clubs and 6 executive members present (minimum 7 clubs and 4 executives required).

Agenda was amended to exclude approval of previous year's FVSRDA AGM 2023 minutes, as they were approved at the following FVSRDA GM in October 2023.

***Moved/Seconded: Peter Slinn/Don Allan -- to accept agenda as amended -- CARRIED***

### Correspondence

The following have been sent since the last meeting (April 7, 2024) (2 cards)

***1. Sympathy card to the family of:***

- ***Mitzi Hall***
- ***Bill Mallory***

***Moved/Seconded: Norm Cox/Dianne Wilson -- To approve minutes of previous General Meeting (April. 7, 2024) as circulated -- CARRIED***

### REPORTS –

**A. Treasurer's Report – Don Allan** (*financials are sent as an attachment to the minutes*)

Don received the membership cards and will send them out. Clubs will have to hand them out in September. Don included the following explanation of the financial statements when he submitted his report.

#### Introduction

This memo contains supporting information for the Financial Statements that reflect the current financial position of the Fraser Valley Square and Round Dance Association (FVSRDA). The current FVSRDA fiscal year started on July 1, 2023 and the statements reflect all transactions up to May 15, 2024. This report will be presented at the May 26, 2024 Executive Meeting and the June 2, 2024 FVSRDA AGM.

This memo will be distributed along with the following financial statements:

- a) A Balance Sheet that reflects the assets and liabilities of the FVSRDA as of May 15, 2024.
- b) An Income Statement that reflects the income and expenses that have occurred in this fiscal year up to May 15, 2024.
- c) A 2024 Registration Summary as of May 15, 2024
- d) A Fund Summary that shows the include and expenses distributed to the various FVSRDA funds.

### **Comments on the Financial Statements**

The statements included with this report will be presented at the AGM but they do not contain the final values for the 2024 fiscal year that ends on June 30, 2024. Some items that will be added before the end of the year are:

- a. Interest income from term deposits.
- b. The cost of printing and mailing the Summer Edition of the Valley Circle.
- c. Final Treasurer and Secretary expenses including costs for a Zoom license and BC Registry fees.
- d. Any grants that are approved at the AGM.

### **Comments on the Bank Transition**

As reported earlier, Royal Bank has purchased HSBC Bank Canada. The three FVSRDA bank accounts, the De Smit, Operating and Valley Circle accounts moved to RBC on April 1, 2024. New cheques and deposit books have been received for the new RBC accounts. So far, no additional bank fees have been charged for these accounts, but this may change.

### **Comments on 2024 Registration.**

The 2024 Registration Summary report shows the number of dancers that have registered to date. In 2024, 438 dancers registered with the FVSRDA. This number includes 109 new dancers who were not registered in previous years. There are 18 clubs registered with the FVSRDA. The average club size is 24 dancers. The median club's size is 18 dancers. There are nine clubs with less than 18 registered dancers.

### ***Moved/Seconded: Don Allan/Sandi Poje -- To accept Treasurer's Report, as given – CARRIED***

#### **B. Vice President – Bill Fex (no report)**

#### **C. Valley Circle/Website – Blair Wallace**

**Valley Circle** – See our work at <http://www.region2.squaredance.bc.ca>

- Summer issue is going to print and will be then going out in the mail
- Delayed – want to finalize the Sillery award writeup, also one of the staff (Katie) had minor surgery

**Website** – See our work at <http://www.region2.squaredance.bc.ca>

- Website is up to date.

#### **D. BC Federation – Dianne Wilson**

- *Sillery Award* was presented to Wendy Krueger presented at SSW dance
- Frank is now the president of the BCSRDF
- Letter will be sent out by the new president in June

#### **E. Canadian Society – Dianne Wilson**

- Nothing to report

#### **F. Promotion Committee – Frank McNeil**

- Advertising Grants have recently been issued to:

- Chilliwack Rhythm Reelers
- Valley Promenaders
- Circle 8s
- Let us know about any New Dancer classes so we can add it to our list for danceforfun.ca
- Volunteers are always welcome to help promote our activity.
- Our next zoom meeting will be on June 23 @ 7 pm
- To be included in the email invite, contact Maureen - [mw.fv.promo@gmail.com](mailto:mw.fv.promo@gmail.com)
- We received the \$5000 for new dancer advertising.

### **Social Media Update** (Greg Dahlgren) absent

Currently I am working on expanding the number of FB groups to advertise on for every club with new dancer classes this fall. Only Town n Country and CRR had substantial numbers of groups we advertised on.

My goal is to have as many advertising locations for all clubs as we have for TnC.

- June -- I will start advertising Square Dancing for the fall start-up. The ad will be generic but will include the website link to DanceForFun.ca.
- July -- we will gather specific ad posters from each club and begin posting these specific ads within the geographic area for that club.
- These clubs need to prepare to accept emails and/or phone calls from people wanting to join in the fall.
- August -- we will accelerate advertising for all clubs to at least once a week.
- Two weeks prior to dancing startup, we will accelerate advertising again to twice a week for all clubs offering new dancer classes.

