



## FRASER VALLEY SQUARE & ROUND DANCE ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the General Meeting March 8, 2020  
Centennial Lodge, Queens Park, New Westminster

Meeting brought to order at 1:15 PM

### Welcome – Jean Galbraith

Welcome to you all and it's great to have you here. Please sign the get well and sympathy cards at the back, and make sure to get a copy of the Treasurer Report. If you need an agenda, we have a few at the front here. Remember that the meeting is recorded, so try to get in the habit of giving your name and your club's name in any questions, voting, discussion, etc. We are especially pleased to have Ken Crisp and Brent Mawdsley here. They will be reporting on a few topics during the meeting. Our banner is not here today. Did you miss it? The Vice-President usually brings the banner, but Barb & Guy Tryssenaar couldn't be here today, for reasons we'll get to later under "Good & Welfare". And now let's start the meeting.

### Attendance:

**Century House Squares** (Jim Brown), **Guys & Gals** (Darlene Austin), **Royal Swingers** (Nancy and Peter Slinn), **Stardowners** (Mary deCario), **Surrey Square Wheelers** (Donna Lonneberg), **Swinging Hubs** (Norm Cox), **Swinging Singles** (Ron Fleck, Pat Gerbrandt), **Town 'n' Country Dancers** (Greg Dahlgren), **White Rockers** (Diane O'Hara), Don Allan, Nelson Baranow & Eva Matheson, Ken and Sally Crisp, Alex and Jean Galbraith, June Fitchett & Al Gibbs, Dave Hammer, Sylvia French, Betty Langtry, Brent Mawdsley, David McVige, Sandi Poje, Ron Robertson, Blair Wallace, Dianne Wilson, Maureen Wilson

### Absent:

**Abbotsford Grand Squares**, **Brent's Bunch**, **Chilliwack Rhythm Reelers**, **Chuckwagon 8's**, **Delta Sundancers**, **Diamond Country Dancers**, **Motiv8ors**, **Quicksteppers**, **Rhythm B's**, **Squares Across the Border**, **TW Twirlers**, **Valley Promenaders**, **Wesburn Wranglers**, **Wheeling 8's**, John Corrigan, Barb and Guy Tryssenaar

With attendance taken, it was noted that a **quorum** was established.

***Motion to approve agenda as presented -- M/S - Ron Robertson/Betty Langtry -- CARRIED***

**Correspondence** -- none

***Motion to approve minutes of Dec. 1, 2019 general meeting as revised -- M/S -Diane O'Hara/Donna Lonneberg -- CARRIED***

### REPORTS –

- a) **Treasurer's Report** – Don Allan (financials attached separately)
- Don has not yet received the new insurance cards

***Motion to accept Treasurer's report as circulated -- M/S - Don Allan/Ron Robertson -- CARRIED***

**b. Vice President's Report – Barb Trysenaar absent (Report read by Jean Galbraith)**

Our apologies for our absence. Guy has been in the hospital for several days with a heart-related fall. He broke his nose and his dentures. They have tweaked his heart medication, and hopefully, he will come home today. We have attended a couple of special dances: Chilliwack's 65<sup>th</sup> anniversary in January where on behalf of the Fraser Valley, we presented them with a 65 year crest. About ten squares enjoyed the calling with Brent Mawdsley. The Zajac Ranch charity dance took place on Sunday. Heather Reynolds called and cued the whole dance, in spite of being eight months pregnant, and was her usual great self! There were five squares on the floor. I don't know how much money they raised. Perhaps David McVige could provide the dollar amount. Dianne Wilson has kindly volunteered to take up the director's job. We would ask that the directors ensure that their clubs realize they must inform the Fraser Valley, BC Fed, Callers' Association and Canadian Society of special anniversaries. It would be appreciated if this could be done in a timely manner, as there are crests, certificates and schedules to arrange. Thank you, directors.

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

Valley Circle Report

- January done & out
- February done & out
- March done & out

CLUB NAME	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
ABBOTSFORD GRAND SQUARES	33	27	39	35	30	40	31
ABBOTSFORD SWINGING HUBS	17	20	19	17	15	15	18
BRENT'S BUNCH				9	9		8
CENTURY HOUSE	13	13	14	11	9	7	8
CHILLIWACK RHYTHM REELERS	16	18	30	25	17	13	11
CHUCKWAGON 8'S "A" LEVEL	16	18	18	9	15	13	12
CHUCKWAGON 8'S "PLUS" LEVEL	8	14	9				
DELTA SUNDANCERS	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
GUYS N GALS	7	6	8	5	8	7	2
MOTIV8ORS	5	8	6	5	5	4	2
RHYTHM B'S	10	7	8	4	4	6	6
ROYAL SWINGERS	18	19	14	14	14	12	11
SQUARES ACROSS THE BORDER	1	7	0	0	0	0	0
STARDOWNERS	18	15	17	17	16	19	17
SURREY SQUARE WHEELERS	33	42	41	39	42	48	43
SWINGING SINGLES	37	33	35	34	29	24	15
TOWN & COUNTRY DANCERS	17	14	13	11	13	9	7
WEAVERS	2	0					
WESBURN					2	0	0
WHEELING 8S	2	2	6	2	3	3	5
WHITE ROCKERS	4	7	8	13	8	8	12
TOTAL CLUB DELIVERY	257	271	285	250	239	228	208
TOTAL MAIL	58	51	40	39	44	41	41
TOTALS	315	322	325	289	283	269	249

Webmaster

- Site updated
- We try to keep the site up-to-date – Please use the conflict checker to avoid dance/meeting conflicts.

