



## FRASER VALLEY SQUARE & ROUND DANCE ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the General Meeting May 18, 2025

Chaired by Alex Galbraith; Zoom Host – Maureen Wilson

Meeting brought to order at 9:03 AM

Alex Galbraith welcomed everyone.

Attendance:

**Chuckwagon 8's**, (Marian Freeman), **Circle 8's** (Janice Hiscott), **Guys & Gals** (Norma Ridler), **Motiv8ors** (Ray Brendzy), **Royal City Squares** (Peter & Nancy Slinn), **Stardowners** (Mary Decario), **Surrey Square Wheelers** (\*Judy Remenda), **Town 'n' Country Dancers** (\*Greg Dahlgren), **Wesburn Wranglers** (Caitlyn Brendzy), **White Rockers** (Lyle & Diane O'Hara)

\*Don Allan, \*Alex Galbraith, \*Jean Galbraith, \*Al Gibbs & June Fitchett, \*Frank McNeil, \*Dianne Wilson, \*Maureen Wilson

Absent:

Century House Squares, Abbotsford Grand Squares, Brent's Bunch, Chilliwack Rhythm Reelers, Quicksteppers, Swinging Hubs, Valley Promenaders, Wheeling 8's

\*Bill Fex, John Corrigan, Mark Garstin, Dave Hammer, Wendy Krueger, Alexandra Lamb, \*Eva Matheson & Nelson Baranow, \*Sandi Poje, Blair Wallace

We have a quorum with 10 clubs and 7 executive/committee members present (minimum 7 clubs and 4 executives required).

***Moved/Seconded: Nancy Slinn/Diane O'Hara -- to accept agenda as circulated -- CARRIED***

### Correspondence

The following have been sent since the last meeting (April 6, 2025) (6 cards)

#### ***1. Sympathy cards to the family of:***

- **Florence Wray** (one to son and one to daughter)
- **Barbara Thrift** (to son, Brent)

#### ***Since our executive meeting on May 4<sup>th</sup>:***

- **George Morden** (CRR) (get well) – broken hip
- **Richard Dirks** (SSW) – recently diagnosed with cancer
- **Eva Matheson** (FVSRDA social convener) – Thinking of you – has not been well

***Moved/Seconded: Peter Slinn/Dianne Wilson -- To approve minutes of previous General Meeting (April 6, 2025) as circulated -- CARRIED***

### REPORTS –

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

- 65<sup>th</sup> dance and in person AGM will incur charges

***Moved/Seconded: Don Allan/Greg Dahlgren -- To accept Treasurer's Report, as circulated – CARRIED***

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

**C. Valley Circle/Website – Blair Wallace (absent)**

- Summer issue underway. It is mailed out, so if anyone has moved – get me the new addresses ASAP
- Website – added more obits
- Frank – Stardowners – need someone to submit ad updates for Valley Circle – Ray suggests that he contact Shelley Brown

**D. Promotion Committee – Frank McNeil**

(Note: Promotion Committee social media – on hold for now)

- Lyle reported on the new ad appearing in the Coffee News
- Ray concerned that clubs north of the Fraser River are being left out – Wesburn/Circle 8's -- need support of the association
- Greg – Town 'n' Country has been left out to see the difference between the ads
- Will talk to Alexandra to see if these two clubs could be added to the free ads – Facebook

***Motion #1 -- Moved/Seconded: Don Allan/Nancy Slinn – We provide a \$1,000 operating grant for the Joint Promotion Committee (for 2024 and 2025 combined) from the building fund. — CARRIED***

Don – money spent already – new fiscal year starts in July, so money isn't available

Frank – we can dig out some money from Promo committee to put towards Coffee News including the Burnaby clubs, but we may need to cut the advertising grants that have been submitted

Suggestion – callers needed to call to clubs north of the river, but dancers not interested if there's no caller  
Coquitlam requests that the facility pays the caller – only willing to pay the caller \$25

