



FRASER VALLEY SQUARE & ROUND DANCE ASSOCIATION

GENERAL MEETING

of the Fraser Valley Square & Round Dance Association
Sunday March 17, 2013 – 2:00 PM, Centennial Lodge, Queens Park

1 WELCOME – Barb Tryssenaar –

Due to low attendance by Club Representatives, there will not be any Motions passed at this meeting due to lack of quorum. We needed 3 more club representatives to make a quorum. The motions will be passed at the May 5th Annual General Meeting. Reports given and discussed.

2 ATTENDANCE – Clubs: 8/22 Executive: 14/21

3 ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA AS CIRCULATED –

No motion at this time due to no quorum.

4 ACCEPTANCE OF THE PREVIOUS MINUTES OCTOBER 21, 2012 –

Correct as circulated. No errors or Omissions.

No motion at this time due to no quorum.

5 CORRESPONDENCE – Ginny Connolly –

Joan Brown's letter with an Idea of clubs attending another club for special night. This will be published in the Valley Circle. Thank you card from Alice Fairbourn, winning a ticket to the Gala.

6 PRESIDENT'S SOAP BOX – Barb Tryssenaar –

April brings us many special dances – both on weekends and during the week. Please when you return to your clubs encourage your dancers to attend. I guarantee that you will have a good time at each and every one of them.

Guy & I and the executive of the Fraser Valley will be at all of them and hope to see you, your club's badge across a square.

After our last meeting and with the start of the sale of Gala tickets, Guy & I started to visit clubs to publicize the Gala. We were to attend Town & Country Swingers on the Monday night but Guy was ill so I thought that as the hall is close to our residence I would just drop up say hi and mention the Gala. Why wasn't I dancing? Town & Country Swingers has a very active singles board and I could have added my name and enjoyed an evening of dancing; but I just didn't think about it. I couldn't believe my ignorance. All clubs have singles boards and one-half of a couple can always go and dance. Lesson learned.

Years ago when I danced in the seventies to Jim & Marg McPherson, square dancing was a couples thing -- there were no singles dancing at clubs although there was a special club for the singles. Jim & Marg had a very special friend named Doris and Doris' husband was gone and Doris didn't have a partner to dance to her good friend Jim. In the seventies there were lot of dancers but if something happened to your partner you had to either quit square dancing or go to the club specifically for singles. So Doris couldn't dance to Jim McPherson. Then one day she met Bob Monroe and they danced together and got married – not sure in what order. So now Doris has a partner and she can dance to her good friend Jim.

So in the good old days when square dancing was very popular Doris could not dance without a partner and now in the 2013 when the number of dancers is eroding at a rapid pace, Barbara can dance

SO BARBARA LEARNED A LESSON -- Which I pass on to you.



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7 REPORTS

a **Treasurer** – Mary Cox –

Treasurer's Report to February 28, 2013 located in **Appendix A**.

Comparison Number of Dancers from Clubs to date Included in **Appendix B**.

New Dancers registered in clubs are **Appendix C**.

Barbara thanked Mary for all her work on the Finances.

b **Vice President** – David McVige –

January 22—Swinging Singles: 44th Anniversary Dance, a fun Celebration including entertainment by Can-Can Girls Dance Group, 7 squares dancing.

January 24—Abbotsford Grand Squares; Penguin Promenade, 65 Dancers in black and white with great display, 8 squares dancing.

February 2—Surrey Square Wheelers: 14 squares dancing in new location at Brookwood Seniors Centre. Benefit Dance for Seniors needs.

February 6—Surrey Square Wheelers: visitation by Abbotsford Grand Squares, 22 dancers visitation to retrieve banner, 6 squares enjoying comradery.

February 10—I visited Guys'N'Gals, 3 squares of new dancers and Angels.

February 19—Swinging Singles: Special recognition to Frank and George Czank for 60 years of dancing. Keep it up.

February 22—Chilliwack Rhythm Reelers: Annual Trifle Night with lots of delicious trifles, 7 squares dancing (before trifles).

March 2—Town'N'Country Swingers: Leap into Spring Dance & Recycle Sale, 8 squares dancing, John Corrigan calling and Cheryl Plume cueing.