Blair noted that there has been a fall-off in advertising, but picked up in March. If you are dark on a night, send Blair an e-mail and he will put it on the website calendar.

d. **Promotion Committee Report to the FVSRDA General Meeting – March 8, 2020**

By Brent Mawdsley, Promotion Committee Chair, & Greg Dahlgren, Promotion Committee Member and Town & Country Dancers Secretary

**Proposal to Promote Square Dancing Year-Round and Recruit for Specific New Dancer Classes in the FVSRDA Area through Facebook Groups**

**Introduction**

**Promotion** is intended to let the public know why they should square dance, build their desire to participate, and let them know that square dancing is active and available in their area. To be effective, we feel this needs to happen regularly, year-round.

**Recruitment** is intended to invite people to attend a specific new dancer class by letting them know when, where, and how they can do that. This needs to happen frequently from about a month or more before the class starts until the class stops accepting new people.

Facebook is the world's most popular social media network and has been available in Canada for about 15 years. In 2019, about 32% of the world population and 64% of the Canadian population were actively using Facebook.<sup>1</sup> In Canada, Facebook is used by about 79% of 55-75 year olds, 83% of 40-54 years olds, and 88% of 25-39 years olds.<sup>2</sup> Therefore, Facebook (FB) has become an important way for companies and non-profit organizations to reach specific segments of the population with their promotions, advertising or message.

There are two ways of reaching FB users that we are not yet FB "friends" with: **paid advertising** and **free postings to Facebook Groups**. Since posting to FB Groups is already being used successfully by at least one local club and has low financial risk, the Promotion Committee has decided to focus on an initiative to expand the use and effectiveness of this method. Limited paid Facebook advertising is currently being provided by the BC Square & Round Dance Federation (BCSRDF) to all clubs in BC, including those in the FVSRDA. However, paid FB advertising is more expensive, does not have enough funding to reach all the potential market, and some limitations in reaching our target market. Therefore, the Promotion Committee will research the effectiveness of paid FB advertising to date across BC and consider further

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.statista.com/statistics/282364/number-of-facebook-users-in-canada/>

<sup>2</sup> <https://canadiansinternet.com/2019-report-social-media-use-canada/>

recommendations on the continued use of paid FB advertising in the Fraser Valley to the FVSRDA and BCSRDF.

### **Facebook Groups**

Facebook Groups are set up by Facebook (FB) users to have a way to interact within FB about a similar interest such as your local community or a hobby. FB users can search for groups that interest them, see how many people belong to each Group, join the Group (some Groups review and restrict membership, and some do not), and then send and receive related information through “posting” to the Group. These posts show up in the FB user’s “News Feed” of information. Posting is free, but finding the Groups to post to, posting promotional information on square dancing to each Group on a regular basis, and posting new dancer class details for recruitment to each Group takes the knowledge to do this, time, and discipline.

This approach is being used by the Town ‘N’ Country Dancers in Maple Ridge. A club volunteer posted their recruiting information to over 20 FB Groups and their campaigns resulted in 23 calls from interested people in Sept 2019 and 28 calls in Jan 2020.

The Circles and Squares club in Montreal and the Olympia Area Square Dance group also report this strategy to be an effective way of creating awareness of their club and recruiting new dancers.

### **Proposal**

Due to the recruiting success individual clubs have had using FB Groups so far, the Promotion Committee believes all clubs in the FVSRDA could benefit from this tactic for promotion and recruitment. However, not all clubs have a volunteer with the knowledge, time, and discipline to carry this out.

Therefore, we propose to hire a part-time student that could work on this year-round that we would train to carry out these tasks and pay them approximately \$25 / hour (final wage to be determined based on the going rate for this type of work and the skills of the employee hired).

To provide general promotion of square dancing throughout the FVSRDA area, and recruiting for FVSRDA clubs with new dancer classes, we estimate that it would take one person an average of 20 hours per month year-round. The amount of time required will vary according to the level of activity needed. We expect more hours will be required in the first couple of months to set up the process and find applicable FB Groups and

during the usual recruiting periods of Aug – Sept and Dec – Jan. Fewer hours should be needed the rest of the year to maintain regular postings about square dancing.

The ongoing cost for this program is estimated to average a maximum of about \$500 / month or \$6,000 / year.