Recent caller school participants could work in tandem to start up a club

Greg is thinking of doing some kind of 'disco' sessions and see how it goes

John Corrigan may be a resource

**Frank's report from May 4:**

- Coffee News ads are in place
- – Let us know if you see one in your area



- Pamphlets have been printed and are starting to be distributed

Thank you for the approval of the \$6,000 in funding for our Coffee News ad campaign. Lyle has arranged a better deal than originally planned, so the money will be put to good use. We are working on ad design for the paper and online versions of Coffee News. New Dancers are graduating this Spring. We all need to be helping them feel welcome.

There is a lot of Summer Dancing coming up. Sunday Summer Dancing and classes to review or learn. check the Valley Circle magazine, [Region2.squaredance.bc.ca](http://Region2.squaredance.bc.ca) website, club web sites and Facebook pages.

The plan for a combination Dancers/Caller-Teachers meeting is tentatively set for Fall, date TBA.

The next Chairperson for the Promotion Committee should be from the Caller/Teachers, we look forward to

welcoming a new Chair.

Ideas for promoting our activity are always welcome. Jump in with any thoughts you may have. If you can't attend a meeting, please email [fmcneil@shaw.ca](mailto:fmcneil@shaw.ca).

**E. BC Federation – Dianne Wilson**

- Had a general meeting on April 27<sup>th</sup> – sent out the minutes
- It was a good meeting
- An informal meeting will be held at the Festival on **Saturday**, August 2nd
- All members invited to come
- Next meeting is sometime in October

**I. Canadian Society – Dianne Wilson**

- No meetings lately
- There will be a meeting on the **Friday**, August 1<sup>st</sup> of the festival
- All members invited to come

**G. Gala Committee – Dave Hammer – (absent)**

- The Gala 2025 committee has finally confirmed the venue for the Sat. Oct. 25<sup>th</sup> FVSRDA Gala. It will be held at the Murrayville Community Memorial Hall. Address: 21667 – 48<sup>th</sup> Avenue,
- Langley, B.C. V2Y 0M6
- Mainstream Square Dancing with Plus tips from 2:30- 5:00 pm with pre-rounds from 2:00-2:30 pm
- Callers – Steve Edlund & Gary Winter; Cues – Heather Reynolds
- Fabulous 50's theme
- Our next meeting is in June

**H. VDCTA – no report**

**I. Scroll of Honour – Sandi Poje**

This Award is usually presented to one Dancer Couple or Person and one Caller Couple or Person annually, within the Fraser Valley Square & Round Dance Association and Vancouver and District Caller/Teachers Association.

The Honour is in recognition of the people who have gone above and beyond the call of duty and have dedicated their service to the Square Dance Community. This goes beyond the Club level and they have shown leadership to the FVS&RDA or BC Federation or Canadian Society.

Should you wish to nominate a person or couple for this Honour please submit a letter highlighting their endeavors. **Nominations** must be received **before February 28 of the year of nomination**. Any nominations received after the deadline will be submitted to the next year's committee. **The letters are held for a period of 5 years**. Please be sure to include your name, address, phone number and your recipient's name, address and phone number.

Please send it to the Chairperson of the Scroll of Honour Committee of the FVS&RDA: **Sandi Poje #11 – 19452 Fraser Way, Pitt Meadows, V3Y 0A3** or send an e-mail to [spoje@ymail.com](mailto:spoje@ymail.com). Mark the outside of the envelope - **"SCROLL OF HONOUR"** and **"CONFIDENTIAL."**

This committee is made up usually of four couples that have already received the Scroll of Honour, usually two Caller Couples and two Dancer Couples. If there are any questions, please feel free to call anyone on the FVS&RDA Executive.

