



FRASER VALLEY SQUARE & ROUND DANCE ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF THE FVS&RDA GENERAL MEETING

January 19, 2014

at Centennial Lodge, New Westminster, BC at 1:30 PM

1. **WELCOME** – David McVige welcomed everyone to today's meeting.
2. **ATTENDANCE** – Pat Berry Clubs 17/20, Executive 19/21
3. **ADDITIONS AND APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**
M/S by Barbara Tryssenaar/Norm Cox that the agenda be approved but, that, the order of the reports be changed so that Barbara (item J) could be moved up under item B. This will allow her and Guy to leave early to attend a family function. Carried.
4. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF September 29th 2013**
M/S by Norm Cox/Erika d'Esterre that the minutes, as circulated, be accepted. Carried.
5. **CORRESPONDENCE** - Nothing at this time.

6. PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

David's Bar Stool Message

As we enter a New Year of 2014 with anticipation of coming Club Anniversaries and Special Events, we also pause to remember those who have suddenly departed from us. As the New Kid on the block compared to a lot of you who I sincerely respect, it is my goal of continuing to visit more Clubs and develop more friendships .

We then took a moment to remember our square and round dance friends who have recently died and any others who we wish to remember.

7. REPORTS

A Treasurer – Mary Cox

Mary presented three financial statements. They can be found attached in Appendix A1, A2 and A3. Erika questioned the low number in some clubs. Mary explained that some dancers dance in more than one club but are only counted where they pay their insurance. Heather questioned the lack of numbers for the teen clubs a few years ago. Mary explained that at those points teens were not separated from the regular clubs. Now, at that point, they do not pay to register with the Canadian Society and so are now listed separately. M/S by Mary/Fred Garbett that the financial statements be accepted. Carried

- Mary said that she now has all the insurance cards for clubs to distribute to their members. She has an envelope for the club reps that includes instructions, names and numbers on the individual cards and the cards themselves. They can be picked up at this meeting.

- Mary said that she has 2 requests from clubs with New Dancers for money to support their efforts at acquiring New Dancers. Swinging Singles has requested funds for both their round dance class and their square dance class. Squares AcrossThe Border is requesting support for their square dance new dancer class. M/S by Mary/Barbara that these requests be accepted and that these clubs be paid \$250.00 each. Passed

- Mary has a request from Surrey Square Wheelers for funding for New Dancer expenses (bills all submitted as requested). They request an amount of \$500.00 from the deSmit Fund. The Executive has recommended this. M/S by Mary/Peter Tamilin that Mary pay \$500.00 to the Surrey Square Wheelers. Passed.



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B Vice-President – George & Betty Langtry

See report at end of minutes in Appendix B.

C Gala – Barbara Tryssenaar

- Barbara showed the poster for the upcoming Gala and said that all reps have today received a copy to take back to their clubs. Today the tickets go on sale for the Gala. The gala for 2014 will take place on Saturday, March 22 at Confederation Senior Centre in Burnaby.

- *Barbara's report can be found at the end of the minutes in Appendix C*

- The Scroll of Honour will be presented at the Gala this year.

D Valley Circle - Blair Wallace

- Subscriptions are now at 316 compared to 314 last year.

- The Website has been getting an average of 22-24 hits per day.

- Someone asked him about printing a calendar in the Valley Circle and he referred them to the one on the Website.

- No one has sent in any articles to him for him to print.

- He said they've made a change on the website and now have a friends page. There are now links to Zajac Ranch for Children, Circle 8 Ranch, and Penticton Square Dance Festival. They are trying to get Ron Booiman and Dave Plume (sp?) to join the site.

Wendy Krueger and Blair visited all the New Dancer classes in November and gave them a free copy of the Valley Circle so they could see what it was. They also pointed out the ad for the dance they could all attend at the end of December, put on by the Vancouver Caller/Teacher Association. Dave expressed our appreciation for all that Blair does for us.

E Promotion – Norm Cox

See report at end of minutes in Appendix D

Norm, on behalf of the Promo Committee asked for a donation from the DeSmit Fund of FVS&RDA. M/S by Ron/Erika that we give them \$1000.00 from the DeSmit Fund. Carried. Blair inquired about the privacy issue of John Connelly photographing or videotaping people at the dances. He felt that some people might not want to be on the facebook pages for personal reasons (as in the Teen groups where some children are in care or away from someone who may not know where they are). Jean Galbraith suggested that John ask people when he is taking photos or videos if it's okay to post their pictures on the Web. Heather suggested that he ask the caller at the beginning of a dance to announce that John will be taking photos and videos at this dance and to let him know if they do NOT want their photos on the Web. Norm said that they would bring it up at the next Promo meeting on Feb. 4th, 2014.