Greg Dahlgren has relevant experience with this and has volunteered to hire and supervise the part-time paid person and manage this project for at least two years.

The Promotion Committee, with assistance from FVSRDA clubs, will be responsible for generating general information about square dancing to post on a regular basis.

Participating FVSRDA square dance clubs will be responsible for providing all details and promotional posters about upcoming new dancer classes and for all follow up to interest regarding their class generated from the program. As part of this program, the Promotion Committee will provide basic training to all clubs having New Dancer classes to help them provide follow up to inquiries from the FB promotions with checklists and a “question sheet” that we would like them to fill out for every person contacting them for more information so we can track the effectiveness of the program.

The part-time worker will be an independent contractor to the Promotion Committee and be responsible for identifying suitable FB Groups relevant to square dancing in all areas of the FVSRDA, posting the content provided by clubs and the Promotion Committee at the requested frequency, documenting their activities (which can be verified by searching Facebook), and writing and maintaining a detailed instruction manual for the process that can be transferred to replacement hires, to other square dance associations or clubs, or even back to the FVSRDA clubs if that is desired in the future. One key objective is that the process be documented, consistent, repeatable and transferrable.

Therefore, the Promotion Committee requests an initial \$5000 of guaranteed funding from the FVSRDA to initiate the program and run it for at least 6 months. If Promotion Committee is satisfied with the progress, the Promotion Committee will continue to request additional funding from the FVSRDA to maintain the program, currently estimated at \$6000 / year. Once the initial research and development is completed, it should not have to be done again. Continued costs would only be monthly maintenance and posting work.



## **Benefits**

This program:

- will be Repeatable, Documented, Measurable, Standardized, and Transferable
- can be actively managed with a required performance level since a person will be paid to carry out the process
- will produce an instruction manual which will be made available to the other square dance regions of BC and Canada to allow them to set up a similar program in their area
- will benefit all clubs in the FVSRDA by increasing the awareness and understanding of square dancing in our area and be an effective recruiting tool for all new dancer classes
- will reduce the promotion and recruiting workload of individual clubs allowing their volunteers to devote more time to “inquiry follow-up”, signing up new dancers, and retaining them
- only requires small cash commitments over time as we only pay monthly (or bi-weekly) and can be adjusted anytime (or even canceled) without risk of committing a large amount of money at one time
- can be used in conjunction with paid Facebook ads if desired
- can and should be used in conjunction with other promotional and recruiting tactics such as demos, flyers, signs, etc.

**This proposal was presented at the FV Executive meeting on February 8, 2020, and it was agreed that the executive recommend to the General Meeting that an initial \$5000 be provided from the Building Legacy Fund to the Promotion Committee to fund the Social Media marketing program as long as the program includes the training of FVS&RDA member club in the response to incoming inquiries.**

**This proposal was also presented at the VDCTA general meeting on February 15, 2020, the members voted to support this proposal to the FVSRDA.**

**Therefore, the Promotion Committee requests that the FVSRDA members support and vote in favour of this proposal.**

## Square Dance Here Sign Project Update

A final draft has been completed for a permanent public sign to be displayed on dance halls where square dancing occurs and where allowed by the hall owner. This is shown below but is pending final approval of Kennedy Hall in Surrey as the first hall to display this type of sign.

84x35" Single-Sided Lexan Qty 1



**The next Promotion Committee meeting will be held Saturday, April 4, 2020, at 10:30am and the Langtry's home in North Delta.**

The committee needs more active members and we welcome you to attend the next meeting to share ideas and volunteer to take on some of the tasks.

Contact Brent Mawdsley, Committee Chair, for details, at [brent.mawdsley@gmail.com](mailto:brent.mawdsley@gmail.com) or 604-594-8622.

Discussion followed:

This endeavour is separate from the provincial Facebook advertising managed by Brian Elmer, which targets certain demographics. The cost is split between all participating clubs. The Promotion committee will be choosing groups that may be interested in square dancing.

Greg pointed out that the person who does the work will take direction from the promotion committee for all words and advertising that goes on the page. They will be chosen for their expertise in handling the computer and doing what they are asked. They will have no free rein in writing content, so they don't have to have any expertise in square dancing, or be familiar with any terms that may be used in the advertising.

We are looking for someone who has a marketing background, perhaps a student. It will be up to the promotion committee to set the terms and wage.

***Motion to approve start up funding for the promotion committee's proposal to promote square dancing year-round and recruit for specific new dancer classes in the FVSRDA area through Facebook groups, of \$5000 from the Swinging Singles Building Legacy Fund M/S: Greg Dahlgren/Nancy Slinn -- CARRIED***

e) **Driscoll Award** – Ron Robertson

The committee will be sending out letter (late in doing it) and are not expecting much as far as entries. There are very few members in Wesburn Wranglers and Delta Sundancers. The award is based on a point system. Some of the categories to be considered are: cooperation, leadership, teamwork, and ambassadorship. Most people think that nominations need to come from people associated with the teen clubs themselves, but others who hear about what is being done in the clubs can also submit names. There are only two teen clubs in Canada and they are in our region. There are a few teen clubs in the States, but not as many as there used to be.

f) **BC Federation** – Ken Crisp

The BCS&RD Federation held a video meeting on March 5, 2020 that included the Executive and Directors-at-Large. This is the most recent of several video conferences that have been held since the last AGM and it is proving to be an effective way for the Federation to conduct business. If you have noticed communication problems between the Federation Executive and the Regions it is most likely due to the fact that we have not been able to locate a Secretary. We are actively searching for nominations or a volunteer at this time. Any takers?