#### **J. BC Festival 2025 – Ray Brendzy (co-chair)**

Maureen (registrar) reported that we have 317 registrants as of now

Ray – everything is moving ahead as planned

Still getting some leaders

Got the license for camping – will have security and washrooms

Volunteer list is coming along

***Moved Seconded: Don Allan /Dianne O'Hara -- To accept above reports items C through J, as circulated -- CARRIED***

#### **CLUB CONCERNS-**

- Ray – Wesburn Wranglers – only youth group in BC – Association needs to do a mass campaign to encourage more youth dancers – needs everybody's help
- We need to do more advertising within the clubs – grandparents encourage grandchildren to attend Wesburn Wranglers
- Greg – Alexandra make a poster
- Ray – post something in Valley Circle

Nancy and Wendy – worked with Kids World (350 kids) 17 in July and 4 in August – ages 4-12

Missed out on the teen thing

Tried to do a promotion at Century House and got no response

We need to get into the schools somehow

If parents don't buy into it, then the kids can't participate

Lyle – Brent has been doing the first Fridays – lots of young dancers – suggested that Wesburn do a similar thing on Sunday afternoon at their club

Promo committee always looking for suggestions to promote dancing

#### **OLD BUSINESS-**

##### **1. 65<sup>th</sup> FVS&RDA/Valley Circle anniversary – Jean Galbraith**

- Maureen has arranged the ordering of food (from Save-On Foods) and a 65<sup>th</sup> anniversary 'cupcake' cake
- She has picked up the bins from Eva's and will use what supplies are already in them and buy more, if needed
- Frank needs to have the dangles done over again -- strong chemical smell
- Mugs are being made for the anniversary dance as caller/cuer gifts
- Hot cups etc. left over from gala -- Jean & Alex
- Ray has sent in the program – 5-minute introduction with 10-minute break for announcements
- Frank will have a presentation of the BC Fed 65<sup>th</sup> crest – maybe Gary Dodds may have something to say
- Program is going to alternate – SSD/Mainstream/SSD/Plus ending with SSD so everyone can participate
- Greg – timing conflicts with Guys and Gals – need to be aware that special dances don't conflict with other regular clubs

### **Joint FVS&RDA/V&DCTA meeting –**

- Meeting to be decided for the fall (September, maybe?)

### **2. Face to Face Meeting and Election – June 22, 2025 – Maureen Wilson Timms Community Centre (20399 Douglas Cres, Langley)**

*Date:* Sunday, June 22 (2:30-5:30 PM)

*Food:* We are allowed to bring in our own food and beverages (will have to supply our own coffee)

*Update:* Eva will purchase snacks and cream for coffee

*Room setup:* theatre seating for maximum 50 people (one head table with chairs and rows of chairs for attendees) We need to set up and take down – 15 minutes on each end is allowed for that.

*Lots of parking* – street level (3 hr max -- take elevator to second floor)  
– underground parking (elevator to second floor)

### **Nominating Director final changes to Nominations – Jean Galbraith**

Positions are available – list will be handed out at the meeting – contact Jean if interested or if resigning

1. President
2. Vice President
3. Secretary
4. Social Convener
5. Director

Descriptions of duties of each position – in resource book – online? See Chapter 2: Page 17-26 for duties

### **NEW BUSINESS – None at this time**

### **GOOD & WELFARE-**

- Mary's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday – 3-5:30 – Today Wesburn Community Centre – cake served at 4:00

### **ORDER OF THE DAY-**

Upcoming events:

- SSW Hoedown
- CRR Tropical
- Contact Lyle if interested in caller/cuer
- Town 'n' Country – 65<sup>th</sup> anniversary coming up November
- Summer dancing – list is in the Valley Circle

### **NEXT MEETING – EXEC – June 8 @ 9 AM VIA ZOOM**

-- AGM (and elections) – June 22 @ 2:30 at Timms Community Centre (Langley)

### **ADJOURNMENT @ 10:35 AM by Diane O'Hara**

*~Respectfully submitted by Maureen Wilson~*

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

