



FRASER VALLEY SQUARE & ROUND DANCE ASSOCIATION

Annual General Meeting

Sunday, June 7, 2026 – 9:00 AM via ZOOM

President – Maureen Wilson

Meeting brought to order at 9:00 AM

Maureen Wilson welcomed everyone.

Attendance: **Brent's Bunch** (*Daphne Green), **Century House Squares** (Diana Hershberger), **Chilliwack Rhythm Reelers** (Betty Klassen), **Chuckwagon 8's** (Marion Freeman), **Circle 8's** (Janice Hiscott), **Guys 'n Gals** (Norma Ridler), **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, *June Fitchett and Al Gibbs, *Dave Hammer, *Yvonne Hebein, Frank McNeil, *Blair Wallace, *Dianne Wilson, *Maureen Wilson.

Absent: **Abbotsford Grand Squares**, **Motiv8ors**, **Royal City Dancers**, **Wheeling 8's**, *Alex Galbraith, *John Corrigan.

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

Agenda

Moved/Seconded: Diane O'Hara/Don Allan -- to accept Agenda as circulated -- CARRIED

Correspondence

- Daphne sent "Speedy Recovery" cards to **Pauline Zacher** (shoulder surgery) and **Dianne Allan** (hospitalized for pneumonia).

Minutes

Moved/Seconded: Daphne Green/Don Allan -- To approve the minutes of the General Meeting (May 3, 2026) as circulated -- CARRIED

REPORTS –

A. Treasurer's Report – Don Allan

- The financial statements are not the final statements for the 2026 fiscal year. The fiscal year ends on June 30, 2026 and there will be some additional expenses and income between now and the end of the fiscal year. Some expenses expected between now and the end of the fiscal year are the postage for the summer Valley Circle, the payment of the Society Filing Fee, payment for FVSRDA's share of a Zoom license and some postage expenses. In addition the FVSRDA will be receiving interest income from some term deposits that mature on June 29, 2026. Don provided a Fund Summary for review under New Business item 1. There were no questions.

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

B. Vice President – Yvonne Hebein

- Service awards presented during this fiscal year were five 25 year dangles, two 50 year pins and one 60 year pin. She has a sixth 25 year dangle to award to Ginny Connolly.

C. Valley Circle/Website – Blair Wallace (no report)

- The Summer edition is in the mail. Blair would like each club who held new dancer classes to give him new dancer lists in September, as these individuals will receive 6 issues for free. He will be soon be sending requests for Directory updates from each club. The process is very easy and he strongly encourages clubs to respond so that a Directory can be published. Last year's response was too poor and there was no Directory. Renewals will be proceeding in September. The web site is up to date. He gave notice that after 25 years and 240 issues, he is stepping down as Managing Editor of the Valley Circle on June 30, 2027.

D. Promotion Committee – Greg Dahlgren

- The social media (Facebook) campaign, started in 2020 with \$5,000 from the FVSRDA, is being supplemented by print blurbs in Community Events sections of local newspapers in the Lower Mainland. The White Rockers had good participation in their January classes possibly as a result of their listing, so we are expanding to other community papers. The funds are running low once planned expenses are deducted. John Corrigan has proposed that Greg prepare a Promotion budget for going forward. The Facebook ads run to about \$300 - \$400 per semi-annual session and are quite successful. He expects similar costs for the local newspaper campaign. If that does well, he suggests it be continued. A brief discussion followed about frequency and timing of newspaper advertising.
- Alexandra Lamb prepared a detailed Procedures manual for both these styles of campaign. Greg would like to make the manual available to the rest of the country; Greg may make a "For Dummies" version. He gave a plug for Alexandra, who will shortly have her Masters degree, as a bargain at \$25/hr. if you want to hire her for Advertising, Media or Promotion projects.
- Janice mentioned Parade participation as an opportunity for promotion. Maureen said the Promotion Committee has that item on their Agenda.

E. BC Federation – Dianne Wilson (written report)

- There will be an in person BCSRDF meeting at the Canadian National Festival in Penticton Thursday, July 16, 2026 11 am. All BCSRDF members are welcome to attend!
- BC Round Dance Mini Festival July 22 – 24, 2027 at Nanoose Bay - more info to come!

F. Canadian Society – Dianne Wilson (written report)

- There will be an in person CSRDS General Meeting at the Canadian National Festival in Penticton Friday July 17, 2026 11 am. All CSRDS members are welcome to attend!

G. Gala Committee – Dave Hammer

- The last B.C. Ball was in 1998 after which 6 years later in 2004 the 1st Classic Gala event was held at Hycroft in Vancouver.
- The last time the Gala was postponed was during the COVID epidemic of 2020-2021.
- We are now into June – 6 months into 2026. I would suggest that Gala event be postponed until such time more interest is shown.
- It has been recently brought to my attention that one of the duties of a director was to work on the Gala Committee (see Resource Book p.22 of the FVSRDA Section, Director Duties. Duty 6 reads, "willing to serve on various committees as requested".
- Dianne Wilson has now joined the Committee.

