



## FRASER VALLEY SQUARE & ROUND DANCE ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the General Meeting November 19, 2023

9:00 AM (via Zoom)

Zoom Host – Maureen Wilson, President – Alex Galbraith

Meeting commenced at 9:02 AM

Even though he was feeling 'under the weather', Alex Galbraith welcomed everyone to our Zoom meeting. We are glad that 'bugs' can't travel through cyberspace (at least not THOSE kind anyway) as we all sit comfortably in the safety and comfort of our own homes.

Attendance:

1. **Brent's Bunch** (Brent Mawdsley), 2. **Chilliwack Rhythm Reelers** (Michelle Thiessen), 3. **Century House Squares** (Pat Gerbrandt), 4. **Circle 8's** (Janice Hiscott), 5. **Guys & Gals** (Dianne Wilson), 6. **Motiv8ors** (Ray Brendzy), 7. **Royal City Squares** (Peter Slinn), 8. **Stardowners** (Mary diCario), 9. **Surrey Square Wheelers** (Maureen Wilson), 10. **Swinging Hubs** (Norm Cox), 11. **Town 'n' Country Dancers** (Nancy Slinn) 12. **Wesburn Wranglers** (Caitlyn Brendzy)

Don Allan, Alex Galbraith, Al Gibbs & June Fitchett, Eva Matheson & Nelson Baranow, Frank McNeil, Blair Wallace, Maureen Wilson

Absent:

**Abbotsford Grand Squares, Chuckwagon 8's, Valley Promenaders, Wheeling 8's, White Rockers**

John Corrigan, Bill Fex, Jean Galbraith, Dave Hammer, Lyle & Diane O'Hara

We have a quorum with 12 clubs and 9 executive members present (minimum 7 clubs and 4 executives required).

***Moved/Seconded: Norm Cox/Don Allan -- to accept agenda as circulated -- CARRIED***

Correspondence

The following have been sent since the last meeting (October 1, 2023) (4 cards)

1. **Sympathy cards** to the family of:
  - Gerry Jansen
2. **Thinking of you cards**
  - Minnie Basaraba – fell
  - David McVige – in care home
  - Norma Ridler – surgery

***Approval of Minutes of previous General Meeting (October 1, 2023)***

***Moved/Seconded: Don Allan/Michelle Thiessen -- To approve minutes of previous General Meeting (October 1, 2023) as amended—CARRIED***

## REPORTS –

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

- Gala broke even
- Registration is in progress – not complete, as stuff is still coming in
- – ongoing VC subscriptions coming in, as well
- All clubs except Guys 'n' Gals have registered for the 2023-24 dance season
- Numbers are about the same as last year, with some more January 2024 registrations expected
- New dancers' names need to be submitted as soon as possible
- Clubs with a January intake need to register their new members right away

***Moved/Seconded: Don Allan/Dianne Wilson -- To accept Treasurer's Report, as circulated -- CARRIED***

### b) Vice President – Bill Fex (absent)

### c) Valley Circle/Website – Blair Wallace

#### Valley Circle --

- VC subscriptions are done – more subscriptions than previous year
- Ads are down, probably because clubs are just getting going
- Directory is done and distributed
- December issue is underway
- Anni has agreed to continue as Flashback editor
- VC subscriptions can be submitted at any time – pay appropriately
- New dancers who are returning dancers receive the first year subscriptions for \$6

#### Website –

- Clubs can update their own club information
- – Blair did a demo of how to enter data and how dances will show up on the calendar
- -- Blair has added Google map links to each of the venues that are posted in the calendar.

#### Online links

- Valley Circle – See our work at <http://www.region2.squaredance.bc.ca>
- Valley Circle Online (website) – See our work at <http://www.region2.squaredance.bc.ca>

#### d) Promotion Committee – Frank McNeil

- If a club needs assistance with covering costs of promotional material, or is looking for advice on advertising, please contact Frank McNeil at [fmcneil@shaw.ca](mailto:fmcneil@shaw.ca)



*Fraser Valley Square & Round Dance Association  
and the  
Vancouver & District Caller Teachers Association*

### **JOINT PROMOTION COMMITTEE**

#### **Mission Statement:**

We will promote our dance activities with emphasis on public awareness  
and the recruitment of new dancers.

Promotion Committee report to the FVSRDA general meeting Nov. 19, 2023

**Spring Jamboree for new dancers** sponsored by the Joint Promotion Committee will be held on April 27th, 2024, at Kennedy Hall. See the poster attached with my report.

We have revived the **Social Media project** for advertising Square & Round Dancing on Facebook. The Promotion Committee is looking for someone to be the Facebook administrator for this project. If we don't get a volunteer from the Square Dance community, we will recruit someone from outside our activity for this position. Contact Greg Dahlgren if you are interested.

[greqda@outlook.com](mailto:greqda@outlook.com) 604-785-6436

Two more sidewalk signs were requested by Wesburn Wranglers and Circle 8s and have been delivered to them.

We have ordered 10 - 11" x 17" Indoor signs to promote our activity. These signs can be placed on a notice board and have a space for a contact #. (see below)

These signs will be available soon to clubs that want them.



Contact Lyle [theocharas@telus.net](mailto:theocharas@telus.net) 604-583-2625

We are asking clubs with new dancer classes to have a member be a rep to the Promo Committee to maintain communication between the clubs and the committee.

First Friday no experience needed dances initiated and run by Brent Mawdsley have been a great success, please support this dance. Poster attached with my report.

