



FRASER VALLEY SQUARE & ROUND DANCE ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting May 13, 2023

Chaired by Blair Wallace

Meeting brought to order at 10:00 AM

Meeting commenced at 10:00 AM

Welcome by Blair Wallace

Attendance:

Brent's Bunch (Bill Fex), **Century House Squares** (Pat Gerbrandt), **Chuckwagon 8's** (Sandi Poje), **Circle 8's** (Janice Hiscott), **Royal Swingers** (Peter & Nancy Slinn), **Stardowners** (Mary diCario), **Surrey Square Wheelers** (Jean Galbraith), **Swinging Hubs** (Norm Cox), **Town 'n' Country Dancers** (Barbara Tryssenaar), **Wesburn Wranglers** (Caitlyn Brendzy); Don Allan, John Connolly, Alex & Jean Galbraith, Al Gibbs & June Fitchett, Eva Matheson, & Nelson Baranow, Brent Mawdsley, Blair Wallace, Dianne Wilson, Maureen Wilson

We have a quorum.

Absent:

Abbotsford Grand Squares, Chilliwack Rhythm Reelers, Guys & Gals, Motiv8ors, Valley Promenaders, Wheeling 8's, White Rockers, John Corrigan, Greg Dahlgren, Dave Hammer, Ron Robertson

Moved/Seconded: Barbara Tryssenaar/Nancy Slinn -- to accept agenda as circulated -- CARRIED

Correspondence

The following have been sent since the last meeting (Feb 27, 2022) (5 cards)

Sympathy cards to the families of:

1. Brian Bond (SSW)
2. Walter Witt
3. Joe Perreault (SSW)
4. Al Hooge (CRR)

Eva Matheson will be sending me an address so that I can send a card to the loved ones of CRAIG DAUNCEY

Note from the secretary – The following card was also sent since the January meeting.

'Get Well' card to:

1. Betty Langtry

Approval of Minutes of previous general meeting (Jan. 21, 2023)

Moved/Seconded: Don Allan/Pat Gerbrandt -- To approve minutes of previous meeting (Jan. 21, 2023) as circulated -- CARRIED

REPORTS –

a) Treasurer's Report – Don Allan *(financials are sent as an attachment to the minutes)*

Don included an explanation of the financial statements when he submitted his report.

Introduction

Please refer to the Financial Statements that were prepared on May 10, 2023, for the May 13, 2023 Fraser Valley Square and Round Dance Association (FVS&RDA) Annual General Meeting. The statements reflect all transactions up to May 10, 2023. Since the AGM is occurring before the end of the FVS&RDA fiscal year that occurs on June 30, 2022, these statements do not contain the final numbers for the 2023 fiscal year. Some items that will be reflected in the final numbers include Term Deposit Interest income that will be received in June and any expenses that have not yet been claimed. For example, there are fees associated with filing an annual report with the BC Registry that will be added after the AGM.

This memo will be distributed along with the following financial statements:

- a) A Balance Sheet that reflects the assets and liabilities of the FVS&RDA as of May 10, 2023.
- b) An Income Statement that reflects the income and expenses that have occurred in this fiscal year up to May 10, 2023. The FVS&RDA 2023 fiscal year started on July 1, 2022, and ends on June 30, 2023.
- c) A Fund Summary that shows the income and expenses shown on the Income Statement distributed to the various funds maintained by the FVS&RDA.
- d) A 2023 Dancer Registration report that shows the number of dancers registered in the FVS&RDA as of May 10, 2023.

Comments on the Financial Statements

In 2023 we returned to Post COVID normal operation. Most clubs have resumed dancing and the first phase of the registration process for 2023 was completed in November 2022. The financial statements reflect the club and dancer registration fees that were collected and forwarded. Most of the fees collected by the FVS&RDA are BC Square and Round Dance Federation (BCS&RDF) fees and Canadian Square and Round Dance Society (CS&RDS) fees that are forwarded to the BCS&RDF.

Also in 2023, publication of print versions of the Valley Circle resumed and charging for subscriptions and advertising resumed. The financial statements reflect the subscription and advertising income and the printing and postage expenses associated with producing and distributing the Valley Circle.

Aside from these two areas there are some minor expenses for badges and the Scroll of Honour award.

There is one unusual item reflected in the financial statements. In 2023, the Promo Committee applied for a \$5,000.00 grant from the BCS&RDF to fund a radio advertising campaign. The grant was awarded, and the FVS&RDA received a cheque for the grant that was deposited in the FVS&RDA Operating account. The money is being held for the Promo committee and will be used to pay for the radio campaign.

Comments on 2023 Registration.

