



FRASER VALLEY SQUARE & ROUND DANCE ASSOCIATION

Minutes for the FVS&RD General Meeting

Sunday March 22, 2015 at 1:30 PM
Centennial Lodge, Queen's Park, New Westminster, B.C

Welcome- David McVige who called a moment of silence for those who have passed on.

Attendance: Eleven Clubs present for a quorum.

Absent: - Delta Sundancers, Guys & Gals, Quicksteppers, Rhythm B's, Stardowners, Westburn Wranglers, Wheeling 8's, & White Rockers, Diamond Country Dancers.

Approval/additions to the Agenda None

Moved by Norm to accept Agenda as printed/Erika **passed**.

Acceptance of minutes of previous meeting Jan.18/15

One correction by Mary that the figure of 22 under Mission Grand Squares, in the Comparison Number of Dancers in each club Pg 3 should be under Guys n' Gals. Pg 8 under good and welfare, should be 'now' moving around well (not 'not')

Norm Moved to accept minutes /Darleen **passed**

Correspondence All Flyers received by Sylvia, were printed up and placed on the table at the back of hall.

REPORTS

A. Treasurer

Mary Cox

Mary moves adoption of her report, seconded by Sandi **passed**

Mary presented a bill of \$67.24 for photocopying and postage, and moves we pay her expenses seconded by Phyllis **passed**.

Registration Figures Report:

We now have 816 Dancers Registered.

Of that number 57 are Teens and 10 are Wheel chair Bound Dancers.

B. Vice President

Betty Langtry

It has been a busy time with Special Dances and celebrating club anniversaries, including Chilliwack's 60th and Royal Swinger's 45th. One of our dancers, Sandy Kidd started dancing as a teen in Chilliwack

60 yr ago. There was a sea of black & white in Abbotsford for the Penguin Parade. The benefit dances have started with the Heart and Stroke Foundation and the Zodiac ranch dances. It is hard to pick and chose, as there are quite a few.

It was nice to see so many clubs represented at the “Lets Do Lunch “ meeting. Hopefully the meeting was a help.

C. Valley Circle

Blair Wallace

The April/May Issue of the Valley Circle is complete. Should be 52 pages.
Another month, with nearly \$1,000 in advertising.

I had two lines available for the Scroll of Honor list – to be amended after the Gala, which was done last night and it will go to press tomorrow morning.

Thickest issue March and October always thin.

We refunded the \$12 subscription to John & Ginny Connolly – John has continued as the “acting” Flashback Editor.

Two applications for the Caller/Cuer Apprenticeship Program – 1 approved (Mike Rhodes – CRR) – 1 declined.

One payment (2 x \$200 = \$400) made to CRR on receipt of the progress reports.

It is Important, that the Club Chatter people in the Clubs, and the Ad people, talk together before they send in their information Please. Club chatter sent to Sandi, and Ads go to Frank. They must co-inside, as it is a real challenge to get this information corrected.

D. Webmaster

Blair Wallace

I want updates – have a look around the site and let me know what needs changed or is missing.

There is information missing – for example the FVS&RDA forms for new dancer funding – now are on the front page. BC Fed forms were on the wrong page- also now on the front page.

Send me details of anything that needs to be added or fixed. This is particularly true for the Promotion pages.

Question by Norm, did we charge for the Ad in the Valley Circle from Ottawa, Answer yes and bill was paid, but no Ad in the Valley Circle for Regina as they have not requested one.

While John Connolly is continuing as Flash Back Editor, he is actively looking for a replacement.

Free copies of Valley Circle for 6 months is still being offered to new Dancers, conditions: one, they finish the beginner program and two, that they join your club. Some of the Clubs kick in extra 6 months, and would be nice to get in a Registration for the Valley Circle. So the Club could ask the dancers for the additional \$6.00.

Blair just needs the names of the Graduates from the Beginner programs.

E. Promotion

Betty Langtry

The Promotion Committee held a successful “Lets Do Lunch” meeting Feb 21. The 54 people attending represented most of the clubs. Ideas were exchanged as to what has been successful and what hasn't.

We had four people sign up to join the committee but there is always room for more as some of us could use some time off.

We are trying to join the electronic world with advertising our hobby. As a result of this a member of the committee will be contacting each club to see if your club had a website or if she can help you in this.

The New Dancer's Jamboree will be held April 25. This dance is for all dancers. We encourage all dancers to attend and support the new dancers.

