



FRASER VALLEY SQUARE & ROUND DANCE ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the Fraser Valley Square & RD Association General Meeting
May 8, 2016

Location Queens Park, New Westminster Time 1:00 Pm

Meeting brought to order at 01:15 pm with

Welcome from President Betty Langtry

We are coming to the end of another year of dancing. Each year we comment on how fast the year went. The BC Federation BOD meeting was held in Abbotsford again this year. We were unable to attend the meeting this year. It was a shame more dancers didn't show up for the evening dance.

There are many potluck dinners and several graduation dances coming up in the next week. Now the real test will be to see how many return in the fall. If not, why?

There are going to be some changes in the executive this year. I know we will miss them but welcome new faces. Several members of the executive members have been in the hospital but hopefully will be feeling better soon.

Hopefully you are registered for the Canadian National Festival July 28, 29 & 30 in Regina. They really need our support. The small number of dancers in Saskatchewan is working hard to organize this event. We are aiming for 100 BC dancers to register. See you there.

Attendance

Abbotsford Grand Squares, Swinging Hubs, Century House, Chuckwagon 8's, Quicksteppers, Rhythm B's, Royal Swingers, Squares across the Border, Swinging Singles, Town N Country Swingers.

10 Representatives at this time, needed 11 for quorum, Additional representatives arrived during the course of the meeting, making up the extra needed.

Chilliwack Rhythm Reelers, Stardowners, Surrey Square Wheelers, **a total of 13 Club Representatives**

Absent

Delta Sundancers, Diamond Country Dancers, Guys & Gals, Motiv8ors, Wesburn Wranglers, Wheeling 8's, White Rockers, Chilliwack Barn Dance Club

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Sandi noted she was giving the financial report on behalf of Mary she is not the treasurer.

Correction to the spelling of Sandi's name should be Poje, not Poji.

Moved to accept as corrected by Bev Rogers Seconded by Lucille Lysne. **Passed**

Correspondence

Message received from Marv & Iris Wooley Chilliwack Rhythm Reelers, advising of maximum capacity having been reached for the Rally in the Valley registrations this year. Regrets that they cannot accept any further registrations. This was included with the Agenda sent out to the Club Reps.

Betty received a message from Squares across the Border

“Just a quick thank you for the very much appreciated new dancers grant. Even though our new class was small, we all had great fun and our new dancers are a very special addition to our club.

Thank you from all of us in Squares Across the Border.

Sincerely, Carol”

Approval of the minutes of the last meeting March 13, 2016, Moved to accept the minutes by Otto Baudais seconded by Kris Christensen Passed

REPORTS

A. Treasurer

Read by Sandi Poje on behalf of Mary Cox

Sandi moves the Treasurer’s report be accepted as read, seconded by Fred Garbett **Passed**

Total Registered Dancers for 2016 is 815 plus 1 caller with 21 Clubs

Total Registered Dancers for 2015 was 817 plus 1 Caller with 20 clubs.

2 Applications have been received for New Dancer Class Grants – one for S.A.T.B. and one from Surrey Square Wheelers. These 2 Applications were dealt with at the Executive meeting and the Executive voted to give each club \$250.00 and those cheques have been written.

We did receive Thank You’s from Swinging Singles and Chilliwack Rhythm Reelers for the \$250 New Dancer Class Grant, which these clubs received.

B.C. Registry Fee for the F.V. Assoc. and Executive (\$40.00) will be paid after this meeting and the A.G.M minutes will also be e-mailed to the B.C. Registry Office.

I wish to express my sincere Thanks and appreciation to the F.V.S. & R.D.A. and Executive for the Harrison Hot Springs Gift Certificate I was given at the Executive Meeting as a Thank You for my time as Treasurer of the F.V.S. & R.D.A. This is greatly appreciated and will be enjoyed. I have enjoyed my time being on the F.V. Executive and doing the Treasurers job.

