



FRASER VALLEY SQUARE & ROUND DANCE ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the FVS&RDA General Meeting

**Held Sunday January 18, 2015 at 1:30 PM
Centennial Lodge, Queen's Park, New Westminster, B.C.**

Welcome- David McVige

Attendance In Attendance: Abbotsford Grand Squares, Abbotsford Swinging Hubs, Century House, Chilliwack Rhythm Reelers, Chuckwagon 8's, Motivators, Royal Swingers, Squares Across the border, Stardowners, Surrey Square Wheelers, Swinging Singles, Town 'N Country Swingers, Wheeling 8's.

Absent: Delta Sundancers, Guys & Gals, Quicksteppers, Rhythm B's, Wesburn Wranglers, White Rockers, Diamond Country Dancers.

13 clubs in attendance, 7 absent, quorum established. Motion by Otto/Darleen **Approved**

Approval/additions to the Agenda No additions, request by Barbara to give her report following the Vice President. Seconded by Erika **Approved**

Acceptance of minutes of previous Meeting October 26/14

Note there were about 4 or 5 typo errors in the last financial report, which needs to be recorded as corrected by Sylvia. Barbara/Mary **Approved**

Correspondence:

Fred & Lorna Darby will not be able to attend today, as they are in Desert Hot Springs, for a couple of months. And wanted to say hello to their friends up north.

REPORTS

A. Treasurer

Mary Cox

Motion to accept financial statements Mary/Erika **Approved**

Mary reported on Comparison Number of Dancers, callers & cuers are not included in this list they always register with their own association, but there is one caller who always pays their Canadian Society fees.

F.V.S.&R.D.A. Comparison Number of Dancers by Clubs as December 31							<u>Dec.</u>
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Abbotsford Grand Squares	49	73	50	67	70	88	63
Abbotsford Grand Squares Teens				4	7		
Abbotsford Swing Hubs	14	24	23	25	29	32	29
Century House Squares	27	25	15	20	23	32	31
Chilliwack Rhythm Reelers	53	54	57	53	48	79	68

Chuckwagon 8's	99	95	98	85	65	75	70
Co-operative Squares	48	32	26	23	24		
Country Stars	57	38					
Delta Sundancers	34	12	3	1	3	0	2
Delta Sundancers Teens			26	20	20	24	30
Diamond Country Dancers					0		
Fraser Valley Strollers	9	7					
Guys n' Gals			1	4	14		15
Mission Grand Squares	15	0				22	
Motiv8tors	30	34	32	29	31	21	24
Ocean Waves	17	21	17				
Quick Steppers	16	20	22	15	20	11	18
Rhythm B's Dance Club	22	55	46	40	10	20	12
Rhythm n' Rounds			4				
Richmond Star Promenadors	27	20					
Royal Swingers	40	30+2 teens	34	33	31	41	37
Silver Saddles	41						
Squares Across The Border	72	60	47	52	42	43	32
S.A.T.B. Teen						1	
Stardowners	37	46	25	26	25	27	23
Surrey Square Wheelers	152	136	133	125	122	128	108
Swinging Singles	96	98	91	81	66	87	68
Time Step Cloggers	5	4					
Town 'N' Country Swingers	85	75	60	56	58	68	47
Weavers	56	50	35	40	27		
Wesburn Wranglers	35	23+5 adults	46	20	6	3	5
Wesburn Wranglers Teens					22	28	12
West Coast Contra	7	5	1	4	0		
Wheeling 8's	8	9	9	12	8	6	10
Wheeling 8's Wheel Chairbound					6	6	9
White Rockers	15	24	28	20	19	20	15
Individual Members						20	
Totals	1166	1082	929	855	796	882	728
# of Clubs	29	26	25	23	22	20	20
Callers (not included in above count)						4	1

Mary will now need to get the paper work and money in for Insurance on the 87 New Dancers please.

There have been no applications for grants for new dancer classes received, so if you think you qualify the deadline is March 31st, so get your application in ASAP. See Pg 36-38 in Fraser Valley Resource Book.

B. Vice President Betty Langtry

Happy New Year to all . As everyone probably knows we were away for two months. Many thanks to everyone who helped share our duties while we were gone. A special thanks to everyone who helped organize the FVS& Rd Dance Association 55th Anniversary. Sorry to hear that there were many people unable to attend.