March 3—Abbotsford Grand Squares: Zajac Ranch Benefit Dance, 6 squares, poorly supported by other clubs. Mel Zajac (founder) and his wife Wendy attended giving a talk of how the Foundation was started and the benefits for children with serious and chronic illnesses and disabilities receive attending the facility.

March 8—I attended the Motiv8tors Plus dance with Ray Brendzy and guest caller Tim Crawford, 12 squares dancing.

March 16—Vancouver & District Callers/Teachers Association General Meeting. A variety of topics covered and discussed. A very productive meeting.

c **Valley Circle /Webmaster** – Blair Wallace –

There are 375 copies printed for each issue. April/May issue will have the 2012 Scroll of Honour recipients. We still need more articles. The printing costs are \$600.00 with postage being \$100.00; but in the summer the postage is \$600 to mail out.

The Webpage still gets 25 - 30 hits. A Video has been added.

We have a Friends Page that has the first friend: The Zajac Ranch.

The goals for the future are to get more articles, subscriptions and more people to look at the Website.

The Valley-Circle-on-line will only post information that is received in writing. No telephone calls. E-mails are accepted.

d **Joint Promotion Committee** – Norm Cox –

The Wellness Show went very well with the Friday Demo having one square of dancers and the Saturday demo having 2 squares of dancers. Ken Crisp called for the Friday demo and Chuck



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Jordan and Lyle O'Hara shared the calling with Ken on Saturday. We have a list of several prospective dancers from the show. The Committee has decided to continue participating in the Wellness Show for another year.

We had 2 minutes of fame as Shaw TV was there at the Wellness Show and shot some footage of our square dancing and an interview with Ken Crisp, which aired on Shaw Cable the following Tuesday evening.

The New Dancer Jamboree is all set for April 20th, 2013 at the Ridge-Meadows Seniors Centre, 12150 – 224 Street at 7:00 PM. Tickets are \$6.00 and are available at the door only as there will be prizes using the door tickets.

By the last count we have \$1,500.00 in the bank.

Next meeting is Tuesday April 16th at 10.30 AM at the Tryssenaar home, 12438 – 222nd Street, Maple Ridge.

- e Callers/Teachers** – Mort Fromson for Ken Crisp –
Callers/Teachers Association needs more members. There will be Elections in September. The Corn Cob Caper is being held in September. The Callers/Teachers Luncheon in December this year.
- f Scroll of Honour** – Barb Tryssenaar – Betty & George Langtry were the 2012 Dancer Couple Recipients.
- g Driscoll Award** – Ron Robertson – Letters were sent out in January. A letter to remind them of the award, will be sent out, before the Deadline.
- h BC Federation Report** – Norm Cox –
 - The next BOD Meeting will be held on April 6th in Abbotsford's ASA Hall, starting at 10:00 AM. It will be an all-day meeting with a catered lunch by the Abbotsford Grand Squares. All registered dancers are welcome; but only delegates are eligible to vote. There are 6 regions with 4 from the Callers/Cuers Association and 4 from the Dancers Associations. There will be two motions that will be brought forward at the meeting which we will discuss later. There will be a dance in the evening.
 - The Ripple Rockets of Campbell River will be celebrating their 60th year of dancing May 17th.
 - A Mini-Festival will be held in Parksville Oceanside July 11-13. Anyone interested in attending should register as soon as possible.
 - Also remember the Peachfest in Penticton August 7-10.
- i Canadian Society** – Norm Cox – A new committee is being formed to completely overhaul the way they do registration and insurance.
- j Classic Gala** – Barbara Tryssenaar – At this meeting, the last one before the Gala I never know what to say. What is there to say, you all know the details of the Gala:
 - Date is April 27th
 - Venue is Confederation Centre in Burnaby
 - Level is Mainstream with Plus tips (plus some hijinks are planned)
 - Caller is Heather Wallace and cuer is Brian Penny
 - Theme is *flashback of the previous galas*
 - Tickets are \$12.50 per person – half price for teens

It is only a month until April 27th and the Gala Committee and the caller and cuer are ready and anxious to put on another great Gala experience for you.



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Heather and Brian are busy researching songs from previous gala themes. Brian is doing it from a nicer place than Heather as he is in California; but by April 27th, we should be having sunny California-type weather.

So we are ready and many of you have bought your tickets. Winners of the early Bird draw are: Alice Fairbourn from Singles and Diane Allen from Chuckwagon Eights. Congratulations – you both get to come to the Gala for free.