Budget handed out at this time. Opportunity for Discussion/questions followed.

Motion to accept the proposed budget made by Sandi Poje seconded by Don Allan **Passed**

B. Vice President

Jean Galbraith

Thanks to all of you who are attending today, with the fact that it is Mother’s Day. We appreciate your participation. I’d like to acknowledge those clubs that have had representatives attending for every one of the past three meetings of 2015-2016. They are – Abbotsford Swinging Hubs, Century House Squares, Chuckwagon 8’s, Motiv8ors, Royal Swingers, Squares Across The Border, Surrey Square Wheelers, Swinging Singles, Town ‘N Country Swingers, and White Rockers. Thank you for your presence. Recently on April 25, Century House Squares celebrated their 35th anniversary, and our Fraser Valley Square & Round Dance Association was among the organizations presenting them with honours. We presented a banner crest and guest book for the occasion. Also, Director Ron Robertson headed the presentation of 25-year dancer dangles to Mas Nebata and Joan Campbell, and a 60-year dancer pin to Harry Campbell. Congratulations to them.

C. Valley Circle, Webmaster

Blair Wallace

We have a new Flashback Editor, but need to wait to find out who it is in the Summer Issue of the Valley Circle, which is being worked on now. Their first article will be in the Summer Issue.

Website gets 1200 hits a month, the calendar page is getting more hits than the memorial page. This means that people are looking at dances & scheduling of their own dances.

The Directory is a very important piece of information; it goes into the Calendar on line & Annual dance registry. It’s really important that this information goes in so that other Clubs know when their dances are happening.

Copies of forms for the Directory will be handed out. Deadline – August 1, 2016.

Teen festival was a great success, this year they had for the first time, Professional sound equipment, and stage. Kids seem to have a great time. Everything booked for next year, same place same time, First full weekend in May.

Big thank you goes out to Heather who stepped up at a moments notice to take over as the Main Hall MC when Michelle called in sick.

D. Promotion

Betty Langtry

The ND Jamboree was held April 30 at Ridge Meadows Community Centre. There weren't as many new dancers present as we had hoped but we had 11 squares dancing and those present seemed to enjoy themselves. ND Jamboree 2017 will be held at the same location April 29, 2017. PLEASE mark this on your calendar.

We have had one request for assistance for advertising expenses.

2018-2023 calendar planning is underway.

Square-dance Awareness Week will probably be September 18-24. The committee is welcoming ideas for the best way to celebrate.

A gift card and thank you letter has been sent to Bob & Lauretta for their help over the years during Othello Tunnels weekends, and storage of the train. We are hoping a club will have an event that could use this train.

E. Driscoll Awards

Ron Robertson

Ron not present today, but his report to the Executive suggested that, as the Teen Clubs have been busy with their festival, they would be sent a reminder at a later date.

F. BC Federation

Sandi Poje

- Norm Cox and I (voting delegates of the FVS&RDA) as well as Heather Wallace and Lyle O'Hara (voting delegates of the V&DCTA) attended the BC Federation Board of Directors meeting on **April 2, 2016**. Also attending the meeting were 9 non-voting dancers from Region 2. Thanks to Heather Wallace for MC'ing the "**After Meeting**" dance, and thanks to the callers, cuers and dancers from all over BC for participating.
- A motion was made to have a **5 Score and more Badge** created as well as a **4 Score Plus 10 Badge** created and made available to those who reach that milestone and are still active in square dancing. These 2 motions were carried
- Revitalization Report recommended that an Honorarium of \$1500.00 be given to the Website and Brochure/Rack Card Designer, Tammi Hall. It was also suggested she could reference her company on the website.
- Treasurers Report was accepted as presented.