Town n Country graduated 18 students in May. Hopefully this increased advertising for Fall will result in improved dancer intake for all clubs.

### **One more note of interest:**

- Town n Country was having trouble retaining new dancers after grad (or even before they graduated). This year I made a specific effort to talk to every new dancer encouraging them to attend the Mid-Winter dance and Spring Jamboree.
- Most did not plan on attending until I promised them our Club Angels would help them the entire night including dancing together until they were comfortable dancing in new 'strange squares'.
- We saw an immediate positive response which continues to progress to today and many of them promising to see us again in September.
- I believe this is the main reason for our success this year in graduating so many new dancers and will make sure our club follows this standard into the following year.

### **G. Gala Committee – Dave Hammer - absent**

- All Gala 2024 contracts have been received and confirmed.
  - **Date:** Saturday, Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2024
  - **Venue:** Bonsor Recreation Complex, Burnaby, B.C.
  - **Theme:** Winter Wonderland,
  - **Callers:** guest caller Tony Oxendine and local caller Ray Brendzy.
  - **Cuer:** Cheryl Salter.
  - Pre-rounds at 7:00 pm and Mainstream Dancing with Plus tips from 7:30- 10:00 pm.
  - **Tickets:** \$20.00 each or Teens: \$10.00 **NO TICKETS SOLD AT THE DOOR.**
- Also there will be an **Afternoon Plus dance** from 2:00pm-4:00 pm
  - \$10:00 each Or \$5:00 with proof of evening ticket (cash only).
- See ad in April/May issue of the Valley Circle, page 16.
- We will be meeting in June to see how the ticket sales are going

## H. BC Festival 2025

- Maureen reported:
  - 55 people have now registered.
  - 'I'm Registered' ribbons will be mailed out this week.
- Ray reported:
  - Liaison with hotels is being coordinated with Blair
  - Trying to find venues for off-site dances
- Blair showed the dangle earrings
  - \$8/pair (blue, green or white) – blue seem to be the most popular
  - also available for non-pierced ears, as well
  - Maureen will create an order form and distribute it via email. Frank will post it on the Festival website, as well.

## I. Scroll of Honour – Sandi Poje

I am still waiting patiently for anyone to send me nominations for the many deserving people in our area for the "Scroll of Honour".

- Just send me a list of their contributions from their Clubs or the FVS&RDA or the BC Federation, or any other worthwhile cause. So many dancers and/or callers have gone beyond and above to help the square and round dance community. Please send me your write up of their accomplishments today.
- This year's recipient will be honoured at the **Winter Wonderland Gala on November 23, 2024**. Nominations must be received **before February 28**, of the year of nominations and they are held for 5 years.
- Please be sure to include **your name, address, phone number** or **e-mail** along with **your recipient's name, address, phone number** or **e-mail**.
- Please send it to Sandi Poje -- #11 – 19452 Fraser Way, Pitt Meadows, V3Y 0A3, B C.
- Phone number 604 459 3220 or email [spoje@ymail.com](mailto:spoje@ymail.com)
- Sandi would like clarification as to how many times a person can be awarded the Scroll of Honour. Jean Galbraith will be asked to look into having the Constitution amended so it is clear that a person may only be awarded the Scroll of Honour once.
- Blair pointed out that some of the people at our meeting could qualify for the Scroll of Honour, but someone needs to submit a letter recommending them for the award.

## J. Vancouver & District Caller/Teachers Association – Lyle O'Hara

1. Sunday Summer Dancing:
  - Kennedy Hall -- sometimes in the afternoon and sometimes in evening
  - Aldergrove Heritage Hall – Summer dancing every Sunday afternoon
  - Schedule is on the website
2. Caller school next week in Salmon Arm
  - 13 callers – 5 or 6 ladies attending – 5 brand new who have never called at all

***Moved Seconded: Eva Matheson/Diane O'Hara -- To accept above reports items C through J, as circulated -- CARRIED***

## CLUB CONCERNS-

Ray Brendzy –

- New Westminster council is now changing their rental agreement
- Currently in negotiation -- \$139/hr min 4 hour

- Sent in a letter to mayor's office complaining
- If unsuccessful with council, they are going to the media

## OLD BUSINESS-

### 1. 65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary – FVS&RDA/Valley Circle

- Looking for someone to put on a party and someone to coordinate it
- 60<sup>th</sup> – dance was held at Kennedy Hall with Brent and Heather calling/cueing – Valley Circle footed the bill
- Lyle will investigate the availability of Kennedy Hall again
- Suggested that it be held on a Saturday sometime in the spring so that it doesn't conflict with the Gala in the fall, or BC Festival 2025 in the summer

### 2. Club Concerns re: 50/50 draws, licensing

- Don got a partial answer that states that clubs should apply for license no matter how small the winnings will be. It is not possible to get a blanket license to cover all the clubs
- Eva and Blair related the details to which one must keep, to meet the criteria for a license (see screenshot from Don, below) – full documentation will be sent out in a separate email.