The meeting was mainly to get the latest information from the By-Laws Committee for presentation at the Board of Directors Meeting in Abbotsford on March 28, 2020. The draft structure may include a provision for two Directors from each Region and two Alternate Directors. The duties of the Directors and Alternate Directors will include providing a liaison between the Executive Board and the associations and clubs in their Region. A system of Proxy Voting will be proposed for the club members. The BOD meeting later this month might be the last BOD meeting that is required. The AGM, liaison by Regional Directors and video conferencing may be able to replace the annual BOD meetings. The 2020 BOD meeting will be held at the Abbotsford Seniors Association Hall, 33889 Essendene Avenue, Abbotsford starting at 10:00 a.m. Interested members may attend and take part in the discussions but voting will be by Regional Delegates only. Reports and the Agenda will be posted on the website prior to the BOD meeting.

The President has received some questions regarding the Federation's stand as regards COVID-19 outbreak and has prepared a statement that says individual clubs and committees will need to decide whether or not to forego any dancing or meetings depending on guidance received from the B.C. Health Authority.

*There have been six (6) applications received for financial assistance for New Dancer classes by the March 1<sup>st</sup> deadline. The committee will consider these applications before the BOD Meeting.*

Discussion:

Blair questioned as to how the BC Fed is going to conduct the March 28<sup>th</sup> meeting with delegates, seeing that their by-laws were revised two years ago, and the position of delegates was removed.



BC Federation's stand on how COVID-19 has affected the square dance/social dancing community. Jean Wood sent out the following advisory on behalf of the BC Federation.

**BC SQUARE & ROUND DANCE FEDERATION**  
**COVID 19 ADVISORY**  
**MARCH 6, 2020**

Because our clubs are spread over a wide geographical area, it is not in the purview of the BC Square & Round Dance Federation to give the regions, associations, clubs/individual dancers directives on how best to deal with the COVID 19 virus.

Therefore:

The BC Square & Round Dance Federation Executive advises that, under the guidance of the BC Health Authority, it is at the club's discretion whether they decide to forego any dancing due to the COVID 19 virus.

Jean Wood,  
President  
BC Square & Round Dance Federation.

The following article titled "Dance in the time of Corona: A primer and suggestions on the novel Coronavirus and social dancing" may be of interest.

<https://www.danceplace.com/grapevine/dance-in-the-time-of-corona/>

*Note from The Dancing Grapevine:* The Author, Dr. Hsu, is a physician actively practicing in both community and acute care hospital settings. She has spoken extensively with a Public Health specialist physician about this matter, particularly how the Novel Coronavirus will interact with our dance communities.

**Note from Secretary:**

I received a document from Norm Cox at the FVSRDA general meeting. It is a forwarded message to Pat Zeeman (BC Director to the CSRDS) from Peter Grondin and Rachelle Cournoyer (Quebec Reps to CSRDS) concerning the Corona virus and our National Convention in July. It was sent on March 7, 2020. For those who wish to read it, I have sent it as a separate attachment to the minutes.

**g) Canadian Dancers Society – David McVige**

David commented on the March 28<sup>th</sup> BC Fed BOD meeting before his report: *"In conjunction with the BOD meeting on March 28th, the Abbotsford Grand Squares will be putting on a dance."*

- As almost everyone is aware, membership Dues paid to the Canadian Society include Liability Insurance.
- Some Halls are requiring minimum \$5,000,000 Commercial General Liability coverage.
- This, along with the general increase in the cost of insurance, means the Canadian Society
- needs to seriously consider increasing membership dues from the current \$3.00 per person to \$4.00 or \$5.00 per person.
- The increase in Dues will be discussed at the Canadian Society AGM in July during Festival 2020 in Surrey.

**h) Festival 2020 – Norm Cox**

March is here and we are on the march to the 2020 Canadian Festival. We had to cancel the clogging due to the lack of leaders so our numbers went down somewhat (17 cancellations) but we are again on the rise.

March 1st count looks like we are one short of the 600 number. We could handle 700 very nicely and over that could be crowded. It is very hard to forecast what level dancers will dance because, on the registration forms, many put down that they dance 4 – 5 levels as well as round dancing, so it becomes a guessing game.

Our plan is to have a banner parade Thursday morning, followed by opening ceremonies with the California Heritage Dancers performing.

