



FRASER VALLEY SQUARE & ROUND DANCE ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the FVS&RDA Annual General Meeting

Sunday May 10, 2015 at 1:05 PM

Centennial Lodge, Queen's Park, New Westminster, B.C

Welcome - David McVige

-David's Bar Stool I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their support during the last 2 years. The friendships created are as is said-priceless. It has been an honor to serve as President and will continue to contribute my efforts as Past-President and work with others on committees as required.

Attendance Seven Clubs present quorum not established at this time.

Final Absentees: -Chuckwagon 8's, Delta Sundancers, Diamond Country Dancers, Guys & Gals, Rhythm B's, Royal Swingers, Squares Across the Border, Stardowners, Wesburn Wranglers, White Rockers.

Approval/ additions to the Agenda unable to proceed until a Quorum established
Move to Correspondence and reports at this time.

Acceptance of minutes of previous meeting March 22/15

Correspondence

A thank you card from Ginny & John Connolly thanking us for the Gala evening and for Receiving the 2014 Scroll of Honor, Dance couple Certificate. Ginny says
"Your thoughtfulness will be treasured forever!"

Also Barbara received a response from the MS Society thanking us for the \$60.00 check Mary had sent to them from the split the pot, the total now being donated was \$4,345.00.

REPORTS

A. Treasurer

Mary Cox

Bank signing officers will need to be changed at the bank and Mary has all the information necessary to do this, Signing off & signing on.

The signing officers will be Treasurer, President & Vice President any two of these three. (Not the past President as was the case this year.)

Registration Fees will stay the same for Next year 2015-2016

Budget presented by Norm Cox

Norm recommended at the Executive Meeting that a review of the books be made, as they haven't been reviewed for some time. John Corrigan is willing to do them & a motion was passed at the executive meeting that a donation

would be made to John (who is not charging) of not more than \$300.00.

Two more Club Representatives arrived. One short of a Quorum.

B. Vice President

Betty Langtry

The BC Federation BOD meeting followed by a dance, was held in Abbotsford again this Year. Region 2 had a few members in attendance other than our delegates. Maybe we can do better next year. It is a chance to learn about the BC Federation.

April brought an early Easter and many dances. There were graduations at several clubs for new dancers. May started out with the Teen Festival in Langley on May 1& 2. What a group of talented young people, not to mention all the dedicated people behind the scenes. We left after being there 13 hr. and the teens were just getting started with their fun dancing.

It is time for elections once again. We welcome new members joining the executive and thank those who are retiring or moving to new positions. The two years as Vice President couple have passed already. Hopefully we got the job right the second time around. Have a great summer and see you on the dance floor.

C. Valley Circle

Blair Wallace

Valley Circle / Webmaster / FV Directory Report

Valley Circle:

Summer issue is being assembled. The whole issue is mailed out. Cost of mailing of the summer issue: \$619.45!

Current subscriptions:

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| Paid Subscriptions – Club Delivery | 261 |
| Paid Subscriptions – Mail | 26 |
| Exchange Magazines | 17 |
| Directors & Others | 18 |
| Total | 322 |

We have contacted all recipients of the “Exchange” magazines to confirm that they still want to receive the Valley Circle. Some have already responding – saying yes. A few have indicated that a website address would work better for their members. The website address is happily sent and their address is added to our “friend’s” page.

Remind clubs with New Dancer / Beginner classes that the Valley Circle will give graduates six months of the Valley Circle for free. The conditions are:

The free six months subscription is available to all New Dancers who complete the New Dancer program and who have paid their Club membership fees/insurance (i.e. join the club). For **clubs** to register their New Dancers for the free subscription have them provide a list detailing: The New Dancers name, address, telephone number & club name.

Some clubs (and dancers) pay \$6 per “free” subscription, thereby making the subscription for a whole year. This is encouraged as it makes renewals easier for everyone (i.e. no collecting money in February – ½ way through the year). If this were done – all the Valley Circle subscriptions would come due in October.

We are still looking for a Flashback editor!

Subscription renewal paperwork will be sent to the clubs with the September issue.

Remember that the Valley Circle does accept ads from commercial sources including from non-square dance related companies. If you have a favorite restaurant, dance supply store, etc. maybe

suggest to them they advertise in the Valley Circle 0 or forward their name to me and I will contact them.