Eighteen clubs have registered for 2023. The 2023 Registration Report lists the clubs that have registered and the number of dancers that have registered at each club. Initially 360 dancers registered by the end of December 2023. In 2023, an additional 26 dancers registered giving a total of 386 dancers registered for 2023. Normally, additional dancers are added in January and later months as some clubs start new dancer classes. Seventy five of the 386 dancers registered for 2023 were not registered previously in the FVS&RDA.

Moved/Seconded: Don Allan/Norm Cox -- To accept Treasurer's Report, as given – CARRIED

Moved/Seconded: Don Allan/June Fitchett – FVS&RDA registration fees be unchanged for 2024 (clubs @\$5; dancers @\$0) – CARRIED

b) Vice President – VACANT

c) Valley Circle/Website – Blair Wallace

Valley Circle – See our work at <http://www.region2.squaredance.bc.ca>

- Getting ready for summer issue with a June 1 mailout.
- Sept/Oct (15th) Renewal of subscriptions
- Deadline to submit articles and ads for the September issue is the beginning of August.

Website – See our work at <http://www.region2.squaredance.bc.ca>

- August notice to update each club's dance nights.
- Ads are being posted on the calendar.

d) Promotion Committee – Brent Mawdsley

Attention all square dance clubs in the FVS&RDA. For the continuance of square dancing in the FVS&RDA, each club and caller must do what they can to help promote square dancing to the public and to host beginner square dance lessons on a regular basis. There has never been a better time to host a new dancer class than this fall because you will have the advantage of the wide reaching, public, promotion projects that are underway as described below.

The Promotion Committee is a joint committee of volunteers from the Dancers Association and the Caller / Teachers Association. We need more volunteers to join the committee to help generate promotional ideas and carry out projects. If you would like to help, please contact Brent.mawdsley@gmail.com.

1. Outdoor Hall Signs

- signs are up at the following 4 square dance halls.
 - Heritage Hall (OAP), Aldergrove
 - Atchelitz Hall, Chilliwack
 - ASSA Hall, Abbotsford
 - Kennedy Hall, Surrey

84x35" Single-Sided Lexan Qty 1



- the sign directs the viewer to go <https://danceforfun.ca> or call the Square Up BC toll-free line 1- 800-335-9433 for more info
- the toll-free number is used for Square Dance promotion around BC & answered by volunteer, Brian Elmer, in Kelowna. Callers can also leave a message. Brian sends an email message to the Promotion Committee with details of any contacts from the FVS&RDA area for us to follow up by forwarding to the appropriate club &/or caller contacts
- **please check with your hall to see if a permanent outdoor sign like this could be placed there**

and contact the Promotion Committee at Brent.mawdsley@gmail.com if you have any questions or would like a sign

2. DanceForFun.ca Website

- The website <https://danceforfun.ca> has recently been established to provide a link to each club that is hosting beginner square dance lessons & a form to provide contact info for follow up
- Contacts will be forwarded to the appropriate club contacts for follow up
- If your club is holding a new dancer class, please visit <https://danceforfun.ca> and **make sure your club location and contact info is correct** and then make sure your club website is up to date to provide info to those that may be interested in trying square dancing
- Provide any requests for changes to your club contact info to Frank McNeil (fmcneil@shaw.ca)
- **Please visit <https://danceforfun.ca> and provide feedback or suggestions** to the Promotion Committee at Brent.mawdsley@gmail.com

3. Portable Outdoor Hall Signs & Indoor Hall Signs

- we are working on smaller signs that look similar to the large permanent outdoor signs (as shown above) including:
 - a sandwich board type of outdoor sign that can be placed outside your dance hall while you are dancing there
 - a smaller indoor sign than can be posted and left inside your dance hall with permission of the hall owner
- these signs will be purchased by the Promotion Committee & available by September to interested clubs at no charge.
- **Please request these signs from the Promotion Committee at Brent.mawdsley@gmail.com**

4. Radio Ad Campaign

- on the **Breeze 104.3 FM Radio - July 17 - Aug 27, 2023**
- 30 second commercial to engage with dance enthusiasts & music lovers to let them know clubs will be holding classes for new dancers in the fall and direct them to visit DanceForFun.ca where they can connect with a local club & sign up for one free dance / lesson
- 40 ads / week evenly dispersed through the day and night for 240 ads over 6 weeks
- The cost is \$5000 + tax to be paid for by a BC Federation Promotions grant (already received) & the \$250 tax from the Promotion Committee

5. Social Media (Facebook) Initiative

- Greg Dahlgren has been posting notices about square dancing and new dancer classes on Facebook community groups across the FVS&RDA area at no cost.
- Greg will retire from this task by the end of 2023 so is now training clubs how to do this for themselves.
- Several clubs have already been trained & are now posting their own notices.
- **To learn how to do this for your club contact Greg at gregda@outlook.com to arrange a training session**

6. Display Banner & Promotional Flyers

- 3 display banners & various promotional flyers made several year ago are available for public demonstrations or booths
- They include the 1-800 # but not DanceForFun.ca website
- **To borrow these banners and acquire some flyers that you can put your club contact info on contact Brent.mawdsley@gmail.com**

e) Driscoll Award has been suspended because there are currently no youth clubs in the FVS&RDA. As Sandi Poje and Norm Cox were on committee, they will send something in writing as to that effect.

f) BC Federation – David McVige has sent in a letter of resignation.