There is no end to the callers/cuers who are lined up for your enjoyment. Flooring is still a problem, as there is no supplier readily available to cover the second floor carpeting – “Still working on it.”

The National Convention co-ordinator and the hotel facilitator have moved on, so we are dealing with new people.

Yes, we know that the Trail-In dance will be on Thursday evening 7 – 9:30 PM at the Hotel. Wear your red and white – Canada Night. Cost: \$5.00 with Festival ribbon; \$10.00 without a ribbon.

Trail Out dance is at Abbotsford on Sunday. Read the Valley Circle and go on the website [www.squaredance.bc.ca/2020](http://www.squaredance.bc.ca/2020)

#### Discussion:

It is too early to decide whether COVID-19 will have any effect on Festival 2020. You may wish to refer to the already-mentioned letter from the Quebec Reps of the CSRDS (attached separately) concerning the COVID-19 outbreak, given to the secretary at this point in the meeting.

#### i. **Gala 2020 – Dave Hammer**

As of the last Gala meeting of Sat. Feb. 29<sup>th</sup>, 2020:

- All three contracts; the callers Steve Edlund and Kevin Thomaier and cuer Krista Baird have been received and confirmed.
- The Gala's theme has been modified somewhat to Autumn Splendor,
- The date Sat. Sept. 19<sup>th</sup>, 2020 including workshop from 2-4 pm has been confirmed,
- Level of dance: Mainstream with Plus tips from 7:30-10 pm. With pre-rounds at 7 pm
- Singles board will be available,
- Kennedy Hall has been confirmed,
- Valley Circle ads will begin appearing in the April/May and Summer issues
- Sandi Poje to look into the possibility of placing ads in the Cross trail News (Van. Isle) and Cle Elum (Wash.) newsletters,
- Flyers and tickets will be available for distribution at the end of the meeting of the FVSRDA on Sun. March 8<sup>th</sup>, 150 tickets are to be printed
- Ticket prices remain unchanged: \$20.00 per person, includes workshop; teens; \$10.00 each also includes workshop,
- Ticket sales to be monitored by Alex Galbraith,
- Split the Pot/Cash draw to be managed by Walter Michaluk – 3 for \$2.00 or arm's length for \$5.00. Pot may be divided into 2 or 3 draws with 50% to be donated to the MS Society
- Door greeters; Jean and Alex Galbraith have volunteered for this job
- Concession to be run by Betty and George Langtry and Maureen Wilson,

- Door prizes which will be recorded on the board, to be announced after both the Scroll of Honour and the Driscoll award are presented toward the end of the evening at which time the winner of the 50/50 will also be announced.
- the next meeting of the Gala 2020 committee will be on Sat. May 30<sup>th</sup> 10:30 am

Brent suggested some US contacts for Sandi Poje to consider sending an advertisement to.

j. **Report from the V&DCTA to the FVS&RDA General Meeting on March 8, 2020**

By Brent Mawdsley

Updates from the Vancouver & District Caller / Teacher Association (V&DCTA) general meeting on Feb 15, 2020:

1. **Support for the Promotion Committee Facebook Promotion Initiate** - Members voted that the V&DCTA would support the Promotion Committee proposal to promote square dancing year-round and recruit for new dancer classes in the FVSRDA area through Facebook groups and to request funding from the FVS&RDA for this.
2. **Support for the Sustainable Square Dance (SSD) program** - Members agreed to endorse multiple sets of lessons per year (multi-cycle) and the Callerlab Sustainable Square Dance (SSD) program of 50 movements in the FVSRDA area. At least four clubs in the FVSRDA and their callers are currently teaching new dancers using the SSD program. New dancers have already done some club visits between these clubs and have enjoyed themselves. Other clubs are encouraged to consider using the SSD program as well.
3. **Encourage New Callers & Cuers** - Members agreed that we need to develop and encourage new callers and cuers in the FVSRDA. One way to do this is for current callers and cuers and their clubs to hold "amateur" or "open mic" dances at their clubs to give opportunity for interested dancers to try calling and / or cueing. Also the Valley Circle offers a Caller/Cuer Apprenticeship Program that provides cost subsidy to clubs hiring a new caller or cuer. Details are at <https://www.region2.squaredance.bc.ca/ValleyCircleCallerCuerApprenticeshipProgram.html>.
4. **Jamboree Welcoming New Dancers, Sat, April 18** – A square dance for all dancers that began learning in January 2020 or earlier featuring a panel of callers and cuers. The program will also include easy round dances, door prizes & refreshments. The classes that started in January 2020 are using the Callerlab Sustainable Square Dance (SSD) program and should have 10-12 lessons completed by mid April. Therefore, the VDCTA voted to use the calls from the first 8 lessons of the SSD program for this dance. Each VDCTA caller has been sent this list of approximately 36 movements. The primary goal of this dance is new dancer success and satisfaction.

The dance will be held Saturday, April 18, 2020 (7:00 – 9:30pm) at Kennedy Hall (8870 - 120th Street, Surrey, BC). Purchase tickets at the door for \$6.00 per person.