Now that dancing has resumed George & I hope to get around to all the clubs.

All dancers are part of the Fraser Valley S & RD Association and we need everyone's help. Whether it is volunteering to help with a committee at club level, attending association meetings, becoming a club representative or part of the executive. Make sure your club is represented at all special dances

Lets make 2015 the year we all volunteer. I know a lot us have done that for many years so lets have some new faces.

G. Scroll of Honor Barbara Tryssenaar

We do have applications for the scroll of honor, so we will have a recipient this year.

It will be presented at the Gala provided we can get the recipient there.

J. Gala Barbara Tryssenaar

The fvs&rda's 12th annual Classic Gala will take place on

Saturday, March 21st at Kennedy Hall in Surrey. It will be a PLUS dance with Steve Noseck calling and Anita Adams cueing

While most of you do not know Steve Noseck some of you enjoyed dancing to him last night at Squares Across the Border.

Steve is a prominent caller from Washington State and is very energetic and lots of fun. And of course everyone knows what a good cuer Anita Adams is.

The theme this year is “Nautical”.

Tickets for the dance at \$12.50 per person. Please note that those who attended last night’s dance spent \$15.00 on their tickets

Tickets are available today from the people with the “ASK ME” badges.

Would the committee please stand up. Thanks. So these are the people that you can buy your tickets from.

Every year at this time I advise you to purchase your tickets quickly but this year I would suggest that you take my advice as the tickets will go quickly. We will not be selling 18 squares as Kennedy Hall doesn’t hold more than 13 squares.

As of right now, I have 32 tickets reserved and once the fv executive buys theirs that will be 18 more. That means that already there are 50 gone.

So when you return to your clubs and announce this dance please encourage your dancers to purchase their tickets promptly. We don’t want anyone to be disappointed and miss out.

We have Gala information pkts to take back to your clubs. If you have not received your please pick it up at the back of the hall.

C. Valley Circle Blair Wallace

CLUB NAME	2014	2015	Diff
ABBOTSFORD SWINGING HUBS	17	20	3
ABBOTSFORD GRAND SQUARES	33	26	-7
CENTURY HOUSE	13	13	0
Chuckwagon 8's "A" LEVEL	16	18	2
Chuckwagon 8's "PLUS" LEVEL	8	14	6
CHILLIWACK RHYTHM REELERS	16	17	1
DELTA SUNDANCERS	0	1	1
GUYS N GALS	7	6	-1
MOTIV8ORS	5	8	3
RHYTHM B'S	10	7	-3
ROYAL SWINGERS	18	18	0
SQUARES ACROSS THE BORDER	1	7	6
SURREY SQUARE WHEELERS	33	42	9
STARDOWNERS	18	15	-3
SWINGING SINGLES	37	32	-5
TOWN & COUNTRY SWINGERS	17	14	-3
WEAVERS	2	0	-2
WHEELING 8s	2	2	0
WHITE ROCKERS	4	8	4
	257	268	11

MAIL	58	49	-9
Totals	315	317	2

Subscription Distribution	
Paid Subscriptions - Club Delivery	255
Paid Subscriptions - Mail Delivery	25
Exchanges	19
Directors & Staff	14
Others	4
	<u>317</u>

How Many Dancers Receive the Valley Circle?	
# Dancers	726
# New Dancers	87
Subscriptions	138 to couples to 179 individuals
Total subscriptions to dancers (Couples * 2 + Individuals)	<u>455</u>
Percentage of Dancers Receiving the Valley Circle	62.67%

Up two and down nine mail-outs, It costs more to mail out than it does to print the magazine.

There are more Magazines given out to individuals than couples now, 63% of dancers get the Valley Circle. Not everything goes on line, so if you don't get your Magazine, you are missing out.

The Valley Circle has agreed to sponsoring one caller in the Caller Mentorship program, they start in January.

Blair requested that the clubs check to see that the upcoming dances that were listed on the form for the Directory in the summer is still happening, as schedules do change.

D. Webmaster **Blair Wallace**

E. Promotion **Betty Langtry**

Verbal report given.

The Promotion committee would like to let Clubs with new dancers know that we continue to pay up to \$300.00 to clubs who have spent up to \$400.00 in advertising for new members.

The Promotion committee, continue to need your help if not it may mean the end of the committee.

