



FRASER VALLEY SQUARE & ROUND DANCE ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting Oct 6, 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), **Chilliwack Rhythm Reelers** (Michelle Thiessen), **Chuckwagon 8's**, (Sandi Poje), **Circle 8's** (Janice Hiscott), **Guys & Gals** (*Dianne Wilson), **Motiv8ors** (Ray Brendzy), **Royal City Squares** (Peter & Nancy Slinn), **Stardowners** (Mary Decario), **Surrey Square Wheelers** (*Maureen Wilson), **Town 'n' Country Dancers** (Nancy Slinn), **Wesburn Wranglers** (Caitlyn Brendzy), **White Rockers** (Lyle & Diane O'Hara), *Don Allan, *Alex Galbraith, *Jean Galbraith, *Al Gibbs & June Fitchett, *Frank McNeil, *Blair Wallace

Absent: **Brent's Bunch**, **Century House Squares** (Pat Gerbrandt), **Quicksteppers**, **Swinging Hubs** (Norm Cox), **Valley Promenaders** (Wendy Krueger), **Wheeling 8's**, Bill Fex, Ray Brendzy, John Corrigan, Dave Hammer, Eva Matheson & Nelson Baranow, Judy Remenda

We have a quorum with 12 clubs and 6 executive members present (minimum 7 clubs and 4 executives required).

Moved/Seconded: Jean Galbraith/Diane O'Hara -- to accept agenda as circulated -- CARRIED

Correspondence

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

1. Sympathy card to the family of:
 - Jennifer Tennant (July 19, 2024)
 - Gerry Vachon passed away on June 27, 2024 – Michelle Thiessen will send me an address
2. Get Well Card to:
 - Mildred Kehler – two frozen shoulders
3. Correspondence with John Corrigan regarding possible joint meeting – we will discuss it at the next executive meeting

Moved/Seconded: Don Allan/Peter Slinn -- To approve minutes of previous General Meeting (June 2, 2024) as circulated -- CARRIED

REPORTS –

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

Don sent out 2 reports :

1. Final report from last year –
2. Report for the current year – There is a later date for transactions -- VC October issue now included
3. Registrations due by end of October -- Important for some halls for insurance
4. Submissions for the two grant programs need to be in by end of November

- After all of the registrations for this year are submitted, Don will have a better idea of how many dancers we retained from last year.
5. Correction to FVSRDA TREASURER'S REPORT SEPTEMBER 23, 2024:
- 'The current FVSRDA fiscal year started on July 1, 2024 and the statements reflect all transactions up to September 23, 2023' (should read September 23, **2024**)

Moved/Seconded: Don Allan/Diane O'Hara -- To accept Treasurer's Report, as given – CARRIED

B. Vice President – Bill Fex (no report)

C. Valley Circle/Website – Blair Wallace

- October issue done and will be delivered to AI and June for distribution to the clubs
- Waiting for renewals to come in
- Finished the directory as far as possible – still waiting for information from some clubs
- Website is up to date.

D. Promotion Committee – Frank McNeil

- The Facebook advertising campaign using the Funding grant for social media is going well. Some clubs are reporting an increase in new dancers which may or may not have been the result of our efforts on Facebook
- We decided that cloth shopping bags would be too expensive to implement so we are now looking at license plates with square dance related printing. Wendy has since resigned.
- Let us know about any New Dancer classes so we can add it to our list for danceforfun.ca Email Frank at fmcneil@shaw.ca
- Volunteers are always welcome to help promote our activity.
- I am inviting you to attend our next Zoom meeting on Sunday, November 3rd, 2024 @ 7 pm
- To be included in the email invite, contact Maureen at mw.fv.promo@gmail.com

Promotion Committee Social Media report -- Greg Dahlgren

New Dancer turn-out:

- **Chilliwack Rhythm Reelers** - 13 registered/registering) -- 8 paid, 5 coming back next week to pay
 - 1st night 64 new attended, 2nd night 48 new, 3rd 14 new
- **Town 'n' Country** - 11 new dancers (paid)
 - no extra advertising outside free FB ads
- **Surrey Square Wheelers** – 17 new dancers registered, 9 grads have returned and have registered
 - no extra advertising outside free FB ads
- **White Rockers**
 - 3 new to the 2nd week but I am running another ad so hopefully more join
 - no extra advertising outside free FB ads
- **Aldergrove**
 - 7 new
- **Abbotsford Grand Squares**
 - 11 new
 - no extra advertising outside free FB ads

- **Circle 8's** - no reply
- **Wesburn Wranglers** – no reply

Item of note:

Town 'n' Country saw small turnouts in the fall 2023 (only 3) and the current 2024 year (only 11). January 2024 was a massive turnout with large a Grad of 18. I will see if other clubs see the same turn out numbers Sept vs Jan.

FYI – The Vernon club hired me to do FB ads for them. Their response was low. 1st reports are only 5-6 new dancers. They did do extra advertising by other means. I will continue the work with them for free to see if some correlation can be drawn.

E. BC Federation – Dianne Wilson

Three events to take note of:

1. Sunday, October 20th, 2024

BCSRDF Board of Directors meeting 9:00 a.m.

With the executive committee, Directors at Large, and Committee chairs

Other Members of the BCSRDF are welcome as guests

2. Sunday, October 27th, 2024

BCSRDF Fall adjournment of the 2024 Annual General Meeting at 9:30 a.m.

All members of the Federation are eligible to attend.

Our voting members, which are all clubs and associations, must be represented by their proxies, and we must have a quorum to do business.

3. Sunday, October 27th, 2024

Special General Meeting of the BCSRDF to follow the AGM -- no other login is required--just stay in the meeting

F. Canadian Society – Dianne Wilson

- I attended the CSRDS AGM in Calgary Friday, July 19, 2024. There were 49 members that signed in and several were from BC
- The minutes are on the CSRDS website.

G. Gala Committee – Dave Hammer – absent

This years' Gala 2024 theme is Winter Wonderland to be held at Bonsor Hall. Burnaby, B.C.

There will be two dances:

1. An afternoon plus dance from 2:00- 4:00pm with NO round dancing
2. An evening mainstream dance with plus tips and round dancing between tips.

Pre- rounds from 7:00 – 7:30 pm square dancing from 7:30 – 10:00 pm.

- Callers are Tony Oxendine and Ray Brendzy
- Cuer is Cheryl Salter
- A singles board will be available
- Towards the end of the evening the Scroll of Honour recipient will be announced.
- Ticket price is \$20.00 per person teens \$10.00.

- The afternoon dance only is \$10.00 cash or \$5.00 cash with a pre-sold evening ticket.

Update on ticket sales – Alex Galbraith

- To date he has sold \$860.00 = 43 dancers
- 150 tickets were printed for sale, 7 complimentary.
- To date there has been \$1060 in total sales

H. VDCTA – John report

We had a very successful summer dance program and are planning on doing it again in the summer of 2025.

We are also going to be involved in helping to sponsor a cuers school in 2025.

We are planning for the midterm dance in December 2024 for new dancers.

We are putting on an afternoon plus dance at Kennedy Hall on Sunday April 6, 2025 with Tim Marino from Northern California. The dance will start with pre rounds from 2:00 to 2:30 pm and plus dancing from 2:30 to 4:30 pm.

I. Scroll of Honour – Sandi Poje

I hope you have been checking out at your clubs and looking for a person or persons who is helping at whatever needs to be done. If so, that person could be a candidate for the “Scroll of Honour”. The recipients of previous “Scroll of Honors” could also send me a write-up about the people they have been working with, who are deserving. If we have more than one write-up of a person or persons, we could amalgamate the notes.

The list could state:

- When this person started dancing
- Helps with kitchen duties for club or special event
- Worked on special committees, special dances, festivals
- Secretarial work, club chatter,
- Directors of BC Federation and or FVS&RDA
- Special events from other communities, schools, parades.
- Assisted at the door with greeting, help with special events at the club, or elsewhere
- Volunteering at other organizations

So many dancers and/or callers have gone beyond and above to help with 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

J. BC Festival 2025 - submitted by co-chair Wendy Krueger

The committee thanks the Fraser Valley Square and Round Dance Association and the Vancouver and District Caller/Teacher Association for partnering up for this event, and thanks the BC Federation for their sponsorship.