Old Business:

- Webmaster Frank McNeil was appointed for a one-year term. Frank appreciates any updates, corrections and assistance he receives as this is a huge website, and all feedback is welcome.
- Brian Elmer made a presentation of the results of Survey of New Dancers. The results are on the BC Federation Website "squaredance.bc.ca" under Promotional Tools, then New Dancer survey. The survey is 10 pages long and in the PDF format.
- It was suggested the Revitalization Committee be extended for a period of one year to allow Dennis Sutton to continue the work of the Committee, and to add investigation into the upcoming Provincial Society Act.
- Beth McGifford asked that all significant anniversaries, (25, 30, 35 year etc) for clubs, callers, & cuer – be passed on to her for recognition by the Canadian Society. Beth was reappointed as the Canadian Society Director.
- The squaredance.bc.ca domain to be renewed for ten years, if possible.

New Business:

- **Review of West Coast Program** – Garry Dodds (caller) offered his opinion that as a Teaching Order or a Teaching Tool, it is very effective; however, as a Destination Program, we would be doing the new dancers a disservice as there will be no place outside of British Columbia for them to dance. Heather added that having two annual intakes was helpful. Pat Zeeman added that their club continues the first session until mid-January, and has the new dancers prepay so that they have a financial incentive to continue attending after the Christmas break. Connie Ritchie said that from the perspective of the dancer, they attend a West Coast Dance without knowing what moves they are not dancing
 - **Festival 2017:** David McVige spoke on the Festival to be held at the Cloverdale Rodeo Grounds on **July 6, 7 and 8th**. Registration Forms are available online
 - **Corporate Sponsorships:** – Dennis Sutton reported that what he has learned is not very encouraging.
 - **Brochures and Rack Cards:** The initial order was for 2500, of which 1900 are already gone, so another 2500 were ordered and they were available at meeting. They will also be available at the AGM.
 - **Nominations for Elections at AGM:** Norm Cox is the Nomination Chairman, and asked if anyone was interested in standing for office.
 - The **AGM** will be held in **Penticton, Friday, August 5, 2016 at 9:30 am**. The **AGM** in **2017** will be held at the **Festival in Cloverdale**.
 - The next Board of Directors Meeting will be held on **Saturday, April 1, 2017** in Abbotsford, BC.
- Clubs, Caller/Cuer, Special Anniversaries and Events:**
- May 6 and 7, 2016 was the **“Teen Festival”** at the Langley Secondary School
 - May 14, 2016 60th Birthday celebration of the Country Cousins in Victoria
 - May 27 to 29, 2016 58th Mainstream Jamboree in Williams Lake
 - June 3, 4, and 5, 2016 Spring Fling Jamboree in Prince George and also Rally in the Valley
 - June 17 to June 19 Chase the Fun
 - July 27 to 30 Festival 2016 in Regina Saskatchewan
 - August 3 to 6, 2016 is the Annual Peachfest Square Dance Festival in Penticton, BC

Prepared by: Sandi Poje and Norm Cox

FVS&RDA Delegates to the BCS&RDF

G. Gala

Read by Sylvia French on behalf of Norm Cox

The 2017 Gala Dance is booked for February 11, 2017 at Confederation Senior Centre, North Burnaby.

Theme will be - ``Sweet Heart Dance``.

Cost - \$15.00 per person

Level of Dancing – Plus

Pre Rounds 7.00pm followed by Square Dancing at 7.30pm

Cuer – Ellen Robertson

Caller – Don Moger from Montreal, Quebec.

Caller, Cuer and Hall have been secured.

We are looking for some NEW VOLUNTEERS to be part of this EXCITING, FREE committee. Please reply to Dave Hammer – 604-501-0563 or Norm Cox – 604-584-5506

Submitted by Norm Cox

Co-Chair of Gala Committee.

H, Canadian Society

Norm Cox

Nothing to report.

I. Caller /Teacher Association

Ken Crisp

The next meeting of the V&DCTA will be our Annual General Meeting to be held at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday September 17, 2016 at the White Spot Restaurant, 264th and Fraser Highway, Aldergrove, B.C. The change of location is due to our normal hall not being available at that time.

