



FRASER VALLEY SQUARE & ROUND DANCE ASSOCIATION

General Meeting

Sunday, February 8, 2026 – 9:00 AM via ZOOM

President – Maureen Wilson

Meeting brought to order at 9:05 AM

Maureen Wilson welcomed everyone.

Attendance: **Brent's Bunch** (*Daphne Green), **Century House Squares** (Mark Garstin), **Chilliwack Rhythm Reelers** (Betty Klassen), **Chuckwagon 8's** (Marion Freeman), **Circle 8's** (*Janice Hiscott), **Guys 'n' Gals** (Norma Ridler), **Motiv8ors** (Christine Brendzy), **Stardowners** (Mary Decario), **Surrey Square Wheelers** (Judy Remenda), **Swinging Hubs** (Sandi Poje), **Town 'n' Country Dancers** (Greg Dahlgren), **Valley Promenaders** (*Wendy Krueger), **Wesburn Wranglers** (Caitlyn Brendzy), **White Rockers** (*Lyle & Diane O'Hara), *Don Allan, *Alex Galbraith, *Al Gibbs & June Fitchett, *Yvonne Hebein, *Blair Wallace, *Dianne Wilson, *Maureen Wilson.

Absent: **Abbotsford Grand Squares**, **Royal City Squares**, **Wheeling 8's**, *John Corrigan, *Dave Hammer.

The quorum minimum requirement of 7 clubs and 4 executives was fulfilled.

Agenda

Moved/Seconded: Diane O'Hara/Dianne Wilson -- to accept Agenda as circulated -- CARRIED

Minutes

Moved/Seconded: Diane O'Hara/Dianne Wilson -- To approve the minutes of the General Meeting (November 22, 2025) as circulated -- CARRIED

Correspondence

Daphne received an email from **Nelson Baranow and Eva Matheson**, resigning from their Social Convenor position on the FVSRDA Executive effective January 31, as they are no longer dancing.

Greg Dahlgren forwarded Maureen an email from Where'sTheDance.com with a link to their Go Fund Me appeal – New Business item 5.

Daphne has sent 'Speedy Recovery' cards to **Lynn Bateson** (viral lung infection), **Guy Payne** (bad scald), **Daphne Bakker** (husband injured jaw), **Wayne Tribe** (surgery to remove cancerous growth on jaw), **Peter Dreyer** (lymphoma treatment), **Susan Hopkins** (fall down stairs), **Joyce Oshero** (flu), **Stuart Appenheimer** (boot for Achilles tendon, cancer), **Gordon Laing** (lung cancer), **Robert Jost** (eye infection, blindness), and a 'Job Well Done/We'll Miss You' card to **Nelson Baranow and Eva Matheson**..

REPORTS –

Treasurer's Report – Don Allan

- The reports do not reflect a deposit of \$3,047.31 from the Langley 2025 Festival. Blair requested that these funds be an Agenda item at the next Executive meeting.
- Insurance for September new dancers is forgiven until the end of December, but there is no such grace period for new dancers who start in January.
- Betty will email a list and e-transfer registration funds for 6 new dancers at Chilliwack Rhythm Reelers

Moved/Seconded: Don Allan/Daphne Green -- To accept Treasurer's Report, as circulated – CARRIED

A. Vice President – Yvonne Hebein

- Two 65th anniversaries (Surrey Square Wheelers and Town & Country) The crests hadn't arrived in time for the anniversary dances but Surrey's has now been presented, and Town & Country's will be soon.
- One 25 year dangle and one 50 year pin were presented at SSW anniversary dance. June will be sending paperwork for more dangles and one 50 year pin. I have a 25 year dangle for Ginny Connolly that was to be presented in December at John's 80th birthday celebration but we ended up not being able to attend. Hopefully I can present it to her at the same time we give T&C their crest.
- Three dangles have been delivered for future presentation.