Maureen, our registration guru, has the most up to date number of registrations--175.
The committee is happy to see this great response.

Jean is working hard sending emails out everywhere advertising the event. Alexandra works on all the graphics and design work, such as our beautiful poster. She also designed the earrings, which are being assembled locally by Yvette and are still available for purchase.

Check Wheresthedance.com, a website for square and round dances everywhere--look for and click on Flyer Central and see our poster there for July 2025.

The Brendzy family took flyers all around the USA this summer. Wendy took the trifold display board to the National Festival in Calgary, where the registration forms flew off the table. It was a good thing Brendzys had some more on hand.

Our decor expert, Bonnie, is inspired and working on plans to dress up the venue.
Frank is keeping the website current with all the plans we have in place so far.
Yvonne is minding the bank account, and we know it is in good hands.

We have Blair's expert liaison abilities to help put the event into the consciousness of the Township of Langley, and his publishing expertise as he plans the Festival booklet.

Nicholas is planning locations where participants of the Festival can get out and do a demo dance for the public.

Team Brendzy is working on the dance program that will best utilize the rooms at the venue and keep us all dancing.

Some planning cannot go ahead yet because of the fiscal years of some businesses. Some won't make commitments till the calendar turns to 2025. This is a tough thing, waiting to get things underway. We are confident of having it all in place and of having a great time together next summer.

There is an ongoing call for volunteers from Dianne Wilson, who is keeping a list and finding out what areas people want to help with during the festival.

Big thanks to all for working so hard.
Co-chairs Garnet Janus, Ray Brendzy, Wendy Krueger

Moved Seconded: Norma Ridler/Jean Galbraith -- To accept above reports items C through J, as circulated -- CARRIED

CLUB CONCERNS-

- Chilliwack Rhythm Reelers – correction from report sent to FVSRDA Executive committee
- Correction of “we will be holding **club members only dances**” -- Should read: “The executive have decided that this year we will be focusing more on growing and nurturing our club members, **we will only be holding club members dances** with the exception of April 12th' Celebration 70th anniversary dance.”

OLD BUSINESS-

1. 65th FVS&RDA/Valley Circle anniversary – Lyle O’Hara
 - Is Kennedy Hall available? – Lyle will talk to Jerry once the date has been confirmed
 - Spring afternoon dance on a weekend
2. Joint FVS&RDA/V&DCTA meeting is tabled until next FVSRDA executive meeting

NEW BUSINESS –

1. Nominating Director – Jean Galbraith
2. Resource Books – Jean Galbraith
3. Public Market Demos – Alex Galbraith – send email to Brent and Greg

GOOD & WELFARE-

1. Mildred Kehler (SSW) out of commission with two frozen shoulders (card sent)
2. Norm and Mary Cox – new address?
3. Bill Porter – square dancer just passed away on Sept. 30, 2024 – does anyone know which club he danced with?

ORDER OF THE DAY-

1. Cueing school planned –
 - hopefully it will take place around Festival 2025
 - Please let people know about it
2. Town ‘n’ Country:
 - Friday, Oct 11 – 2-4 PM
 - Brian Clarke calling
 - Alison Hampton cueing
3. White Rockers:
 - Halloween Dance – Oct 27
 - new dancers -- 1:00-2:30
 - mainstream with plus tips -- 2:45-4:00
 - costumes encouraged
4. Valley Promenaders –
 - Thursday Oct 10
 - 11:15 rounds; 1:15 squares (mainstream)
 - Heather Reynolds – Cued Brian Penny
5. Stardowners –
 - Oktoberfest
 - Queens Park Oct 14
 - 7:30-9:30 Mainstream with plus tips
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NEXT MEETING – Nov 17, 2024 – 9 AM via Zoom

ADJOURNMENT @ 10:05 AM by Nancy Slinn

~Respectfully submitted by Maureen Wilson~

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