We will be holding the Corn Cob Caper again this year at the ASAA hall, 33889 Essendene Avenue, Abbotsford, B.C. The dance will be held in the afternoon on August 28, 2016 and will wrap up a summer of super Sunday dances as well as kicking off the new season of dancing. Please come and enjoy a feed of fresh Fraser Valley corn and an afternoon of great calling and cueing by V&DCTA members.

The mid-term Prom will be held on the afternoon of Tuesday, December 27, 2016 (subject to hall availability and confirmation)

The caller-teachers association is willing to run a program to train and introduce new talent to square dance calling. If you or someone you know is interested please ask an executive member for details.

Ken Crisp, for Lyle O'Hara, President, V&DCTA
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J. B.C. Festival 2017

Dave McVige

- To date, there has been 40 dancers registered (including Committee members)

- Effective July 6/16, payment for registration by Visa and M/C will be available Online.

Update from Jean Galbraith- Promotion Committee- So far we have sent a link to our website, with registration forms, poster, and other material, to BC regions, Alberta (Edmonton and Calgary), Saskatchewan, Washington State, Oregon, California, Arizona, and Japan.

We have placed the Festival Poster on the "where's the Dance" Flyer Central Location.

We have mailed poster material and hard copy registrations to Calgary, and volunteers have taken them to Sunshine Coast, and will do to Chase and Circle 8 Ranch. I expect to have some forms at Rally in The Valley, Penticton, and Regina for the National, and hope for Volunteers to take them. As well, each Fraser Valley Club has received a Poster and 4 registration forms. and a small Presentation was made at the Gala in February.

We are emphasizing using the Website to download registration material and posters.

The Festival has a Prize draw in play for September, where the first 50 registrants (not including Committee) are in line for a chance to win a FREE registration to the Festival. This has been advertised in all BC publications/newsletters, as well as the Washington State magazine.

Today, we have more posters and registration forms for those clubs that want more material, 1 poster and 4 registration forms for each.

Please see Jean Galbraith after the meeting if you wish to take them.

The ad and registration form, will be in the summer addition of the Valley Circle.

K. Scroll of Honor

Barb Tryssenaar

Not present.

Discussion of Reports Motion to accept reports Otto Baudais seconded by Lucille Lysne **Passed**

Lunch Break at this time 1:55 – 2:15 pm

Motion by Ernie Ferguson to accept the minutes of the last AGM of the Fraser Valley May 10th 2015 seconded by Janet Purser **Passed**

Old Business none

New Business

A. New Dancer Grants Paid out \$250.00 each to S.A.T.B. & Surrey Square Wheelers as per Mary's Treasurer's Report.

B. Resignations

Mary Cox as Treasurer

Roger & Janet Purser Directors

Gaylene Ward, & Werner Pettrisch, Social Conveners.

C. Election/ appointments

Elections conducted by David McVige

Position of Treasurer, one nomination Don Allan will stand.

No further nominations after three requests. **Don Allan is new FVS&RDA Treasurer by acclimation.**

Appointment of Directors as approved by Fraser Valley Executive, Gloria & Ernie Ferguson

Appointment of Social Convener by the Fraser Valley, Eva Matheson who comes highly recommended

Thank you cards given to Gaylene, Werner, Roger & Janet for their time & devotion to the Fraser Valley over the past years of service.

Motion to accept appointments Lucille Lysne, seconded by Gloria Ferguson. **Passed**

Good & Welfare

Pippa Price was not present today as she had a bad fall and has broken her ® hand & knee.

Bill Knowles is on Oxygen 24 hrs but still managed to get out to the Teen Festival Saturday.

Order of the Day See Valley Circle for all upcoming events, July 1st Dance in Maple Ridge,
Ice Cream Social June 11th at Bonsor Rec. Centre.

Motion to adjourn

Next meeting Sept 25 1:00 pm to be confirmed.
(The meeting place can only be booked 3mths ahead)