We need something in writing from Betty as well as an official resignation.

Maureen will send Betty and David cards of thanks for their hard work on behalf of the FVS&RDA for many years.

Moved/Seconded: Dianne Wilson/Alex Galbraith – that Dianne Wilson be appointed as the FVS&RDA representative to the CS&RDS – CARRIED

Dianne Wilson attended the latest BCS&RDF zoom meeting and reported that:

- class Advertising Grant is available for one more year March 31, 2024, to clubs who have not received the grant.
- The Restart Grant and Association Promotion Grant will not be extended.
- A committee may plan to run a caller and (possibly a cuer and clogging leader) school

g) Canadian Society – David McVige -- An official resignation has been received.

Moved/Seconded: Dianne Wilson/Alex Galbraith – that Dianne Wilson be appointed as the FVS&RDA representative to the BCS&RDF -- CARRIED

Norm reported that the registration has been sent out from Festival 2024 which will be held in Calgary.

h) Gala Committee – Dave Hammer

The Gala Committee has been reconstituted. We have had three organizational meetings: the first was at Sandi Poje's home on Feb. 25, 2023, the second at Eva Matheson and Nelson Baranow's home Sat. March 25th, the third on April 14th again, at Sandi Poje's home. Three new members were introduced: Eva Matheson, Nelson Baranow and Sylvia French. We are pleased to have them aboard.

Two previous members have retired and cards of appreciation for their past work on the committee were sent to Ron Watson, and to Betty and George Langtry. Maureen Wilson also has dropped out because of previous commitments.

Items discussed were:

1. Dates; Sat. Oct. 21st, 2023
2. Level; Mainstream with plus tips,
3. Place: Burnaby Confederation Senior Center,
4. Callers: B.C. Boys; cuer: Krista Baird,
5. Contract price: for callers/cuer: (still to be finalized),
6. Theme; Fall,
7. Ticket design/Poster/Advertising: coordinated by Sandi Poje,
8. Ticket and Sales: coordinated by Alex Galbraith,
9. Singles Board: (to be finalized),
10. Door prizes: (to be finalized).
11. Scroll of Honour: Sandi Poje has asked the committee for assistance regarding nominations,
12. Driscoll Award: has been discontinued,
13. Door greeters: Alex Galbraith and Dave Hammer,
14. MC.; Dave Hammer.

The committee's next meeting will be Wed, May 10th @ 2:00 pm at Sandi Poje's home. It was later reported that the cost would be \$20 for adults and \$10 for teens.

i) Vancouver & District Caller/Teachers Association – John Corrigan absent

John emailed Maureen a poster after the meeting with information pertaining to a summer plus teach & review ([see attached document for further details](#))

j) Scroll of Honour – Sandi Poje

As you are aware from the January 21, 2023, meeting the Scroll of Honours were presented to Frank McNeil and Peter Tamin at the Surrey Square Wheelers "Hawaiian Night" dance in November 2022. Please see the write-up on page 23 of your January 2023 Valley Circle.

To date, I do **not** have anyone being nominated for the Scroll of Honour, and I myself know of many dancers who would deserve this Honour. The nominations were to be submitted before **February 28**, and are usually presented at the Gala, which is coming up in October 21, 2023. So.... if you are thinking about a nomination, please submit it to me today or tomorrow, if you still need a few more minutes to put this deserving person on the "Scroll of Honour" list. Remember this Honour is Earned, not Won!

This letter only needs to be signed by one person. Please be sure to include **your name, address, phone number or e-mail** along with **your recipient's name, address, phone number or e-mail**.

Please send it to Sandi Poje #11 – 19452 Fraser Way, Pitt Meadows, V3Y 0A3, B C.

Phone number 604 459 3220 or email spoje@ymail.com

**Moved Seconded: Don Allan/Barbara Tryssenaar -- To accept above reports items C through J, as circulated -
- CARRIED**

OLD BUSINESS-

1. **Club Anniversaries** – Club contacts/directors are encouraged to have a look at the chart (*attached separately*) which lists the anniversary years for each club. **Any clubs having special anniversaries/events are asked to please let FVS&RDA know in writing. Contact mw.fv.sec@gmail.com**
2. **BC Festival update** (Blair)
 - **Date:** July 2025 exact days TBD
 - **Venue:** somewhere in Langley
 - **Levels:** Mainstream and Plus with rounds
 - **Trail in/Trail out dances:** To be held at other venues.
Clubs are asked to consider holding one or both dances at their hall.