Regards,  
Frank McNeil  
Promotion Committee Chair  
Fraser Valley Square & Round Dance Association  
604-340-4109

**e) BC Federation – Dianne Wilson**

- No report, at this time

**f) Canadian Society – Dianne Wilson**

- No report, at this time
- Canadian Festival 2024 in Calgary – Ray reported that about 559 dancers (limit is 600) are registered

**g) Gala Committee – Dave Hammer**

The 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Gala held at the Confederation Heights Senior Center, Burnaby on Saturday, October 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023 was a great success with eleven squares of enthusiastic dancers on the floor.

With the BC Boys: (Ray Brendzy, Steve Edlund, and Brent Mawdsley) calling harmoniously and Krista Baird cueing, the dancers were kept moving lively throughout the evening.

The refreshments of coffee, tea, water, and various kinds of cookies provided the nourishment the dancers required.

The Fall Theme coordinated by Eva Matheson, Sandi Poje and Sylvia French was carried throughout the hall with trees in Fall foliage and leafy decorations on the walls resembling the real time Autumn scene outside.

During the evening activities, a short break was taken to award the recipient of the Scroll of Honour, which is usually presented at this event. The Scroll of Honour was presented by Wendy Krueger. (see Scroll of Honour recipient in November issue of the Valley Circle page 20)

The winners of the various door prizes were *Jean Galbraith, Mildred Johnson, Gordon Hiscott, Dave Hammer, Don Nells, Roger Kessler, Michelle Thiessen, Carl Alleyne, Betty Klassen, and Rick Klopp*.

Money draw winners were *June Fitchett, Janet Klopp, and Martina VanDenMaden*. Congratulations to all the winners.

The FVSRDA Gala 2023 committee would like to thank all those volunteers who helped coordinate this fantastic event, the callers, cuer and especially all the dancers who helped make this evening a success.

**h) Vancouver & District Caller/Teachers Association – John Corrigan (absent)**

**i) Scroll of Honour – Sandi Poje**

We all want to congratulate *Maureen Wilson* for receiving the Scroll of Honour at our Gala on October 21, 2023. I would also like to thank the “scroll of honour committee” Wendy Krueger, Frank McNeil, Al Gibbs and June Fitchett for their input in choosing Maureen as the recipient for 2023.

**The Criteria required for the Scroll of Honour, as stated in the Resource Book:**

“This Award is usually presented to one Dancer Couple or Person and one Caller Couple or Person annually, within the Fraser Valley Square & Round Dance Association and Vancouver and District Caller/Teachers Association. The Honour is in recognition of the people who have gone above and beyond the call of duty and have dedicated their service to the Square Dance Community. This goes beyond the Club level and they have shown leadership to the FVS&RD Association or B.C. Federation or Canadian Society”.

If you wish to nominate a person or couple for this Honour, please submit a letter highlighting their endeavors. Nominations must be received **before February 28**, of the year of nominations and they are held for 5 years.

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](mailto:spoje@ymail.com)

## **J) BC FESTIVAL 2025 – Ray Brendzy**

- We have a date and a location and are moving forward with plans.
- Next meeting will be Sunday, November 26<sup>th</sup>.

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

### **OLD BUSINESS –**

#### **1) Grant of \$1,000 to each member club update:**

- Don is waiting for clubs to register – then the cheques will be sent out
- Clubs must have been registered the year before and have restarted dancing, to be eligible for the money.

### **NEW BUSINESS –**

#### **1) Request for funding for new dancer start up**

- Town N Country

***Moved/Seconded: Don Allan/Norm Cox – that the deSmit grant application from Town 'n' Country Dancers be approved – CARRIED***

#### **2) 25-year dangles– Jean Galbraith**

- Sandy's Badges have done the printing for all other badges/dangles for a long time. They've lost the supplier of the original badges/dangles which were originally metal.
- Executive approved the new design and material that the dangle will be made of
- The cost per dangle (around \$2) remains same price



#### **3) Query re: average attendance at each club's weekly dance night – John (Jack) Connolly**

The directors have been asked to inquire as to what the average number of squares or round dance participants they have on regular dance nights/days with the idea that these figures could be reported at the general meetings.

## GOOD & WELFARE

- Ellen Robertson - June will let me know when she has surgery. At that time, Maureen will send her a 'speedy recovery' card.
- Walter Michaluk – fell and broke his right arm

## ORDER OF THE DAY –

See exec minutes]

### Royal City Dancers –

March 8, 2024 – celebrating Steve Edlund's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary as a caller  
Callers: Steve Edlund & Gary Winter (guest caller from Edmonton)

### Chilliwack Rhythm Reelers –

Dec. 16 -- Christmas dinner dance

- 5:30 – dinner
- 6:30-7:00 – pre-Plus
- 7:00-9:00 – SSD/Mainstream
- Callers: Mike Rohde & Brent Mawdsley

January 30 -- 69<sup>th</sup> anniversary dance

- Caller: Brent Mawdsley
- SSD/Mainstream
- Will be honouring past president and graduating 5 dancers

March 16 – 'The Steve and Brent Show'

May 4 – 'May the 4<sup>th</sup> Be With You'

- *Star Wars* themed daytime dance
- Callers: Brent Mawdsley & Heather Reynolds
- Time: TBD

June 1 – 'A Day in the Valley'

Surrey Square Wheelers –

Hawaiian Dance – Nov 28

**NEXT MEETING** – February 4, 2024 @ 9 AM via Zoom

**ADJOURNMENT** @ 10:02 AM by Don Allan

*~Respectfully submitted by Maureen Wilson~  
Please forgive any typos -- they weren't intentional...*