A poster for each club to distribute and help promote the dance is attached. The poster is set up so you can cut the page in half for 2 half page posters. Please encourage all dancers, especially new dancers, to attend as we want to show all the new dancers they are welcome and part of a bigger group of dancers in the FVSRDA.

This dance is hosted by the Promotion Committee with the assistance of the VDCTA. For further info contact Brent Mawdsley at 604-594-8622.

5. The next VDCTA meeting is schedule for March 21, 2020, at Aldergrove OAP Hall. Time TBA.



Discussion:

- Concern with callers being ill and clubs having to find replacements -- who to call? Who is available when?
- Blair put together a list of caller/cuer contacts, (attached separately)
- Blair also pointed out that the Valley Circle provides a caller/cuer apprenticeship program
- We need to encourage more people to become callers/cuers. One idea is to have an open mic night to give people the opportunity to call/cue.
- Clubs are provided with \$200/month for 8 months to help support the apprenticeship program

k. **Scroll Of Honour** – Barbara Tryssenaar (absent) Report read by Jean Galbraith

Yippee! Yippee! I have a couple of submissions. So thanks to you who have sent me names and writeups for the award. Gratefully appreciated. However, there are a couple of people who promised me nominations and I'm still waiting for those. Nominations will be open until April 30<sup>th</sup>. So please nominate your fellow dancers. Thank you.

***Motion to accept reports as given -- M/S: Diane O'Hara/Donna Lonneberg CARRIED***

OLD BUSINESS –

- a. **BC Fed By-law Changes** -- Blair (contact release form and proxy form are attached separately)

BC Fed – Delegates versus Directors at Large

13.1 (D) **Delegate(s) to the BC Square & Round Dance Federation**

- (i) The delegates to the BC Square & Round Dance federation shall be appointed by the Executive Committee and ratified by the General Membership.
- (ii) The delegate(s) shall be member(s) of the Executive Committee.

Maybe:

Don't modify the bylaws – just create “rules” around the role of the “delegate(s)”.

Rules would include:

- a. FVS&RDA ask the clubs to assign their proxy to the delegates;
- b. FVS&RDA ask the V&DCTA to assign their proxy to the delegates
- c. FVS&RDA assign their proxy to the delegates;
- d. All assigned proxies are open (i.e. unrestricted – vote as the delegate sees fit;

- e. Delegates act as the communications conduit between the BC Fed, the FVS&RDA and the FVS&RDA member clubs;
- f. Delegates would be required to make reports at the FVS&RDA General and Executive Meetings;
- g. Delegates would be required to provide the Valley Circle with copies of BC Fed Newsletters, etc. for potential publication;
- h. Delegates would attend the BC Fed General meetings.

**b. Financial Committee Proposal re: Swinging Singles Building Legacy Fund -- Norm Cox**

Motion passed at the executive meeting which is to be presented here for the final passing of it.

***Motion that \$10,000 be distributed for the 2019-2020 season as follows: \$1,000 to each of two teen clubs (Wesburn Wranglers and Delta Sundancers), \$2,000 to the joint FVS&RDA/V&DCTA Promotion Committee, and the remaining \$6,000 to be divided between the four clubs who sent in applications. Town N Country Dancers - \$2,000. Chilliwack Rhythm Reelers - \$2,000. White Rockers - \$1,000. Abbotsford Swinging Hubs - \$1,000. M/S: Don Allan/Greg Dahlgren -- CARRIED***

**c. Resource Books**

- Sample was brought to the meeting
- All clubs should have one
- Jean is looking for someone to help update them

**NEW BUSINESS –**

**a. Ratification of New Director** – Dianne Wilson who will be director for the following clubs: Abbotsford Grand Squares, Chilliwack Rhythm Reelers, White Rockers, Valley Promenaders and Wheeling 8's. Ron Robertson will take over the A1 & A2 clubs that Kris and Anni Kristensen had previously.

***Motion that Dianne Wilson be ratified as the new director, to replace Kris and Anni Kristensen, who have stepped down from the position. M/S: Betty Langtry/Ron Robertson -- CARRIED***

**b) Requests for New Dancer Funding (Grant Report) – Don Allan**

So far this year, the FVSRDA has received grant applications from the following three clubs:

1. Surrey Square Wheelers
2. Swinging Singles
3. Town N Country

The ***Surrey Square Wheelers*** application was received before the last executive meeting. The ***Swinging Singles*** and ***Town N Country*** applications were received after the executive meeting.

We discussed and approved the ***Surrey Square Wheelers*** application at the last executive meeting. I was wondering if we can also approve the other two



grant applications at the GM.

I have placed copies of the three application documents on the cloud where they can be accessed via the following links.