Next Festival 2025 meeting: May 28th via Zoom

NEW BUSINESS –

1. Blair's bullets and bouquets

A place for clubs to ask questions or make comments and/or requests – – None at this time.

2. **Zoom account subscription** (Maureen) Annual fee is \$224 – (half \$112) to be reimbursed by FVS&RDA *Moved Seconded: Maureen Wilson/Pat Gerbrandt – That the FVS&RDA reimburse Maureen for half the cost of the annual Zoom subscription – CARRIED*

3. SSW new dancer grant application

- Norm noted that clubs who have not applied should apply each year
 - deadline to apply to the BCS&RDF is March 1st.
 - It is possible that the BCS&RDF might change to yearly application instead of every two years.
 - A club could submit two different grant applications in the same year if:
 - new dancers are different for squares and rounds separately.
 - a club has two new dancer intakes in the same dance year
- At one time, there were two different grant proposal deadline dates.

4. *Moved Seconded: Don Allan/Norm Cox -- To accept the SSW new dancer grant application – CARRIED*

Elections – chaired by Jean Galbraith

Report From Jean Galbraith, Nominating Chairperson for Elections 2023

The nominations for this upcoming election are now done, and we have almost a full slate of volunteers for the various positions. We want to thank everyone who is continuing in their respective positions and want to welcome the new members for their help and interest. New, currently, are **Bill Fex** (Vice-President), **Eva Matheson and Nelson Baranow** (Directors), and **Dianne Wilson** (BC Federation Delegate).

Nominating Chairperson List of Candidates – FVS&RDA Executive Elections 2023

1. Executive Positions Elected by Vote –

- President – Alex Galbraith – by acclamation
- Vice President – Bill Fex – by acclamation
- Secretary – Maureen Wilson – continuing second year of two-year term
- Treasurer – Don Allan– continuing second year of two-year term

2. Executive Position Not Elected –

- Past President – Jean Galbraith

3. Directors – Appointed Positions

- Valley Circle Editor – Blair Wallace – accepts to continue, with thanks.
- Al Gibbs & June Fitchett – accept to continue, with thanks.
- Dianne Wilson – accepts to continue, with thanks.
- Eva Matheson & Nelson Baranow - accept, new, with thanks.
- Alternate – Ron Robertson, accepts to continue, with thanks.

4. Delegates to the BC Federation – Appointed

- Dianne Wilson – accepts, new, with thanks.
- Alternate – vacant'

5. Representative to the CS&RDS – Appointed

- Dianne Wilson – accepts, new, with thanks.

6. Committee Chairperson –

- Scroll Of Honour – appointed
 - Sandi Poje, accepts to continue, with thanks.

We want to thank those who are stepping down from various positions, and to let them know that their time and service have been greatly appreciated. They are **Betty Langtry** (BC Federation Delegate) and **David McVige** (BC Federation Delegate). Again, thank you very much for your service.

As an extra, we will be sharing reports as we receive them from the various FVS&RDA Executive members who continue to provide help and guidance to the Association, to acknowledge the great team of dancers we have who are working tirelessly on the Association members' behalf. We have received volunteer profiles of **Blair Wallace**, our irreplaceable Valley Circle Managing Editor and Website master, and **Maureen Wilson**, our current FVS&RDA secretary ([see attached](#)).

GOOD & WELFARE –

- Suggestion that, in memory of Brian Bond that clubs would reserve dance ticket 007 for Brian
- It was decided that the decision should be made by the clubs which Brian frequented most often.

ORDER OF THE DAY –

- Heather Reynolds will be calling for a **Surrey Square Wheelers** demo on July 1st at the Fort Langley Canada Day celebration – and the twins may show up to watch mom in action.
- **Royal Swingers** – dance on May 26 -- hopefully 3 or 4 squares
- **Town 'n Country** Canada Day dance on July 1 ([see attached poster](#))
- **Stardowners** – A1 teach on Thursdays – May & June
- **Abbotsford Grand Squares** Sunday summer dancing
 - Note: the last 2 Sundays will be 'bring friends' so they can see what square dancing is all about, and hopefully will be inspired to join a club.

NEXT MEETING – TBA

ADJOURNMENT @ 2:30 PM by Don Allan

~Respectfully submitted by Maureen Wilson~

Please forgive any typos -- they weren't intentional...