F Caller/Teacher – Heather Wallace

See report at end of minutes in Appendix E.



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G Driscoll Report – Ron Robertson

Ron's report can be found in Appendix F

It is difficult to get teen boys to apply for this award because there are not many young boys dancing these days. Girls dancing as boys are now allowed to do so in the Round Dance segments of the Teen Festival as they have been doing for many years in the Square Dance portion.

H BC Federation – Sandi Poje

See report at end of minutes in Appendix G

Canadian Society Norm Cox

Norm had nothing to report!

8. Old Business - None

9. New Business

Gaylene Ward and Werner Pettrich were warmly thanked for the delicious meal they prepared for us today.

a. Notice of Motion

M/S by Norm Cox/Mary Cox

Whereas the total number of clubs in the FVS&RDA for the year 2014 has dropped to a total of 19 Clubs and the FVS& RDA Bylaws Part IV/4.2 require that 25% of the clubs but never less than twelve clubs (12) clubs shall constitute a quorum for any general meeting.

We hereby make a notice of motion to change Bylaw IV/4.2 to read:

“No less than 10 clubs be represented at any General Meeting of the FVS&RDA to constitute a quorum”

M/S by Norm/Mary that this motion be accepted

b. Blair suggested that we use the Burnaby Lake Pavilion for future meetings. Centennial Lodge in New West cannot be booked until 3 months ahead. At the Burnaby facility, the Single Round Dancers are there at 4:00 PM and there is no one using the hall before them. It will be discussed at the next Special General Meeting, on March 9th, 2014.

10. Order of the Day

Royal Swingers – Lil McDonald

- Feb. 14th, 2014 hosting Jerry Jestin at Edmunds Community Centre. Cost is \$10.00.
- Steve Edlund's 50th birthday is this Friday

Abbotsford Grand Squares

- Penguin Promenade is Jan. 23rd at ASAA Hall in Abbotsford – a black & white theme
- Zajac Ranch Benefit Dance for handicapped kids – Sunday, March 2, at ASAA Hall

Chilliwack Rhythm Reelers

- Trifle night Feb. 21, 2014
- Rally in the Valley – ribbons are now on sale



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10. Order of the Day (continued)

Squares Across the Border – Barb Webster

- recently lost Al Ingram – a member of the four score club.

Surrey Square Wheelers

- New Dancer dance – January 29/14 Fashion show and recycle sale at Brookwood Senior Citizens Activity Centre
- Happiness Dance – April 12, 2014

Swinging Singles – Bernice Snook

- 45th Club Anniversary on Tuesday, January 21, 2014 7:30-9:45 PM at Burnaby Lake Pavillion
- Tuesday, March 25, 2014, English Garden Tea Dance at Burnaby Lake Pavillion
- June 14, 2014, Ice cream social at Bonsor.

Betty Langtry said that she would be again doing an MS Dance. She asked for treasures for a silent auction.

Town and Country

- February 8th, 2014 – Heart Fund Dance – Bake Sale, Silent Auction and Money draw. At Ridge-Meadows Seniors Activity Centre, 7:30 PM Rounds, 8:00 to 10:00 PM Squares

11. Good and Welfare

There will be a Memorial for Jean Baird on Friday, January 24th, 2014 at 2:00 PM at Burkeview Chapel in Port Coquitlam. It was published in the Vancouver Sun yesterday. Blair will put it on the Website.

The meeting adjourned at 3:20 PM

The next meeting will be a **Special General Meeting** to be held at Centennial Lodge in New Westminster at 1:30 PM on Sunday, March 9th, 2014.