[https://1drv.ms/u/s!AjKUHP9YcTJwq1yjlD4EiV\\_BbDg8?e=9uoEHa](https://1drv.ms/u/s!AjKUHP9YcTJwq1yjlD4EiV_BbDg8?e=9uoEHa)

Some points to note on the applications are:

1. The Surrey Square Wheelers and Swinging Singles received grants last year and they have submitted the required Season End Reports. Town N Country did not apply for a grant last year.
2. The Swinging Singles have applied for two grants. One grant for their new dancer class and on grant to support their ongoing Mainstream Classes. Support for continuing mainstream classes are addressed in point 6. in the Guidelines for Funding New Dancer Classes.
3. Town N Country used the incorrect form for applying for a New Dancer Grant, but have since submitted the correct form.

Discussion:

Norm commented that this grant money comes out of the Smith Fund.

***Motion that the funding for the new dancer grants, as reported, be accepted  
-- M/S: Don Allan/Donna Lonneberg -- CARRIED***

FVSRDA Registration Jan 31, 2020

Version 2 – January 31, 2020											
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	
	#	#	#	#	#	#Dancers	Change from	Late Reg	Late Reg	# Dancers	
#	Club	2016	2017	2018	Nov 18	2019	Nov 2019	Nov Last Year	12/06/19	01/31/20	Jan 2020
1	Abbotsford Grand Squares	101	89	82	59	74	54	-5		6	60
2	Brents Bunch	23	28	29	34	34	29	-5		2	31
3	Century House Squares	29	20	19	18	18	28	10			28
4	Chilliwack Rhythm Reelers	89	89	99	73	73	58	-15		19	77
5	Chuckwagon 8's	34	30	26	27	27	22	-5			22
6	Delta Sundancers	28	21	24		19	22	22			22
7	Diamond Country Dancers	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			0
8	Guys N Gals	13	14	9	4	11	7	3		1	8
9	Motiv8ors	22	16	17	13	13	15	2			15
10	Quick Steppers	11	17	18	16	16	15	-1			15
11	Rhythm B's	14	11	6	4	4	4	0			4
12	Royal Swingers	32	37	25	26	26	25	-1			25
13	Squares Across The Border	24	27	30		18					0
14	Stardowners	23	22	23	22	22	25	3			25
15	Surrey Sq Whlr	118	109	100	92	115	97	5	10		107
16	Swinging Hubs	28	25	27	26	26	23	-3			23
17	Swinging Singles	88	81	67	63	70	69	6	5		74
18	Town N Country Dancers	50	45	52	31	31	38	7			38
19	TW Twirlers	0	1	3	0	0	0	0			0
20	Valley Promenaders	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			0
21	Wesburn Wranglers	33	20	27	20	20	7	-13			7
22	Wheeling Eights	18	15	16	13	15	13	0			13
23	White Rockers	28	31	16	14	15	17	3			17
	<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>806</b>	<b>748</b>	<b>715</b>	<b>555</b>	<b>647</b>	<b>568</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>611</b>
	NOTES										
	(6) contains the number of dancers that have registered as of Nov 13, 2019										
	(7) contains the difference between (6) numbers and the numbers in Nov 2018.										

c) **Festival 2020 Program Ad -- Jean Galbraith**

The executive feels that the FVSRDA, as one of the hosts of Festival 2020, should take out a full page ad in the Festival 2020 souvenir program, which is being set up by Blair, who is familiar with the sizes and costs of the ads. The cost for the ad would be approximately \$86 (Blair)

***Motion to spend \$86 (and change) to put the ad in Festival 2020 souvenir program***  
***-- M/S: Nancy Slinn/Pat Gerbrandt -- CARRIED***

d) **Club Membership vs Insurance Fees – Blair Wallace**

- 1) The members of the FVS&RDA are "Clubs". Individual dancers are not members of the FVS&RDA.
- 2) The "fee" a dancer pays to be a member of a "Club" is:
  1. Club Fee (if any)
  2. FVS&RDA Fee \$2.00 (Teen & Wheelchair dancers exempt)
  3. BC Federation Fee \$10.00 (Teen & Wheelchair dancers exempt)
  4. CS&RDS Fee (includes Insurance) \$3.00 (Teen dancers exempt/50% for Wheelchair)
- 3) The "fee" a club pays to be a member of the FVS&RDA:
  1. FVS&RDA Fee \$5.00
  2. BC Federation Fee \$10.00
  3. CS&RDS Fee (includes insurance) \$5.00
- 4) The fees listed are paid to the FVS&RDA by the club. The FVS&RDA is responsible for remitting the BC Fed & CS&RDS fees to the BC Fed. The BC Fed is responsible for remitting the CS&RDS fees to the CS&RDS.
- 5) To dance at a club or FVSRDA/V&DCTA events, a dancer needs to have insurance.
- 6) If a dancer does not want to pay the additional club fees, the club could accept and forward the other fees to the FVS&RDA. The dancers will not be members of the club but they will be insured. Accepting payments of the other fees without the dancer paying member's fees is left to the discretion of the club.
- 7) Clubs can offer separate nightly fees for "members" and "non-member".