H. VDCTA – Wendy Krueger (report provided)

- The Caller Teachers are again offering summer dancing at Kennedy Hall Sundays 7 – 9 pm except for August 2, as BC Day Blast will be held Monday, August 3 both afternoon (Plus) and evening (SSD). Ray and

Christine Brendzy are organizing a group dinner out between the dances.

- Guys 'n Gals with caller Tyler Wagner will hold Sunday afternoon dancing, Mainstream from 1:00 – 3:30 pm and some Plus lessons from 3:30 – 5:00 pm.
- I. Scroll of Honour – Yvonne Hebein**
 - The selection of the Scroll of Honour recipient will be made in July. If there is no Gala, an alternative event for the presentation will need to be selected.
- J. Festival 2026 – Wendy Krueger**
 - The financial projection prepared in May showed a loss of about \$2,000 but the picture has brightened with 23 new registrations and possibly a modest profit. It's very exciting and there is lots to do. Registrations stand at 573. Blair asked Maureen to send him an email with the number of at the door registrations for Langley 2025, as he would like to estimate how many extra copies of handouts to print. Daphne asked to be copied on the email.

Moved Seconded: Janice Hiscott/Don Allan -- To accept above reports items B through J, as given -- CARRIED

CLUB CONCERNS -

- None were raised.

OLD BUSINESS-

1. None

NEW BUSINESS –

1. Fees

Don explained his Fund Summary Report. There are 2 Grant Funds, the Valley Circle Fund which breaks even, and an Operating Fund. Interest income from term deposits should cover the expected operating expenses. The Executive recommends fees of \$5 per club and \$0 per dancer for 2027.

Moved Seconded: Don Allan/Dianne Wilson -- To set FVSRDA Fees for 2027 at \$5 per club and \$0 per dancer -- CARRIED

2. Gala

Dave has 3 brand new Committee members. A Gala decision at the next meeting would be too late to hold a Gala in the fall, so Dave's suggestion in his Report item G to postpone the Gala until 2027 will take effect. There are other exciting events on the horizon with the CSRDS National in Penticton and the BC Day Blast with Tony Oxendine and the Brendzys.

3. September In Person General Meeting

Wendy is exploring a late afternoon September 19 Welcome Back to Dancing dance. This might be a possible opportunity to have an In Person General Meeting afterwards. The VDCTA also have their AGM that day. Wendy and Maureen will investigate venues. Wendy suggested Murrayville Hall, as it has 2 large rooms where concurrent meetings and a dance could be held, perhaps with a potluck dinner. Janice suggested the Scroll of Honour could be presented at that dance. Dave Hammer volunteered to assist with arrangements.

4. Valley Circle Managing Editor position open as of July 1, 2027

Blair's resignation after 25 years is very impactful. This was punctuated by Sandi Poje's resignation as Club Chatter Editor after 16 years, also at June 30, 2027. Recruitment is slow for even small positions and should not be delayed. Blair will prepare a recruitment ad for the September issue of the Valley

Circle. He was very complimentary about his team of Frank, June and Al, Nora and the departing Sandi, and said there were no team meetings.

GOOD & WELFARE-

- Wendy Krueger and Mark Garstin have COVID. Maureen Maclam is having a corneal transplant. Daphne will send cards.

ORDER OF THE DAY-

- White Rockers: Season Wind Up – June 14
- Promotion Committee: Young at Heart Expo Langley – June 17 (flyer prev distributed)
- Valley Promenaders: Last dance of the season – June 18
- Wheeling 8s: Season Wind Up – June 25
- Town 'n' Country: Canada Day Dance – July 1 (flyer prev distributed)
- Canadian National Festival: Penticton, BC – July 15 – 18, 2026 (flyer prev distributed)
- BC Day Blast with Tony Oxendine & Brendzy family: Kennedy Hall - August 3, 2026 (flyer prev distributed)
- White Rockers: Season Start Up – September 13
- FVSRDA: General Meeting (in person) – September 19, 2026 (tentative)
- White Rockers: Cancer Benefit Dance – October 12 Thanksgiving (flyer pending)
- Mickey Braithewaite of Germany - late April 2027
- Pacific Northwest Teen Festival - May 2027
- BC Round Dance Mini Festival: Nanoose Bay, BC - July 22 - 24, 2027
- Canadian National Festival: Fredericton, NB – July 19 – 22, 2028

NEXT MEETING

Executive Meeting: Saturday, September 12, 2026 @ 9 am via zoom

General Meeting: Saturday, September 19, 2026 In Person – time TBA (tentative)

ADJOURNMENT @ 9:49 AM by Don Allan

~Respectfully submitted by Daphne Green~

Corrections and forgiveness requested