**Subject:** Rules Governing 50/50 Draws  
**From:** Donald Allan <donsbike@telus.net>  
**Date:** 5/30/2024, 2:31 PM  
**To:** donsbike@telus.net

I was requested to see if there were any issues with square dance club holding 50/50 draws.

I looked at BC Government websites that relate to gambling. See the links below. It appeared to me that according to the letter of the law, all gambling requires a licence. I did not see any words that excluded gambling below a certain dollar value. The lowest level licence they mention is a Class D licence for events that raise less than \$5,000.

The documents specifically mention 50/50 draws in a couple of places and call them Percentage Draw (50/50) type Ticket Raffles. Class D events have the following restrictions.

#### Restrictions

- A maximum gross revenue of up to \$20,000 in a calendar year
- A maximum gross revenue of up to \$5,000 per licence
- Individual prize values must not exceed \$500 (at fair market value)
- Purchased raffle prizes cannot exceed 50% of the projected gross revenue
- A maximum \$2 charge per individual ticket

The documents describe a very formal process that is intended to account for large sums of money. Not only do you need to apply for a licence but the organization must identify who will conduct the event and the organization must maintain financial records for five years and submit financial and other reports.

Clubs can decide if they want to apply for gambling licences. Square dance clubs deal with small amount of money by gaming standards and we have not had any problems so far. I suspect that once you start a formal process it would be difficult to stop it.

### 3. Joint Meeting with V&DCTA

- Executive tabled it because we had no response
- Lyle has no problem with a meeting zoom or otherwise and will speak to John about it

### NEW BUSINESS –

1. Budget Meeting Report – Don Allan, Alex Galbraith

***Moved/Seconded: Don Allan/Nancy Slinn – That we keep the FVSRDA current fee for 2025 at \$5 per club/\$0 for dancers. – CARRIED***

It was noted that 2025 fees for CSRDS (\$5) and BCSRDF (\$10) will remain the same as last year.

#### a. De Smit Fund Grants: --

- Should only do 10% of the bank account – We've increased the grant from \$250 to \$500 should we keep on with \$500 grants and how do we control the amount?
- November and March -- how do we split the money over the two submission dates – go to once a year? Would have a better idea to how much money can be donated.

***Moved/Seconded: Don Allan/Lyle O'Hara – That we change the frequency for applying for the de Smit grant to once a year by November 30th. – CARRIED***

#### b. Building Fund Grants: --

- How much money should we give out? There may be a lot of requests from clubs which are struggling – Should we set a limit of 10%? 15%?
- Grants should not be automatic – should be asking for an application
- Should see an effort that is showing some initiative to get new dancers/commitment

***Moved/Seconded: Don Allan/June Fitchett – That we limit the total amount of grants to clubs and promo committee from the building fund to 15% of the available balance. Clubs and the promo committee are required to make an application by November 30. -- CARRIED***

#### 2. Circle 8's new dancer application for Rounds

***Moved/Seconded: Don Allan/Dianne Wilson – That we approve the Circle 8's new dancer grant for round dancing. – CARRIED***

#### 3. Circle 8's new dancer application for Squares

***Moved/Seconded: Don Allan/Norm Cox – That we approve the Circle 8's new dancer grant for square dancing. – CARRIED***

#### 4. Maureen will renew the Zoom subscription in July.

### GOOD & WELFARE-

- Katie Noon (Fraser Printing/Valley Circle) -- surgery
- Marilyn Koll – in hospital
- Carol Swan-Laing - broken hip
- Jim Laing - in hospital/dialysis
- Bud Schaffer's Celebration of Life will be held on Sunday, June 9th, from 1-3 pm, at the Community Club House Building, located at 32691 Garibaldi Drive, Abbotsford, BC

### ORDER OF THE DAY-

- Town 'n' Country -- annual Canada Day dance on July 1 @ 2 PM @ Kennedy Hall
- Christine Brendzy – is retiring from teaching
- Brendzy Family are keynotes at the American International Festival in Milwaukee – June 26-29

- White Rockers – dancing every Sunday afternoon until June 23rd

Frank mentioned that the BCSRDF is assembling the handbook for CANVA an online editing program for creating posters, etc.

- There are 45 spots for users
- He will send letter to Wendy to distribute

**NEXT MEETING** – Oct. 6, 2024 – 9 AM via Zoom

**ADJOURNMENT** @ 10:19 AM by Norm Cox

*~Respectfully submitted by Maureen Wilson~*

*Please forgive any typos -- they weren't intentional...*