Flyers on back table, to be taken back to your clubs. If you could let Ken or Betty know how many from your Club will be there. Come to the meeting with your ideas.

Check on the web <http://wheresthedance.com> and see if your club is there, or changes need to be made.

F. Caller/Teacher **Heather Wallace**

The Vancouver & District Caller Teachers Association met on January 17th, 2014.

At the meeting, we selected the March Round of the Month, Letters From a Postman. It is a Phase II +1 Two-Step and you will see in on the dance and in the Valley Circle for March. Also at the meeting, John Corrigan led a Square Dance discussion on Teaching.

Also at the meeting, the Caller Teachers passed a motion to support the Promotion Committee financially with a reimbursement of up to \$200 in expenses for the February 21st Lunch Meeting.

The Mid-Term Dance was on December 27th at ASA Hall. There were over 10 squares in attendance and a great time was had by all.

The Corn Cob Caper has been moved for 2015. We are going to host the dance in the afternoon on August 30th, 2015 at ASA Hall in Abbotsford. Please mark your calendars to note this change.

We are also planning to hold another Roundaree on November 7th 2015. So, please mark your calendars for this date, hall to be announced later.

H. Driscoll Award Ron Robertson

Reminder notices Will be sent out at the end of January, the reminder notices contain all the information as well as the forms which are all so available on the website as well as the resource book the committee also prefers forms filled out electronic way that way as they can be read without having to decide what the words are in some cases also the forms can be e-mailed to me directly and not have to depend on the post

I. BC Federation Sandi Poje

- The BC Square and Round Dance Federation Executive wishes you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.
- Registrations for New Dancers for Liability insurance will be accepted until March 31, 2015
- A big thank you to Mary Cox for updating the BCS&RDF handbook. It is on the web page for your information.
- Request for funding for New Dancer classes must be in to the First Vice President, Bill Wood by March 1, 2015. The forms are in the BCS&RDF handbook on pages 17, 18 and 19.
- Nomination forms and criteria for receiving the Sillery Award are in the BCS&RDF handbook on page 20.
- The **Board of Directors meeting** will be held at **10:00 AM on Saturday March 28, 2015** at the ASA Hall in **Abbotsford**. The Abbotsford Grand Squares will host this meeting. A block of rooms have been reserved for **March 28-29, 2015** at the **Best Western Bakerview Inn**, but must be booked **before March 10**, to get our rate of **\$79.99**. Please phone Toll Free **1 877 336 6156** and use **Booking Code BCFSD** for this rate. Delegates wishing to gather **Friday** night for dinner can meet at the Cross Roads Restaurant at this Motel at **6:00 PM**.
- Dennis Sutton is the chair of the Revitalization Committee. This committee has conducted a survey of our members and is reviewing your input. We look forward to an interesting report from the Committee at the BOD meeting.
- The 19th National Convention will be held on **July 28 to 30, 2016** in **Regina, Saskatchewan**. Please register early. To date only 170 dancers are registered and only 12 from BC.
- At the White Rockers Christmas party, David McVige and I presented 7 (2 were unable to attend) 4 Score and More Badge. I also gave out 1 to Garnet O'Byrne at the Motivators Christmas party, and I still have one more to present to John Jensen at the Singles club. Please let me know if your club requires any Four Score and More Badges for dancers who are over 80 and dancing in your club.

Some upcoming Special Dates in 2015 for BC

- January 23 60th Anniversary of the Chilliwack Rhythm Reelers
- March 13 Royal Swingers 45th Anniversary
- March 28 After Meeting Dance, ASA Hall at 7:00 PM
- August 5 to 8 12th Annual Peachfest Square Dance Festival
- November 14 Town 'n' Country's 55th Anniversary

Prepared by Sandi Poje Norm Cox David McVige

- And today with my other volunteer job as club chatter person, I am happy to report that the Delta Sundancers Teen club have found a volunteer to write their club chatter, so look for their article in the March issue of the Valley Circle.

K. Canadian Society Norm Cox

Nothing to report. Cross Canada badges now available, Norm displayed his badge, and does have application forms.

20 minute break for coffee & snacks at this time.