Promo committee will now have the Square Dance Badges that you have seen the Abbotsford Club wearing and are available for your New Dancer Graduation.

If anyone wants any, David has been asked to Monitor the distribution of the buttons by the Promotion committee, they are meant for promotion, so for anyone willing to wear one contact David. David will present the New Dancers with their buttons if he is phoned ahead of time. There is no charge for the button.

F. Caller/Teacher

Heather Wallace

The Vancouver & District Caller Teachers Association met on March 21st, 2015.

At the meeting, we selected the September Fall Classic Round of the Month, the Fireman Two-Step. Many of you will be familiar with this dance already and you will see it on the dance floor and in the Valley Circle in September 2015.

Also at the Meeting, Chuck Jordan did a fascinating demonstration on several special types of Squares:

- Progressive (Lines moving from square to square)
- Exploding (Couple moving from square to square)
- Tandem (Square within a square)
- Hexagon (6 Couple Square)

We had a great many dancer Angels that came out to this demonstration. Many dancers from most clubs came out to support the caller demo including Abbotsford Grand Squares, Chilliwack Rhythm Reelers, Swinging Singles, and many others volunteers. We really appreciate everyone who came out to help us callers learn a few new tricks. You will see these exciting squares around the Region 2!

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. Also, please mark your calendars for this date. There will be no Squares this year, Rounds 2-4 during the dance, from 7:30-9:30 pm

Thank you everyone!

G. Scroll of Honour

Barbara Tryssenaar

Read by David in Barb's absence.

The Scroll of Honor was presented last night at the Gala to both a dancer couple and a caller couple.

It is with pleasure that I advise you of four most deserving people.

The dancer award went to John & Ginny Connolly and the caller award to Bill & Viviane Knowles. We congratulate both of these couples and thank them for their work for our recreation. Square dancing is the better for their efforts. Thank you all.

Respectfully submitted:

Barbara & Guy Tryssenaar Scroll of Honour chair couple

H. Driscoll Award

Ron Robertson

REMINDER NOTICES HAVE BEEN SENT OUT nothing has been received but then we don't expect anything till May and usually just before the deadline.

Usually have it first part of June, and again probably have it at the Singles Burnaby Lake, as a Teens Night.

I. BC Federation

Sandi Poje

- 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
- Check out the BC Federation website for Reports and Motions from each Region for this upcoming BC Federation meeting.
- The **"After Meeting Dance"** will start at **7:00 PM** with Pre Rounds by Heather Wallace, followed by Mainstream dancing with Plus Tips at **7:30 PM**. Please pick up the flyers on the back table
- April 25th is the New Dancer Jamboree in Maple Ridge
- The Teen Festival takes place in Langley on May 2
- The 19th National Convention will be held on **July 28 to 30, 2016** in **Regina, Saskatchewan**. Please register early. To date only 180 registered dancers with 14 dancers from BC.

Some upcoming Special Dates in 2015 in BC

- Check out your Valley Circle for upcoming Events here in the Lower Mainland
- March 28 After Meeting Dance, ASA Hall at 7:00 PM
- May 22 to 24 57th Williams Lake Jamboree
- June 5 to 7 Spring Jamboree - Prince George
- June 5 to 7 Rally in the Valley - Chilliwack
- June 19 to 21 Chase the Fun Weekend - Chase, BC
- August 5 to 8 12th Annual Peachfest Square Dance Festival
- November Town 'n' Country's 55th Anniversary

Prepared by Sandi Poje

Norm Cox

David McVige

J. Gala

Barbara Tryssenaar

The 12th annual classic Gala took place last night at Kennedy Hall. Approximately 15 plus squares danced merrily to Steve Noseck and Anita Adams. Unfortunately, I (Barbara) wasn't one of them as I am under the weather.

The Gala committee did a super job of selling tickets and taking care of other duties.

Door prizes were 6 boxes of chocolates from Charlie's Chocolate Factory. Money draw was handled by Ron Watson; kitchen by June Fitchett & Al Gibbs; decorations by Alex & Jean Galbraith; tickets & Valley Circle ads were done by Sandi Poje; David McVige greeted dancers as they arrived and Norm Cox MC'd. Many thanks to everyone and a special thanks to Norm, for filling in at the last minute. But he does it so well, doesn't he !!!!

I am sure that everyone had an exceptionally good time as Steve & Anita are not only talented but lots of fun.