Discussion:

- As long as you're insured i.e. pay \$15 somewhere, you can dance. If you don't want to pay club fees NOR the \$15, YOU CAN'T DANCE --
- Question: ***Do members in foreign countries carry liability insurance?***
  - US, yes.
  - Japan? European? -- Blair not sure
  - All clubs should have a sign in sheet for guests -- Ask who they are paying their insurance with? May ask them to produce their insurance card as proof.
- Question from Town N Country Dancers -- ***"We offer 3 free nights each New Dancer class. "What do we do for Insurance for new dancers during New Dancer class 'Free Nights'?"***
  - Names of new dancers have to be provided to Don. Send them in (each week) even if they don't join.
- Link to the insurance policy on the CS&RDS website -- <https://csrds.ca/insurance/> (copy attached separately)

- d. **Coronavirus and the square dancing community** -- previously discussed (see Old Business 'f' and Old Business 'h' for references)

#### **GOOD & WELFARE –**

There are three cards at the back, a sympathy card, and two get well cards. It is quite sad news that we have to give that **Dave Perry** recently passed away, and the sympathy card will go to Joan & her family. Dave was a club rep for the Swinging Hubs.

Get well cards are for **Joyce Lucas**, who recently had surgery and is an FVS&RDA Director, and **Guy Trysenaar**, who recently was hospitalized due to an accident. He and Barb are Vice-Presidents for this Association.

Norm assured everyone that **Joyce** is still planning on having the next Festival 2020 meeting at her house, and she is planning on continuing with her Festival 2020 duties, which was good to hear!

**Gord Sewell** (Royal Swingers) is in ICU due to complications from pneumonia.

#### **ORDER OF THE DAY --**

**Brent's Bunch** - Mystery Theme Night Plus dance - April 30 (7:30 PM) \$7.50 per person -- Burnaby Lake Pavillion

**Guys and Gals** (OAPO Hall, Aldergrove)

- St. Patrick's Party - Sunday, March 15 (1-4 PM) - All levels
- Tyler's Cotton Tail Dance - Saturday, April 11 (5 PM -- Doors open; 6 PM -- Potluck Supper; 7:30 PM -- Dancing) Old Time dancing and DJ Music; Square Dancing and Social Dancing -- \$10
- Easter Party -- Sunday, April 12 (1-4 PM) -- All levels

**MS Benefit Dance** - hosted by George and Betty Langtry. As of this point, it will go ahead on Sunday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> with Steve, Krista and Brent calling. Betty -- 22<sup>nd</sup> is on at the moment, but it's down to the wire as far as cancellation is concerned

**Royal Swingers** - Plus Dance March 20 - Celebrating 50 years of dancing. Tickets \$5 each (limited number left)

**Stardowners** - Trifle Plus Dance - Thurs. March 26 at Centennial Lodge. Tickets are available now.

#### **Surrey Square Wheelers**

- Happiness Dance (50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of supporting The Centre for Child Development) - Kennedy Hall (7:30 Pre-rounds; 8-10 PM Square Dancing)
- Burgers and Beverage Pub Night at the Artful Dodger -- April 25<sup>th</sup>
- Hash and Breaks (7-9 PM -- Tuesdays in May -- all levels dancing) -- casual wear, no snacks
- Annual Spring Hoedown -- Tuesday, May 26 -- cost \$10 -- western theme

**Swinging Singles** -- March 17 -- St. Paddy's Day -- give out a Shamrock dangle for those who take the 'dance test' -- beginner/mainstream level - \$7 each

**White Rockers** - (Mann Park Lawn Bowling Club House) -- St. Patrick's Day dance -- Sun. March 15<sup>th</sup> (new dancers 12:30-2:00; Mainstream/Plus 2:15-3:30)

*News from the US clubs in Washington state:*

**Rainbow Squares** (Brent) -- Due to the number of COVID-19 cases in Washington state, have decided to cancel their next scheduled dance, which is March 14<sup>th</sup>. They will consider dances on a case-by-case basis as the situation evolves. They haven't decided yet about the pre-sold dance on March 28<sup>th</sup>. There is a possibility that all dances will be cancelled. Refunding will be determined at a later date.

**Happy Rounders Club** has suspended their Tuesday night dances until April 28, 2020

**Freewheelers** have cancelled their March 15 Plus Spring Hop

**Fidalgo Fogcutters** Wednesday Plus Dance/Workshop are closed and cancelled until further notice

**Square Crows** will be having lessons Sunday, March 8, at TriWay Grange, at 2 pm. They have invited any all students who are interested in joining them are welcome. TriWay Grange: 3509 Seattle Hill Road, Mill Creek 98

**NEXT MEETING – FVSRDA AGM -- Sun. May 10, 2020 (Mother's Day) – Centennial Lodge, 1 PM**

**ADJOURNMENT @ 4:20 PM by Darlene Austin**

*Respectfully submitted by Maureen Wilson (FVS&RDA Secretary)*