Old Business:

a. Report from 55th Anniversary Committee Jean Galbraith

Besides the cake that you enjoyed at coffee break, there are around the meeting hall 10 posters used at the 55th celebration as decoration, depicting various parts of our association's involvement. Our committee held the 55th Anniversary celebration of the Fraser Valley Association & Valley Circle on Oct. 26. People involved in the past with the Association and Valley Circle were invited, and although the turnout was not what we expected everyone enjoyed the afternoon. It started at 12 noon with luncheon buffet food provided by Gaylene and her crew from 12:30 – 1:30 pm, after which the general meeting took place. There were congratulatory speeches from the Canadian Dancers Society, represented by Norm Cox, BC Federation, represented by Ken Crisp, V&DCTA represented by Heather Wallace, FVS&RDA President David McVige, and of course Valley Circle Editor Blair Wallace. Most heart-warming was also a speech from Svend Hansen, who led our Association to two successful National Conventions. He is the Elder Statesman of square dancing in my eyes. The hall was decorated with not only the posters you see but also large displays of various past clubs and endeavors that Norm and Mary Cox brought, and two banners depicting dance for the health of it. The tables were decked with white tablecloths and fresh flowers. A handout in the form of an invitation designed by Sandi Poje with information and history on the Association was distributed, along with souvenir pens of the occasion provided by the Coxes, and a guest book that Sandi made was up front to gather the names of all who attended. It was an enjoyable time to talk with people and hear stories of the past, and we think all who came had fun. As a reminder from Sandi, let me thank Bernice Snook, who was not present although I know her heart was. She arranged and printed all the souvenir handouts as a courtesy to the Association. She with husband John also provided Alex & I help and training when we first took on the Valley Circle, so I thank her once again.

Motion to accept all reports Jean/Erika **Passed**

- b.** Insurance cards from the Canadian Society, will not come in until the end of January .

New Business:

a. Implementing a Nominating Committee for election of Executive according to Policies & Procedures, page 29 of Resource Book

The Past President is the one who Chairs the AGM meeting, Ron Robertson will be part of that committee, and anyone else wanting to be a part of the committee let us know. All positions will be coming up for nomination at that meeting.

b. Motion by Norm Cox for BC Fed delegates attendance expense funding

Whereas a decision has to be made at the 2015 BOD meeting as to whether to continue with four (4) delegates from each Region (as in the By-Laws) or change the number of delegates from each region.

If we continue with four delegates I feel that it is very important that we have each Region represented by these four delegates in attendance. In the past I am fully aware that most regions do not compensate their delegates for expenses that they incur attending these meetings so I Norm Cox, therefore would like to introduce a motion to the effect that "the BCS&RDF would hereby reimburse delegates the cost of attending the BOD meeting up to a maximum of \$400.00 per region upon receipt of expense vouchers/receipts to the Treasurer excluding the host Region where the delegates expenses should be much lower."

There are six (6) Regions involved excluding Fraser Valley many traveling a long way to attend.

We need to decide if we want the Directors to vote YES for the motion.

Moved by Sandi to Vote yes seconded by George **Passed**

The executive passed a motion at their last meeting, that we would pay our delegate to attend the BOD meeting.

b. What is happening to the 5-year badges/plates presented to clubs?

A lot of people are wondering what happens to these 5 year badges/plates, some clubs are still searching for them, some say they are no good to pin to the banner as it makes it difficult to roll up, others have a mascot that wears the badges. It was suggested, that if Clubs don't have a Mascot, they could make one, or else a special display for them. The other option is to go back to a cloth badge. Let the Directors know what the clubs want.

Good & Welfare

Marguerite Jordan is not moving around well, & Chuck had surgery and is now Cancer free.

If anyone wants to see a review of the Grey cup parade, & our banner and wagon that was there, go to youtube.com and look up "greycup parade 2014 part 2" to see the video.

Order of the Day

Feb. 15 -Town & Country Swingers Heart Dance. Wheeling Eights Valentine Party-Feb. 12, St Patrick's Party March 12, & Easter Party April 2 all at the Chuck Bailey Rec. Centre

Penguin Promenade Dance (wear black & white) Jan 22nd 7:30 pm ASAA Hall Abbotsford

Easter Party 2nd April (similar to New Years Party which went over well) put on 18th April at 7:30 pm Aldergrove Hall

Rhythm Reelers 60th Birthday Dance 23rd January in Chilliwack. (see pg 2 Valley Circle)

See back table for flyers or on the Web. For more information.

Next Meeting- March 22nd 2015 same place same time

Norm moved we adjourn the meeting at 3:20 pm