F.V.S.&R.D.A. Comparison Number of Dancers by Clubs as December 31							
	2007 - 2008	2008- 2009	2010- 2011	2011- 2012	2012- 2013	2013- 2014	Reg. 2014
Abbotsford Grand Squares	49	73	50	67	70	77	
Abbotsford Grand Squares Teens				4	7		
Abbotsford Swing Hubs	14	24	23	25	29	32	
Century House Squares	27	25	15	20	23	31	
Chilliwack Rhythm Reelers	53	54	57	53	48	77	
Chilliwack Round Trippers	0						
Chuckwagon 8's	99	95	98	85	65	70	
Co-operative Squares	48	32	26	23	24		
Country Stars	57	38					
Delta Sundancers	34	12	3	1	3	0	
Delta Sundancers Teens			26	20	20	24	
Diamond Country Dancers					0	0	
Fraser Valley Strollers	9	7					
Guys n' Gals			1	4	14	20	
Mission Grand Squares	15	0					
Motiv8tors	30	34	32	29	31	19	
Ocean Waves	17	21	17				
Quick Steppers	16	20	22	15	20	11	
Rhythm B's Dance Club	22	55	46	40	10	20	
Rhythm n' Rounds			4				
Richmond Star Promenadors	27	20					
Royal Swingers	40	30+2 teens	34	33	31	37	
Silver Saddles	41						
Slesse Squares, Chilliwack							
Spinners	45						
Squares Across The Border	72	60	47	52	42	43	
S.A.T.B. Teen						1	
Stardowners	37	46	25	26	25	27	
Sunshine Squares, Chilliwack	0						
Surrey Square Wheelers	152	136	133	125	122	125	
Swinging Singles	96	98	91	81	66	76	
Tidal Waves	0						
Time Step Cloggers	5	4					
Town 'N' Country Swingers	85	75	60	56	58	60	
Weavers	56	50	35	40	27		
Wesburn Wranglers	35	23+5 adults	46	20	6	3	
Wesburn Wranglers Teens					22	28	
West Coast Contra	7	5	1	4	0		
Wheeling 8's	8	9	9	12	8	4	
Wheeling 8's Wheel Chairbound					6	4	
White Rockers	15	24	28	20	19	20	
Individual Members						20	
Totals	1211	1082	929	855	796	829	
# of Clubs	29	26	25	23	22	20	

Vice President's Report January 2014

Happy New Year to all. After all those Christmas dances we will certainly need to dance off those extra calories.

We continue to attend most special dances and visit individual clubs. It is unfortunate that we have lost a couple of clubs . The new dancer numbers are up but we need to encourage these dancers to stay with our recreation.

We presented the Wheeling 8's with their much delayed 40th Anniversary badge. 2015 is Festival year. Is this something we could do?

Please try to attend some of the special dances coming up and perhaps bring along some dancers that don't usually attend these events.

George & Betty Langtry

GALA Report for the January 19th, 2014 General Meeting of the FVS&RDA

Thank you to the Chair for allowing me to give this report early as we have several family affairs to attend to today.

Well this is it. This is the day that the tickets for the 11th annual Classic Gala go on sale. This event will take place on Saturday, March 22nd, 2014 at Confederation Senior Centre in Burnaby.

We are calling this the “GALLOPING ACROSS THE BORDER” Gala as the caller resides in Edmonton and must cross the border to get here. Also he and his wife are avid horse lovers – hence the “Gallop” bit.

Our caller will be Murray Few from Edmonton and he will be calling Mainstream with some Plus tips. This will enable all of our dancers to attend and enjoy the Gala experience. Murray has been calling for a long time and will provide a fun and challenging night of dancing. To further enhance the night Ellen Robertson will be the cuer. So this truly is a `Dynamic Duo`.

Tickets will be \$15.00 per person but I promise you will get value for your dollar. They are available now from the committee members wearing the `ASK ME` badges. Will the Gala committee please stand up. So you can purchase your tickets now from these people. Also Dave Hammer from Stardowners has tickets.

We are having an “EARLYBIRD” draw on February 14th so two people will have their ticket money refunded and come to the Gala for free. Free is always good!!!!

There is not too much lead in time here as March will be here soon, so buy your tickets early and maybe your name will be drawn in the EARLYBIRD Draw.

THERE WILL BE NO SALES AT THE DOOR.

Each Club Representative will get a “GALA” package to take home to your club. We would ask that as your club FVS&RDA representative you announce this dance on your next dance night. Please let everyone know about the Early Bird draw. Thank you.

By the way as one couple on our committee is not able to assist we are looking for a couple to join our committee. If you are interested please give me a phone call. Number is in the Valley Circle.

Respectively submitted: Barbara & Guy Tryssenaar – Chair couple

F.V.S. & R.D.A. Joint Promo Committee Report to F.V.S. & R.D.A. General Meeting January 19, 2014

We had 60 New Dancers graduate in 2013 and of those 60, 12 did not re-register for 2014. The clubs from which those not re-registering for 2014 graduated were contacted with this information and asked to follow up.

Number of New Dancers Registered for 2014

Abbotsford Grand Squares	24
Delta Sundancers	5
Guys n' Gals	7
Squares Across The Border	4
Surrey Square Wheelers	22
Swinging Singles	12
Town n' Country	<u>3</u>
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The Wellness Show is upcoming February 14 -16, 2014 under the Sails and the times of the Demos are

Friday February 14 at 2.00pm

Saturday, February 15 at 12 noon

We are in need of dancers to do these demos.

The New Dancer`s Jamboree will be on Saturday, April 26, 2014 at 7.00pm at Ridge Meadows Seniors Centre. Please come and BRING your New Dancers.

