



FRASER VALLEY SQUARE & ROUND DANCE ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting Nov. 17, 2024

Chaired by Alex Galbraith; Zoom Host – Maureen Wilson

Meeting brought to order at 9:10 AM

Alex Galbraith welcomed everyone

Attendance:

1. **Century House Squares** (Pat Gerbrandt),
2. **Chuckwagon 8's**, (Sandi Poje),
3. **Circle 8's** (Janice Hiscott),
4. **Guys & Gals & Chilliwack Rhythm Reelers** (*Dianne Wilson),
5. **Motiv8ors** (Ray Brendzy),
6. **Royal City Squares** (Peter & Nancy Slinn),
7. **Stardowners** (Mary Decario),
8. **Swinging Hubs** (Norm Cox),
9. **Surrey Square Wheelers** (*Maureen Wilson),
10. **Town 'n' Country Dancers** (Greg Dahlgren)
11. **Wesburn Wranglers** (Caitlyn Brendzy),

1. *Don Allan,
2. *Alex Galbraith,
3. *Jean Galbraith,
4. *Al Gibbs & June Fitchett,
5. *Frank McNeil,
6. *Blair Wallace
7. *Eva Matheson & Nelson Baranow

8. Absent: **Abbotsford Grand Squares, Brent's Bunch, Quicksteppers, Valley Promenaders** (Wendy Krueger), **Wheeling 8's, White Rockers**, Ray Brendzy, John Corrigan, Bill Fex, **Dave Hammer**, Lyle & Diane O'Hara, Judy Remenda

We have a quorum with 11 clubs and 8 executive members present (minimum 7 clubs and 4 executives required).

Moved/Seconded: Jean Galbraith/Don Allan -- to accept agenda as circulated -- CARRIED

Correspondence

The following have been sent since the last meeting (Oct 6, 2024) (2 cards)

1. **Get well cards to:**

- **Eva Matheson (broken wrist)**
- **Gerry Wiens (surgery)**

3. Sympathy card to the family of:

- **Bill Harold**

4. Still waiting for an address to send a sympathy card to the family of:

- **Donny Tyrell** – I am waiting to get the address from Lynnette Edlund

2. Correspondence with John Corrigan regarding possible joint meeting – we will discuss it at the next executive meeting

Moved/Seconded: Jean Galbraith/Dianne Wilson -- To approve minutes of previous General Meeting (Oct 6, 2024) as circulated -- CARRIED

REPORTS –

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

- Busy time with registrations
- Bank balance is healthy, but we will be forwarding some to BCFED and for Gala expenses
- Spreadsheet was updated
- FVSRDA has two grant programs – one application date a year. Because there is no executive meeting until February, the suggestion is to extend the deadline to mid-January instead of end of November.

Moved/Seconded: Don Allan/ Norm Cox -- to move deadline for grant applications from November 30th to January 10th for the 2025 fiscal year -- CARRIED

Moved/Seconded: Don Allan/Nancy Slinn -- To accept Treasurer's Report, as given – CARRIED

B. Vice President – Bill Fex (no report)

C. Valley Circle/Website – Blair Wallace

- Nov issue is a bit late in being distributed, but will be delivered to AI and June for distribution to the clubs
- Blair is having trouble with Royal Bank – problems with accepting cheques – frustrated with their pickiness
- Finished the directory as far as possible
- All renewals have been submitted – 140, which is par for the course at this time of year
- **Have a few remaining** renewals to chase – November renewals are late – now have 141
- Dec issue is almost complete – 35 need to be mailed but postal strike will delay it

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.
- The promotion committee will be formulating a budget to present to the executive of the Fraser Valley Square & Round Dance Association in the Spring for funding of promotion projects. – gathering ideas for pens, pads, etc.
- **Let us know about any New Dancer classes for 2025, especially January. Volunteers are always welcome** to help promote our activity.
- **I am inviting you to attend our next Zoom meeting on Sunday, January 26th @ 7 pm**

- To be included in the email invite, contact Maureen mw.fv.promo@gmail.com

Promotion Committee Social Media report -- Greg Dahlgren

There seems to be better retention in January than September. This should be noted by those who don't get a good turnout. If this is the case, then maybe change to a January startup. One reason for this might be because January is a less busy time than September, so people are willing to make a more serious commitment than in September

E – BC Federation – Dianne Wilson

- Sent out reports

F - Canadian Society – Dianne Wilson –

- Nothing new to report

G. Gala Committee – Dave Hammer – absent

- So far, 110 out of 150 tickets have been sold. The money is still coming in from various people who have been selling them. The five 'comp' tickets are not counted in the number of tickets available for sale.
- **Alex** mentioned that there will be an A1 level dance the night before with Tony Oxendine and Ray Brendzy calling. The cost is \$12.50 per person. Sponsored by Ray Brendzy's club.