B. Valley Circle/Website – Blair Wallace

- We are approaching 160 subscriptions, an increase from last year. Blair is working on the March issue. The website is up to date. Microsoft will stop supporting MS Publisher but Blair will continue to use it as it works well with the submissions he receives. Blair still needs a Flashback Editor.

C. Promotion Committee – Greg Dahlgren

Clubs are following a classic pattern, with many starting with 15 or 16, but ending up with 3 – 5 signing up. Reported so far:

Chilliwack Rhythm Reelers	6
Century House	4
Guys 'n' Gals	3
Town 'n' Country	7

Greg did the December Facebook advertising, and the combined views of the posts were 1.4 million.

Don mentioned his Registration report shows new dancer counts, but as it is based on payments received, there is a lag period.

D. BC Federation – Dianne Wilson

- Dianne has sent a "Save the Date" email to all clubs regarding the April 19 General Meeting. There will be 3 motions voted on, and proxies are needed. She mentioned that the 2027 BC Festival will be a Round Dance Mini Festival at Nanoose Place.

E. Canadian Society – Dianne Wilson

- The AGM will be held Friday, July 17 at the Penticton Festival; the time has not yet been set. All are welcome to attend.

F. Gala Committee – Dave Hammer (written report)

Reorganization of the Gala Committee

Several present committee members are stepping down to pursue other endeavours thus the Gala committee has openings now for anyone who would like to take part in this energetic group. I would like to thank those members going on to new adventures for their conscientiousness and diligent work over the past several years. Planning for Gala 2026 will begin when we have an active and interested group of members. Contact: Dave Hammer email: rockhammer002001@gmail.com or Phone: 604-501-0563

G. VDCTA – Wendy Krueger

- The next **V&DCTA Meeting** will be Saturday, March 7, 2026 @ 8:30 AM in person at the Aldergrove Heritage Hall. There will be professional development for callers and cuers, requiring dance space. John Corrigan will present on calling smoothly, and Brian Penny will present on how to teach Two Step.
- The May 31 Spring Fling Plus Dance will be at Kennedy Hall, \$10, panel of callers and cuers, P II and III rounds (flyer attached). (New Dancer Jamboree is a later Agenda item.)
- Christine asked about being more visible physically in the community and there was information shared about the upcoming Young at Heart Expo at Taj Park Community Centre in Surrey (flyer attached). Diane said there will be many vendors there targeting senior health and care facilities but as far as she knows, our 4 demos will be the only activity on view. We have a booth there. There will be another one Wednesday, May 6 in Abbotsford that we may participate in if the Surrey one is successful.

H. Scroll of Honour – Yvonne Hebein

Yvonne has received two nominations to add to the group for the July meeting. The deadline for nominations is February 28.

I. Canadian Festival 2026 – Wendy Krueger

Wendy provided a Penticton update, that there are 480 registered and 65 Leaders have volunteered. There will be a number of vendors. A former dancer in Penticton will make aprons in festival colours for sale. Christine agreed to design them. Wendy has asked that cloth ties be available as well. Blair is selling advertising in the program – details are on the Festival website. Christine added that the detailed questionnaires went out to the Callers and Cuers last week. They are due March 15, and Ray can begin programming after that.

Moved Seconded: Don Allan/Mark Garstin -- To accept above reports items A through I, as given -- CARRIED

CLUB CONCERNS -

- None

OLD BUSINESS-

- None

NEW BUSINESS –

1. Grant Applications
2. Promo Committee request for \$3000

Moved/Seconded: Don Allan/Yvonne Hebein – That we award De Smit New Dancer Grants as follows:

<i>Chilliwack Rhythm Reelers</i>	<i>\$ 500</i>	
<i>Circle 8s Square Dance</i>	<i>500</i>	
<i>Circle 8s Round Dance</i>	<i>500</i>	
<i>Surrey Square Wheelers</i>	<i>500</i>	
<i>Town 'n' Country</i>	<i>500</i>	
<i>Total</i>	<i>\$2,500</i>	<i>– CARRIED</i>

Moved/Seconded: Don Allan/Dianne Wilson – That we award Building Fund Grants as follows:

<i>Century House</i>	<i>\$ 500</i>	
<i>Stardowners</i>	<i>500</i>	
<i>Chuckwagon 8s</i>	<i>1,000</i>	
<i>Town 'n' Country</i>	<i>1,000</i>	
<i>Wesburn Wranglers</i>	<i>2,000</i>	
<i>Wheeling 8's</i>	<i>1,500</i>	
<i>FVSRDA Promo Committee</i>	<i>3,000</i>	
<i>Total</i>	<i>\$9,500</i>	<i>– CARRIED</i>

Moved/Seconded: Don Allan/Yvonne Hebein – That Building Fund Grant applications for operating losses be restricted to every second year – CARRIED

Maureen thanked Don for his excellent and helpful work organizing, presenting and summarizing all of the applications.

Greg raised the issue of some clubs having more expensive separate new dancer class nights and some clubs keep starting over with new intakes, leading to student frustration. Christine described the Green Light/Red Light system they use at Circle 8s. Green light tips are for Beginners so all present can dance them, and Red Light tips are geared to those who are farther along. The beginner students can see what's ahead in their lessons or have social time, and it works very well.

3. Request for clubs to update their websites
This request came from the Promo Committee. All clubs, please check your websites and update where needed. Blair updates White Rockers, Guys 'n' Gals and Royal City Dancers and will be pleased to add any updates he is sent.
4. Spring New Dancer Jamboree
Wendy reported there will be a New Dancer Jamboree on Saturday, April 18 at Abbotsford ASA Hall 7-9 pm (flyer attached). The level will be SSD up to lesson 12. Come September with the new moves lists (attached), new dancer advertising will use the number of calls to describe the level. There will be Phase II round dancing. Sunset will be at 8:15 pm that day.
5. [GoFundMe](#) appeal from WheresThe Dance.com
Greg received an email regarding the financial difficulties of this website and wondered if we should take any action. Daphne said that within a few days, they had reached their original \$6,500 target, and now had increased their target to \$8,000. It was felt the fundraising was going well, and that anyone who wants to contribute as an individual can do so at that link. Wendy said the Promo Committee had discussed using this useful site more.

GOOD & WELFARE-

- Brent Mawdsley is in remission.
- Gerry Wiens passed away (cardiac failure). There is no close family to send a card to.

ORDER OF THE DAY-

- Swinging Hubs: Valentines and Dessert - February 9
- Surrey Square Wheelers: Valentines Dance - February 10 and 11
- Circle 8s: Valentine Dance - February 10
- Chuckwagon 8s: Valentine Dance -February 11
- Valley Promenaders: Valentine's Party - February 12
- Stardowners: Valentine Dance - February 12
- Brent's Bunch: Valentine's Love Songs - February 12
- Guys 'n' Gals: Valentine's Dance - February 15
- White Rockers: Valentine's Dance - February 15
- Town 'n' Country: Heart and Stroke Charity Dance - February 16 (Family Day)
- Circle 8s: Mardi Gras Dance - February 17
- Promo Committee/SSW: Young at Heart Expo Taj Park Community Centre - March 4 (flyer)
- V&DCTA/FVSRDA: New Dancer Jamboree - April 18 (flyer)
- Stardowners: Trifling Affair/Silent Auction - April 23
- V&DCTA: Spring Fling - May 31 (flyer)
- BC Day Blast with Tony Oxendyne: Kennedy Hall - August 3, 2026 (flyer)
- Mickey Braithewaite of Germany late April 2027

- NEXT MEETING** – EXEC -- Saturday, February 28, 2026 @ 9 AM VIA ZOOM
– GM -- Sunday, March 15 @ 9 AM VIA ZOOM (moved to avoid conflict with BCSRDF mtg)
- V&DCTA -- Saturday, March 7 @ 8:30 AM Aldergrove Heritage Hall

ADJOURNMENT @ 10:20 AM by Don Allan

~Respectfully submitted by Daphne Green~

Corrections and forgiveness requested