Also please check the following website

www.Facebook.com/SquareAndRoundDanceFederation

and see the work being done by Brian Elmer, Chair of SquareUp BC. This is great publicity for our Square Dance Movement.

The Joint Promo Committee requests a donation for Financial Assistance from the DeSmit Fund as our current Bank Account Balance is now below \$300.00 and we will still have expenses to pay out for the New Dancers Jamboree plus some requests to come in for Advertising Funding. The short fall this year is due to no Fund Raising Project being held and also to the fact that the Wellness Show increased their fees. We will not be participating in the Wellness Show next year due to the high cost of entering it.

Norm Cox, Chair of Joint Promo Committee.

January 19th, 2014 – Caller/Teachers Report
Heather Wallace

The Vancouver & District Caller Teachers Association met yesterday, January 18, 2014, at their General Meeting at OAPO Hall in Aldergrove. The meeting began with a Square Dance Workshop, focusing on Caller development and improvement.

We also reviewed the upcoming February BC Fed Round of the Month:

I'd Love You All Over Again – song by Alan Jackson

Phase II Waltz

Choreographed by Werner & Christine Rochow

We selected a Round of the Month for our region for March. It is:

Baby Likes To Rock It – song by The Tractors

Phase II + 1 (Fishtail) Two Step

Choreographed by Bob & Jackie Scott

This ROM will be in the March Valley Circle.

We reviewed the recent Mid-Term dance. The dance itself was very successful, but additional advertising and awareness amongst new dancer classes will be necessary for next year. The Caller/Teachers are going to make this dance an annual event for our region.

We also discussed the West Coast Square Dancing Program. Presently, three clubs are actively taking part in the Program and one additional club is starting the Program in February. There will be dances in the near future that specifically feature the West Coast list of moves, so check your Valley Circle for information on these existing dances.

Thank you everyone!

RON ROBERTSON

DRISCOLL JAN. 19th

REMINDER NOTICES WILL BE SENT OUT AT THE END OF JANUARY. THE PROBLEM THE TEEN CLUBS ARE HAVING IS THE LACK OF MALE DANCERS. THIS YEAR THE FEMALE DANCERS WILL AGAIN BE ALLOWED TO DANCE IN THE MALE POSITION IN THE ROUND DANCE COMPETITION .

January 19, 2014 FVS&RDA General Meeting for BC Federation Report

In November 2013

- BC Membership went to the Canadian Society in November, thanks to everyone who was involved
- Dancer count is up but fewer clubs are registered
- If you require a Named Certificate of Insurance, please use the application form on the Canadian Society website. This certificate is now free.
- New and late registrations will be accepted before the 15th day of January, February or March

January, 2014 newsletter shows that:

- Membership cards and certificates should be at the clubs shortly
- 2014 BCS&RDF Board of Directors meeting will be **Saturday, April 5 at 10:00 am** at the Abbotsford Senior Association Hall.
- Rooms are available at the Best Western Bakerview Inn in Abbotsford. Call 1 877 336 6156 if you wish to book a room but must be booked by March 15 to receive discount. The room cost is \$79.00 plus tax.
- Each region will now have 4 voting delegates in accordance with a motion passed at the 2013 BC Federation AGM but is on a trial basis for 2 years.
- If your Region has a motion to present at this meeting please give it to Norm or Ken Crisp before February 20th
- John Corrigan, Past President will be looking for names to fill Executive positions at the AGM in August in Penticton.
- National Convention in Ottawa July 17 to 19, 2014

Some upcoming Special Dates in 2014 for BC

- January 21 Swinging Singles of Burnaby 45th Anniversary
- February 16 Rhythm B's 15th Anniversary
- August 15, 16, 17 50th Anniversary of Powell River Star Dusters
- November 29 60th Anniversary of 3 Lower Vancouver Island Organizations (Cross Trail News, Lower Vancouver Island Association and the Caller Teacher Association.) and also in
- 2014 FVS&RDA and Valley Circle Magazine will celebrate it's 55th year
- August 6 to 9, 2014 Peachfest Square Dance Festival in Penticton

The Sillery Award:

- was presented to Guy and Cathy Moreau in Region 8 (Courtenay) in August, 2013

The Canadian Society Award of Excellence

- Went to Ken and Sally Crisp at the Penticton Peachfest Square Dance Festival in August, 2013

Four Score and More Badges

- 4 badges have been presented and another 4 to be presented in January.
- The badges are free from the BC Federation, but if you would like your name attached to the badge, that cost is \$2.50 each.
- Thanks to George Langtry for attaching the names to the badges.

Submitted by Sandi Poje