Valley Circle Caller/Cuer Apprenticeship Program:

We have received four progress reports for the Apprentice – Mike Rohdes – from his mentor Dan Adams. The reports indicate he is making good progress. The support cheques have been sent to the Chilliwack Rhythm Reelers. For those who attended the New Dancer Jamboree, they were lucky enough to hear Mike call. He is making good progress toward becoming a caller.

We will be looking for new nominations for the program over the next few months, with the deadline for review being the end of November.

D. Webmaster

Blair Wallace

Website:

FVSRDA Website traffic for a typical week is summarized below:

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| -- Site Summary --- | |
| Visits | |
| Total | 655 |
| Average per Day | 16 |
| Average Visit Length | 1:38 |
| This Week | 115 |
| Page Views | |
| Total | 1,018 |
| Average per Day | 23 |
| Average per Visit | 1.4 |
| This Week | 163 |

We have had approximately 46,000 views since the website was first put up.

We try to keep the calendar up-to-date. Everyone's help is appreciated and desired. Have a look regularly – if you see an error or omission – let us know and it will be fixed! We also post all the minutes from the General Meetings (without the financial reports).

I am still looking for help with the pages – have a look through the website & let me know if you can't find things, items are outdated / wrong or whatever.... I want to make the site useful to all. I know where everything is, so I'm not the one to ask....

I received a request from Jean Galbraith & Wendy Kruger to post a sample "News Release" on the website within the Promotion Committee area. The request did not indicate that the request was coming from the Promotion Committee. All such requests must have confirmation that they are coming from a designated committee of the FVS&RDA before I will post the information.

Remember that we have a 'Friends' page on the website. We would be happy to include links to other dance organizations, associations, companies, etc. on this page who support square & round dancing. If you have someone who you think should be on the friend's page, send me the contact information and I will get hold of them.

FV Directory:

Forms for the 2015/2016 Fraser Valley Square & Round Dance Directory have been prepared for the clubs and will be distribute at the Annual General Meeting. The forms are also available on the website. The information submitted on these forms is used to update the website. The deadline for submission of the completed forms is August 1, 2015.

At this time Jean Galbraith brought to our attention our Bylaws in particular on pg. 7 part 1V 4.3 According

to our bylaws the General meeting should be adjourned.

Ken brought to our attention that there was some confusion in the Valley Circle, which states both a 1:00 & a 1:30 pm start for this meeting, it was therefore agreed that the meeting would continue for a further half hr in the hopes that we would get a quorum by 2:00 pm

E. Promotion

Betty Langtry

The promotion committee has welcomed a few new members following the "Lets Do Lunch" meeting. New members are always welcome.

Clubs were contacted concerning help with setting up a website or assistance with an existing website. Very little interest was shown in this project.

The New Dancer Jamboree was held April 25 at Ridge Meadows Senior Centre with the attendance of 78 dancers and seven callers, cuers and partners. All new dancer clubs had dancers in attendance. It is a shame that more dancers weren't able to support the new graduates. We did have the BIG hockey game to deal with that night.

Our next event will be the Othello Tunnels weekend September 18,19 & 20 Th. at Othello Tunnels Provincial Park. If you are camping please book your site early at Othello Tunnels Campground. Come out for the day if you aren't camping or book a nearby motel.

Betty sent an email to the Publicity of the Saskatchewan Festival of Next year, as people don't know what we are talking about when they are asked have you registered yet for the Festival next year.

They are going to put an ad in the Valley Circle, and link to the Valley Circle. They have 200 registered and they are hoping for 800.

At this time, Werner Pettrich stepped in as representative for the Quicksteppers, making up a quorum in attendance with ten Clubs represented, and the meeting continued.