If you have not purchased your tickets yet, please see the Gala Committee members with the **Ask Me** badges. If you want to buy today please see David or Ron.

The Gala is always a fun, uplifting party so don't miss out on the fun of the GALA Experience. Join us.

The Grand Squares gave away 3 free tickets for which they will pay. Clubs could use the Gala Tickets as door prizes.

8 OLD BUSINESS

- a **B C Federation BOD Meeting & After-the-Meeting Dance–April 6** – Norm Cox – BOD Meeting will have 6 regions represented with 8 delegates from each region. Abbotsford Grand Squares will host the luncheon and dance that night. Heather Wallace will be calling and a lineup of callers will be coming from the Island and from the Interior.
If you are coming to the Meeting, reports are on the BC Federation Webpage under **Minutes Meeting**. Copy them and bring them with a copy of the Agenda. The Meeting will end around 4:00 PM. No dinner plans are made as yet.
The dance will have pre-rounds at 7:00 PM. Cost is \$5.00 at the door. Callers will be coming for the meeting and dance.
- b **Elections** – Betty Langtry – Two new executive members are needed for the Vice-President and Secretary Positions. If anyone knows someone who could fill these positions, please let Betty Langtry know.
- c **Mini-Festival in Parksville–July 11-13 2013** – Barbara Tryssenaar – The Committee has reached the break-even point of registrations. The Festival will go ahead as planned. Make sure that you can get accommodation before registering.
- d **Wellness Show** – Norm Cox – Students did surveys of Wellness Show Attendees: 48% are returning attendees; 46% enjoyed sampling foods; 72% said they will return next year; 64% of the attendees purchased something. Average. Usually attended for 3 hours.
Norm has put in a request that non-profit groups such as ours, should not have to pay to do a demo. Presently, the Promotion Committee pays \$50.00 each, to do a demo at the Wellness Show.
- e **Notice of Motion for BOD Meeting** – Barb Tryssenaar – A Notice of Motion was circulated at the Executive Meeting which read:
Moved by Merv Meyers, and seconded by Allen Ebl, that all future Federation Board of Directors Meetings be held in a location within 25 Kilometres of Abbotsford, BC.

This would change the following By-Law which reads:

Article 5—Meetings

5.3 Board of Director Meetings

- (i) The Board of Directors shall meet in the Spring of each year, with time and place to be decided at the previous meeting.



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Please discuss this Notice of motion, with your regions and come to the BOD Meeting April 6, 2013, prepared to vote on this matter.

Opinions are: This is costing too much for Delegates to travel. They want one central place. The BC Square Dance Federation will pay ferry fees for 1 car with 4 passengers/delegates for a maximum of 2 cars with 8 passengers/delegates to come from each region.

If passed, Region 2 will be hosting the Meeting each year.

“BC Federation Meetings were to encourage attendance from all regions in BC. This motion does not encourage this to happen. Maybe Abbotsford is the geographical centre of BC. I don't think so. It is just as likely, that some delegates from Victoria could say that we should have the meetings every year, in our Capital – Victoria. They still have a large contingency of clubs in Victoria and Northern Island. I understand that the northern regions are dying and may not have delegates and if they have one, this puts the onus on them coming to Abbotsford every year. This defeats the purpose of the BC Federation.”

The motion needs to be presented to the Secretary of the Federation, 90 days before the BOD Meeting. It can be amended or defeated at the BOD Meeting. It requires a change in the ByLaw, that is why it has to come in as a Notice of Motion.

FVS&RDA Executive recommends that the By-Law stays the same, as it has been in the past, that the next BOD meeting location is decided at the current BOD meeting.

Moved by Peter Tamlin; seconded by Alex Galbraith, recommend to direct our Delegates to vote against the motion at the April 6, 2013 BOD Meeting. Carried.
(Motion brought forward from the Executive Meeting.)

Ten Executive members voted for this Motion, 1 against, the rest of the Executive did not vote.

Discussion by Mort Fromson, President of the Callers/Teachers Association, his Association rejected the Motion, as well.

- f Letter sent to the Vancouver Callers/Tachers Association for Joint FVS&RDA/V&DCTA–June 22 2013** – Mort Fromson received the letter and acknowledge it with Barbara Tryssennar. He said that the Callers/Teachers' Secretary will be e-mailing the letter to the callers and asking for an RSVP.

