FRASER VALLEY SQUARE & ROUND DANCE ASSOCIATION

General Meeting
Saturday, September 19, 2026 – 3:30 PM
Brookswood Seniors Centre, Main Hall, 19899 36 Ave, Langley, BC

President – Maureen Wilson

Meeting brought to order at 3:35 PM

Maureen Wilson welcomed everyone.

Attendance: **Abbotsford Grand Squares** (Natalie Tribe), **Brent's Bunch** (*Daphne Green), **Century House Squares** (*Janice Hiscott), **Chuckwagon 8's** (Marion Freeman), **Circle 8's** (Pat Hill)**, Guys 'n Gals** (Norma Ridler), **Motiv8ors** (Christine Brendzy), **Stardowners** (Mary Decario, Dave Hammer), **Surrey Square Wheelers** (Jean Galbraith, Judy Remenda), **Swinging Hubs** (Sandi Poje), **Valley Promenaders** (Dianne Wilson), **Wesburn Wranglers** (Cindy Decario), **White Rockers** (*Diane O'Hara)**,** *Don Allan, *June Fitchett and Al Gibbs, *Alex Galbraith, *Maureen Wilson.

Absent: **Chilliwack Rhythm Reelers**, **Royal City Dancers, Town 'n' Country Dancers, Wheeling 8's**, *Yvonne Hebein, *John Corrigan, *Wendy Krueger, *Blair Wallace.

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

Agenda

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

Minutes

Moved/Seconded: Daphne Green/Dianne Wilson -- To approve the minutes of the Annual General Meeting (June 7, 2026) as circulated -- CARRIED

Correspondence

- Daphne sent cards to Wendy Krueger & Mark Garstin (short term illness), Maureen Maclam (surgery), Don Allan (condolences wife Dianne), Don & Diane Hill (condolences sister Dianne Allan), Yvonne Hebein (illness), Marlene Lamont (illness), Dave Hammer (thanks Gala Committee end), Diana Hershberger (illness), Rob Barber (illness), Gordon Keir (injury).
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REPORTS –

Treasurer's Report – Don Allan

Comments on the Financial Statements as at June 30, 2026

The financial statements are the final statements for the 2026 fiscal year. The fiscal year ended on June 30, 2026 these statements reflect any additional income and expenses that were received between the time of the AGM and the end of the fiscal year. Some expenses received during that time are the postage for the summer Valley Circle, the payment of the Society Filing Fee, payment for FVSRDA's share of a Zoom licence and some postage expenses. In addition the FVSRDA received interest income from some term

deposits that mature on June 29, 2026. Note that the Operating Fund income includes a refund of $655.00 for a Hall Damage Deposit that was paid in the previous fiscal year. If this is removed, the Operating Fund had a surplus of $148.25.

Comments on the Financial Statements at Septmber 10, 2026

The Valley Circle is off and running and the September editions has been published. The statements reflect the cost of printing the edition and the advertising and subscription income received to date. The only other expenses are for badges for the FVSRDA executive and Scroll of Honour expenses. Building Fund term deposits matured in August and the income reflects the interest that was received on the term deposits.

Comments on 2027 Registration.

Registration forms were sent out in August but so far none have been returned. The new BCSRDF Treasurer has requested that information on each club's Executive be provided with registration data due at the end of October.

Moved/Seconded: Don Allan/Janice Hiscott -- To accept Treasurer's Report as at June 30, 2026 Year End, as circulated – CARRIED

Moved/Seconded: Don Allan/Diane O'Hara -- To accept Treasurer's Report as at September 10, 2026, as circulated – CARRIED

A. Vice President – Yvonne Hebein

- Yvonne has ordered crests for 3 upcoming club anniversaries, the earliest of which is September 27.

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

Directory:

- Deadline for the dance night and executives data was September 14. Despite a good response to a push from the FVSRDA Directors just before the deadline, we are still missing Directory information from 5 clubs. Some of this data is also needed by the BCSRDF by the end of October. Any of the 5 remaining clubs can fill out the paper form and send it to me OR login and update the information online. If they don't know their username/password they can email me.
- The Directory will **not** be in the October issue.

Renewals:

- Renewal forms are out. Due October 15.
- I received "new Dancer" lists for the free subscription from ONE club (last year's new dancers)

October Issue:

- We're working on it

Website:

- Up to date, as far as I know

Vacant Positions:

- We are looking for a new Managing Editor, Webmaster and Club Chatter Editor

C. Promotion Committee – Greg Dahlgren

- Ads for new dancer classes were placed in Coffee News and on Facebook. Alexandra was tasked with placing free ads in every local community paper she could find. It is too early to know how many will be/or have been run by the papers, however we know the Chilliwack one ran. This is a new initiative so it will take some time to see how it all worked.
- A little early to report anything for the Facebook promotion as well but...