That is all that I can report but perhaps Norm or Mary Cox can add to my comments.

Respectfully submitted.

Barbara & Guy Tryssenaar

Jean added a special thanks to Anita for her Cuing of the Rounds & music chosen appropriately with the nautical theme.

Please note that as we are off of the FVS&RDA executive in the summer, we Barb & Guy, will no longer chair this dance. It has been fun and we have enjoyed it but time for someone else to take over.

K. Canadian Society

Norm Cox

No Report as the CSRDS is having a Conference Call meeting today March 22/15.

Break for lunch between 2:35 & 3:00 pm

Thanks to Heather for donating her sound equipment, and to Mary for being the Treasurer & taking care of finances.

Old Business:

a. Thanks to Gaylene and helpers for a great lunch, Warner was not able to be here to help as he is under the weather.

New Business:

a. Funding for New Dancers

Mary

Four applications received. Three of them dealt with at the Executive meeting, and made recommendation to this committee regarding them.

1, Swinging Singles, have ten new dancers they get two free nights, and free Grad night, with a projected revenue of income of \$1,908.00 and projected expenses of \$1,625.07 leaving a profit of \$283.00. They have Mainstream on same night of their

beginner's class, they got money in 2013, & 2014 for squares & Rounds, 2012, 2011, & 2010 for squares.

2, Westburn Wrangles have ten new dancers, Income of \$400.00 plus money from the Gaming commission & Benefit dance of \$6,730.00 for a total of \$7,130.00 with an expense of \$2,600.00 as they don't pay for their hall, just the caller. Leaving a profit of \$4,530.00 However, this pays for the Teen Festival, & helping out for clothes as they donate 50% of the cost and never turn anyone away who can't pay, so really don't show a profit, in fact scrape the barrel.

3, Surrey Square Wheelers 7 new dancers they have a 28 night class, with an income of \$1,299.00 projected expenses of \$3,696.00 leaving a loss of \$2,397.00 They do also have revenue from Mainstream dance, meeting on the same night. They haven't applied for the last several years for a new dancer Grant, they have a one-time funding for their publicity of \$500.00 last year.

These we discussed at the Executive meeting and the Executive recommends we accept their applications and they each receive a \$250.00 grant, which will come from the DeSmit fund.

Since then we have received one more application, which came from the Chilliwack Rhythm Wheels they have twelve new dancers. They have an income of \$864.00 expense of \$2,040.00 with a loss of \$1,706.00, which they say they can absorb the loss.

Motion by Norm to accept the applications and give them funds of \$250.00 each seconded by George

Discussion followed.

Deadline is March 31st and if we approve the present four applications we would be spending \$1,000.00. **passed**

b. Change of 5 year badges, new 60 yr dancer badge

Betty, Clubs did not like the plates given out so we are going to now give out badges. We are also working on 60 yr dangles or pins, not yet settled on what that will be. Dangles are not that expensive but pins are, so we are working on that.

c. Nominating Committee Report

Ron, Ron hasn't heard from Barbara, Dave heard we are looking for two new Directors so if we know of anyone who would qualify for Directors position, let Dave know before May 10th 2015 which will be our AGM

Job Description Section 2 of the resource book Directors.

Good and Welfare

Order of the Day

Surrey Square Wheelers having their happiness dance April 11th it is their main fundraiser, so would ask for as much support as possible.

Stardowners Trifle dance is on April 30th it will be a Plus dance, tickets \$8.00 each and their will be a singles board.

Also their A1 teach runs from May 7th – June 25th so invite your Plus dancers who are interested in learning A1 to attend, Ray will be calling.

Wheeling 8s are having a pot luck supper April 18th at the Aldergrove OAP Hall with Tyler Wagner calling, it will be a Square dance & Social dance \$15.00 a couple.

April 24th, Chilliwack Baron of Beef Tickets \$35.00/couple also Rally in the Valley, Swinging 60s Brent Maudsley with Anita Adams cuing. Cheep tickets up until April

15th then they will go up by \$10.00.

For more information go to your Valley Circle. Sorry for any I missed.

MS fund raiser after Happiness dance Sunday April 12th. 7:00 – 9:30. Kennedy Hall
Swinging singles, 22nd April will be their English tea dance. 7:30 start.

Next Meeting- AGM & ELECTIONS May 10/2015, 1:00PM, Centennial Lodge
Phyllis moved we Adjourn at 3:28 pm