9 NEW BUSINESS

- a 2013/14 Club Directory & Dance Schedule** – Ginny Connolly – The forms at the back of the hall for clubs to pick up and return with the Club's information for the 2013/14 Directory. The forms are also on the Website. The remaining forms will be mailed out to clubs who did not attend this meeting.
- b Funding for the Joint Promotion Committee** – Norm Cox – The annual request for \$1,000 from the DeSmitt Fund for the Promotion Committee, the Executive having approved the request. The motion will be passed at the May 5th Annual General Meeting. The Callers/Teachers will provide \$500.00 to the Promotion Committee.

10 GOOD AND WELFARE

- a** Thanks to Gaylene Ward and Werner Pettirsch, Social Convenors, for putting on a great St Patrick Day Lunch.



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- b** Norm Cox wanted to let everyone know that the Squares across the Border, hosted an International Convention last July, here in Vancouver, and that they have passed a motion to accept membership to all dancers regardless of orientation.
For square dancing to continue we must embrace all peoples, regardless of barriers. Let's have an open-ended welcome to all.
- c** Roy Ballam is waiting for further heart tests and Janet will have a knee replacement, as soon as possible.
- d** Heart Bypass on March 27th for Kris Kristensen.
- e** Ken Crisp called a Fundraiser Dance for Thornhill Hall in Whonnock – 80 people attended.
- f** 60-year Certificates for dancing were given to the Czank Brothers, as well as 50-year lapel pins to them and Bob Hamilton received a 50-year lapel pin.
This year we have given out four 60-year Certificates. The Czanks are the only ones dancing.

11 ORDER OF THE DAY

- a** Town & Country Swingers – Fundraiser/Social on April 14th – \$20.00 each. Dinner at 5:00 PM. Equestrian Centre in Maple Ridge.
- b** The Valley Circle is having another contest, something is very special about the January 2013 Issue. Send your guess in to the Valley Circle for a prize.
- c** MS Dance – April 21 at Kennedy Hall – Contact Betty Langtry.
- d** Swinging Singles – Mad Hatter Tea Dance – \$8.00 each. April 16th, 7:00 – 9:00 PM.
- e** Wheeling Eights – Easter Party at the Chuck Bailey Centre in Surrey, March 28.
They will be dancing until June 27th, 6:30 - 8:30 PM.
They will be celebrating 40 years of dancing on September 28 with a special dance. They need able-bodied people to dance in a wheelchair. Anyone who wants to try a new style of dancing.
- f** Surrey Square Wheelers – Happiness Dance for Child Development Centre and Cancer Fundraiser at Kennedy Hall, April 13th. A Chaise Lounge will be a prize.
- g** Chuckwagon Eights – Mystery Theme Night at Burnaby Lake Pavilion, April 4th. Brent Mawdesley calling.
- h** After-the-Meeting Dance – April 6th at the Abbotsford ASA Hall.
- i** New Dancers Jamboree – April 20th at Ridge-Meadows Seniors Centre.
- i** Chilliwack Rhythm Reelers – Baron of Beef Dance, April 26th.
- i** 10th Anniversary Gala – April 27th.

12 NEXT MEETING – The Annual General Meeting on May 5th, 2013.

13 ADJOURNMENT – *Adjourned at 3:35 PM.*

Many thanks for all who attended the meeting.



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APPENDIX A

APPENDIX B

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APPENDIX C

| Number of New Dancers by Club 2013 | | | |
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| | <u>Club</u> | <u>New D. to Dec. 31/12</u> | <u>N.D.Feb/13</u> |
| | Wesburn | 6 | |
| | Wheeling 8's | 1 | 4 |
| | Guys n' Gals | 9 | 2 |
| | Town n' Country | 5 | 4 |
| | Swinging Singles | 9 | 5 |
| | Abb. Grand Squares | 13 | |
| | Co-op Squares | 3 | |
| | Surrey Square Wheelers | 11 | |
| | Delta Sundancers | 2 | |
| | S.A.T.B. | | 5 |
| | Century House | | 1 |
| | C. Rhythm Reelers | | 36 |
| | Totals as of Dec. 2012 | 59 | 57 |
| | Total N.D. Jan-Mar.2013 | | |
| | Total New Square Dancers | | |
| | as of March 1, 2013 | | 116 |