- **1st night of new dancer classes at**

Abbotsford Grand Squares	6 new people
Guys 'n Gals	3
Chilliwack Rhythm Reelers	15
Surrey Square Wheelers	16
Town 'n' Country	27! Yippee!
White Rockers	first class will be September 20

  Final results will take 3+ weeks to gather.
- Diane O'Hara added that the Promotion Committee met last Sunday. One of the items discussed was the 5-year calendar. Although the current one ends December 31, 2027, some have expressed a need for dates beyond that. The Promotion Committee is in the process of getting calendars made for the period September 1, 2027 to August 31, 2032 which will be ready before Christmas and will be sold for $15. Please let your club know if you want one. Diane will ask Daphne to send a notice to all the clubs when they are available.

D. BC Federation – Dianne Wilson (written report)

- Board of Directors Meeting - Sunday, September 13, 2026 9am via Zoom
- AGM – Sunday, October 25, 2026. 9:30 am via Zoom (Zoom opens at 9 am for attendance). Proxies should be sent to Wendy Krueger.
- BC Round Dance Mini Festival - July 22-24, 2027. Nanoose Bay

E. Canadian Society – Dianne Wilson (written report)

- AGM booklet containing reports was given to attendees, of which may be viewed on the CSRDS website.
- 25th Canadian National Square and Round Dance Festival - July 20-22, 2028

F**. Gala Committee – Dave Hammer**

- Background for the creation of the Gala Committee - In 2001 the FVSRDA Executive decided to revamp the B.C. Ball calling it the Classic Gala. Plans got underway in 2001, but the first Classic Gala was actually held in 2002 at Hycroft Manor. The Gala was meant to follow the purpose and setup of the B.C. Ball and instrumental in working on its organization were Jack & Mavis Polman, Barb & Guy Tryssenaar, George & Betty Langtry, Norm and Mary Cox and more recently Jean and Alex Galbraith (before retiring) including two or three directors. All past presidents of Executive of the FVSRDA. According to the Resource Book (which evolved from the Red Book) the Dance Committee was made a Standing Committee and on page 10 of the FVSRDA Section item 6.7 states the "the Executive Committee may delegate authority to any chairperson of the Standing Committee to recruit their own committee. Again referring to the Resource Book, page 14 of the FVSRDA Section 13.1 E " The Dance Committee is to look after all aspects if the FVSRDA annual dance "and the "Chairperson will be a member of the Executive Committee."
- The committee was composed of approximately eight to ten FVSRDA dancers while the callers/cuers are contracted and paid for their services. It appears to me that the current executive should be taking a more active role in the Gala Committee.
- This will be my final Gala report to the Gala Committee. At this time I am resigning from the position as Chairperson of the FVSRDA Gala Committee. After more than 15 years as the chairperson, it's time for new ideas. This may be a good time for the FVSRDA Executive to take stock of the event and possibly address changes, problems, new members, etc.
- Dave received a round of applause for his over 15 years of leadership of the Gala Committee.
- Daphne mentioned that the Brendzys are working in co-operation with Alberta to bring in a German caller, Mickey Braithwaite in late April. They are willing to have this dance be the 2027 Gala. Christine

said the timing is the weekend before the Teen Festival, April 23 and 24, 2027, and added that Mickey will stay at their home, so his accommodation will be free. At the moment, the Gala Committee has no Chair, but Alex Galbraith and new volunteers Ray & Christine Brendzy, Janice Hiscott and Dianne Wilson can select one.

G. VDCTA – Wendy Krueger (report provided)

- My tenure as president of the VDCTA began November15, 2025. Thank you to the association for this opportunity to serve.
- Meetings were on Zoom at 8:30 a.m. Saturdays, November, January, and in person in March
- Members of our executive met with executive members of the FVSRDA on Sat. May 2, 2026 on Zoom at 8:30 a.m. Some ideas came out of the meeting:
  a. Cooperation between new dancer classes
  b. Clubs hosting of New Dancer dances during the year.
  c. A Round-a-ree
  d. A dance to be called by the new callers.
  e. Plan to have two joint meetings per year. The next has been set for: Saturday, November 28th @ 8:30am on Zoom
- <u>Our commitment stated by the executive at the September 2025 meeting</u>
  a. Mentors for new members—we have helped to support the new members who wanted mentors
  b. More professional development- -At the March in-person meeting at Heritage Hall, John presented a workshop for callers. Brian presented on features of the Roundalab website and resources for the cuers. Professional development topics were on the agenda for the September 19, 2026 in-person meeting.
- <u>Dances our Association put on:</u>
  a. Mid-Year Dance December 2025 for new dancers in classes that started September 2026, $10 each/$5 for teens.
  b. New Dancers Spring Jamboree Jointly with FVSRDA Saturday evening, April 18, 2026 at ASAA Hall, $10 each/$5 for teens.
  c. Spring Fling Plus Dance May 31, 2026 was at Kennedy Hall, $10 each/$5 for teens.
  d. new initiative—a joint dance with the FVSRDA--the Welcome Back Bash and Mary Cox memorial dance, Sep. 19, 2026
- Recognition of our members' years of service in 2025-- Brian and Darlene Penny 35 years, Alison and Scott Hampton 30 years, Pat Meyer 25 years, Mike and Rose Rohde 10 years.
- Thanks, Ray for bringing in Tony Oxendine for the BC Day Blast August 3, 2026. It was a great day!