H. VDCTA – John report

- No report submitted at this time.
- Ray attended meeting – treasurer's report – having difficulty getting money on time- things going well – talking about changing times due to zoom format – john agreed to be president – need more callers/cuers for BC festival – trail out dance in Aldergrove – 77 going on cruise so they won't be going to the trail out dance

I. Scroll of Honour – Sandi Poje

- As most of you know, all of our dancers, and caller/cuer are very important to our Square Dance community. When something needs to be done, most are very willing to help out, so check out where you are dancing, and see who those important people are!
- **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. 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**
- Thank you so much, because this job will be ending soon, if I don't receive any recommendations.

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

Maureen Wilson (registrar) reported:

- After a bit of a hassle, the venue has been secured and we can now start moving forward with our plans – securing volunteers for various jobs being one of them
- The next steps to getting ready for the festival will be discussed at tomorrow night's (Nov. 11) Festival 2025 meeting.
- Wendy Krueger is planning on setting up the festival display at the Gala where registration forms will be available.

Maureen will have a volunteer signup sheet on hand, as well as a display of earrings, which will be for sale.
Ray – nudge callers to participate

K. CLUB CONCERNS-

1. Jean Galbraith – addressing club reps – Are they doing anything about dancer retention? – Have they considered calling former members to encourage them to come back?
 - Greg – Town ‘n’ Country -- Lucille asking former members if they are coming back
 - Janice – Century House -- Diane Lewis has been contacting former members and has been successful in having 2 or 3 people from other clubs who aren’t necessarily members join them (club policy -- can’t join unless they are over 50)
 - Ray – Christine phoned (Circle 8s) and was successful – 3 couples came back
 - Blair- #1 reason why people join square dancing is because of personal invitation – Alex and Jean mentioned that they saw Surrey Square Wheelers dancing in a park and were invited to join their club
2. Ray Brendzy – Gala Day dinner at a local Chinese restaurant -- \$25 per person (cash)
 - Brendzy’s have chosen the menu
 - almost 50 people.
 - Call Ray: 604-294-1429 for reservations.

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

OLD BUSINESS-

- 1) 65th FVS&RDA/Valley Circle anniversary – Jean Galbraith
Venue – Kennedy Hall on Sat. May 24, evening
Tentatively approached a caller to MC
Need someone to take on spear-heading the event – any takers?? Jean is willing to organize it if no one else will do it. – need MC with a panel of callers
Refreshments
Decorations
Organizing the acknowledgements of FV 65th and VC
- 2) Nominating Director – Jean Galbraith
 - Has spoken to everyone
 - Blair has agreed to stay on as VC
 - Maureen will ask Alexandra to shadow the secretary position as of the February 2025 meeting
 - Jean is hoping to get a co-vice president
- 3) Joint FVS&RDA/V&DCTA meeting – re: John Corrigan’s correspondence, suitable date for this?
 - Jean concerned whether John is clear that it would be a general meeting, not an executive meeting
 - Give them a choice of weekends of March 1-2 or March 8-9 via zoom for a full general meeting
Suggested time – 9:30 -- March 2 @9 AM via zoom
 - -- Secretary will contact John – add it to the VDCTA agenda
 - -- contact Wendy and John to suggest it be added their agenda

NEW BUSINESS –

- 1) New dancer grant applications from Circle 8's – will wait until February executive meeting to discuss after January deadline

GOOD & WELFARE-

- Marguerite Jordan had a stroke but is home now. – expected to recover fully, but is quite tired
- Arlene Laing – slipped and fell – 23 stitches
- Happy Birthday to Blair!!! Words of wisdom – keep your hand down during meetings

ORDER OF THE DAY-

Surrey Square Wheelers –

- Tues. Nov. 26 (Plus) and Wed. Nov. 27 (Beginner/Mainstream) is our Hawaiian Dance/64th club anniversary
 - Next year will be our 65th.
 - Maureen will contact the various levels of the organization to request crests/certificates, etc. for that special anniversary (Lyle O'Hara/Mae Fawcett – BCSRDF; Bill Fex – FVSRDA level; Wayne Dodds – CSRDS level) – can request at any time – I will ask if we want a guest book – let Sandi know

NEXT MEETING – EXEC – Feb 2 @9 AM VIA ZOOM

GM -- Feb 9 @ 9 AM VIA ZOOM

ADJOURNMENT @ 10:12 AM by Nancy Slinn

~Respectfully submitted by Maureen Wilson~

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