H. **Scroll of Honour – Yvonne Hebein**

- The Scroll of Honour recipients were selected at a meeting in July, and the award will be presented at the Welcome Back Bash on September 19.

Moved Seconded: Norma Ridler/Janice Hiscott -- To accept above reports items A through H, as given -- CARRIED

CLUB CONCERNS -

- None were raised.
- Christine spoke about the 75th Teen Festival April 30 – May 1, 2027 which Nicholas Brendzy is coordinating, and they may be asking for support. Please buy a Teen Festival Badge and let Nicholas know if you are willing to volunteer. They have categories now for squares with no upper age limit for competing at the Festival.

OLD BUSINESS-

1. None

NEW BUSINESS –

1. Vacancies:
   a) Social Convenor, Gala Committee Chair
   While a Social Convenor is not needed as frequently as when all meetings were in person, it would be very helpful to have one for the Gala and the Annual General Meeting. The Gala Committee can select a Chair from their ranks.
   b) Valley Circle as of July 1, 2027: Managing Editor, Webmaster, Club Chatter Editor
   Jean mentioned that it is easier if the Managing Editor does not have lengthy travel during the dance season, and the Managing Editor and the Webmaster need good computer skills. It may be that the next Managing Editor will move away from hard copy editions.
   c) Don Allan, Treasurer, mentioned that he would like to step aside at the end of his term.

2. Director Assignments
   Wesburn Wranglers was reassigned from Directors June Fitchett and Al Gibbs to Janice Hiscott.

GOOD & WELFARE-

- None reported.

ORDER OF THE DAY-

- Welcome Back Bash/Mary Cox Memorial Dance, FVSRDA GM, V&DCTA Meeting, Potluck Dinner – September 19, 2026 (flyer previously distributed)
- White Rockers: New Dancers Start up – Sunday September 20, 2026 (flyer previously distributed)
- Circle 8s Rounds Season Start up – September 20, 2026
- Chuckwagon 8's: Season Start up – September 23, 2026
- Wheeling 8s: Season Start up – September 24, 2026
- Royal City Dancers: Season Start up – September 25, 2026
- Guys 'n Gals: 15th Anniversary Celebration – September 27, 2026
- Brent's Bunch: DARK – October 1, 2026
- Chuckwagon 8's: Start up C1 Teach 6:30 pm for 1 hour before A2 Dance – October 7, 2026
- White Rockers: DARK – October 11, 2026 (Thanksgiving)
- White Rockers: Cancer Benefit Dance – October 12, 2026
- Stardowners: Oktoberfest – October 22, 2026
- White Rockers: Hallowe'en Dance – October 25, 2026
- Circle 8 Rounds: Hallowe'en Dance – October 25, 2026
- Circle 8 Squares: Hallowe'en Dance – October 26, 2026
- Abbotsford Grand Squares: Hallowe'en Dance – October 26, 2026
- Surrey Square Wheelers: Spooktacular Hallowe'en Tues – October 27, 2026
- Surrey Square Wheelers: Spooktacular Hallowe'en Wed – October 28, 2026
- Abbotsford Grand Squares: Hallowe'en Dance – October 29, 2026
- Brent's Bunch: Hallowe'en Dance – October 29, 2026
- Stardowners: DARK – October 29, 2026
- Abbotsford Grand Squares: 50s Poodle Dance – November 16, 2026
- Surrey Square Wheelers: Hawaiian Dance Tues – November 17, 2026

- Surrey Square Wheelers: Hawaiian Dance Wed – November 18, 2026
- Abbotsford Grand Squares: 50s Dance – November 19, 2026
- Stardowners: Tacky Tourist – November 19, 2026
- Abbotsford Grand Squares: 45th Anniversary – November 26, 2026
- Brent's Bunch: DARK – November 19, 2026 (working on visit)
- Mickey Braithewaite of Germany (potential Gala) - April 23 and 24, 2027
- Wesburn Wranglers: 75th Pacific Northwest Teen Festival – April 30 - May 1, 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, October 17, 2026 @ 9 am via zoom
- BCSRDF Annual General Meeting: Sunday, October 25, 2026 9:30 am via Zoom (9:00 am for attendance)
- General Meeting: Sunday, November 15, 2026 @ 9 am via zoom

ADJOURNMENT @ 4:10 PM by Don Allan

~Respectfully submitted by Daphne Green~