F. Caller/Teacher

Heather Wallace

The Vancouver & District Caller Teachers Association held an Executive Meeting on May 9th, 2015. With the dance season coming to a close, there were only a few matters of discussion. Primarily, we have focused on the following:

- A. We spoke at length and brainstormed ideas regarding the possibility of a 2017 BC Provincial Festival held in Region 2. The Caller Teachers Executive completely supports a festival in 2017. Once a committee is established for the Festival, the Caller Teachers is happy and excited to contribute in any way possible.
- B. The Callers Teachers Executive will also be presenting several recognition awards to long-standing callers for 2015. You will see these presentations made in October and November around the lower mainland.
- C. Over the summer, many of the Callers will be featured on the Sunday Summer Dancing at Abbotsford. First up on July 5th, John Corrigan and Pat Meyer! Please check out the full-page ad in the Summer Valley Circle.
- D. The Callers want to remind everyone about the Callers Corn Cob Caper on August 30th in Abbotsford. The dance is 1:30pm – 4:00pm with Corn and Salads to follow. Please come and enjoy the last dance of the summer with us!

G. Scroll of Honor

Barbara Tryssenaar

The Scroll of Honour for the caller and dancer couple were presented to Bill & Vivianne Knowles and John & Ginny Connolly. Well deserved by all. Both couples were shocked to hear their names called out and were pleased to be recognized by their peers.

Barbara would like to receive applications for this years scroll of Honor, they get a Plaque & pin.

H. Driscoll Award

Ron Robertson

Final Reminders have been sent out also some entries have been received.

The Driscoll award night will be on June 9th at Burnaby Lake Pavilion.

The swinging singles are sharing their night with us.

I. BC Federation

Norm Cox in Sandi Poje's absence

- The **Board of Directors meeting** was held on **Saturday March 28, 2015** at the ASA Hall in **Abbotsford**. Norm Cox and David McVige as well as I (Sandi) attended the meeting. The luncheon supplied by the Abbotsford Grand Square was superb.
- Some highlights of the meeting were:
 - **Revitalization Task Force** is proceeding with their plans and are looking for funding of up to \$4000 for the updating of the Federation's Website, and up to \$1500 for the design and production of editable flyers and cards for the use of Regions or Clubs and for general expenses, up to \$1500.
 - **Square Up BC**: Brian has \$2000 in the budget to see him through this year, but if he is to undertake a major advertising campaign this fall, he will need additional monies.
 - **Number of Delegates per Region** (after a 2 year trial that provided for four(4) rather than eight (8) delegates per region to the Board of Directors meeting) has been approved. Notice of Motion for the AGM in Penticton on August 7, 2015 (see attached). Notice of Motions for the AGM must be received by the Secretary at wkrueger@shaw.ca by **May 8, 2015** in order to be put on the agenda.
 - 1-800 number will be moved to the Marketing Chairperson (Brian Elmer) for the BC Federation from Janet and Roy Ballam.
 - **Appointment of Frank McNeil** as our provincial webmaster effective April 1st, 2015 subject to review at the 2016 Board of Directors meeting. A letter of commendation will be sent to **Phil Douziech** for his 20 years of service to the Federation and its Regions and clubs.
 - Expenses and Reimbursements were discussed
 - Funding for new dancer class assistance was difficult to see clubs qualifying under the criteria by it is currently worded. Al Ritchie serves Notice of Motion to the AGM that new wording is coming for the criteria.
 - Connie Ritchie announced that Helen Maddeaux is organizing a mini lab for cuers giving 20 hours of instruction for September 18th, 19th 2015 at Nanoose
 - Ken received correspondence from Nick and Mary Anne about the 'slogo'. It is Live Lively-Square Dance! with two modern figures. All of us are welcome and encouraged to use it.
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Live Lively-



Square Dance!

- **Personal Information Privacy Act**—there are 3 ways people can object to their image being used. Please see Addendum (attached) provided by Dennis Sutton to clarify this point. Clarification was heard from the Ritchie's that if someone's voice is on an audio or video record, they, too, must have the opportunity to object to publication.
 - Fourscore and More Committee needs to order more badges
 - Planning for the next BOD meeting will take place on **Saturday April 2nd, 2016**. Location will be ASAA Hall unless another region takes it on.
- **The “After Meeting Dance”** was well attended and Heather Wallace did a great job as MC'ing the dance. Many callers and cuers from BC shared the spotlight.
 - Hope all those planning on attending the 19th National Convention to be held on **July 28 to 30, 2016** in **Regina, Saskatchewan** have registered.

Some upcoming Special Dates in 2015 in BC

- Check out your Valley Circle for upcoming Events here in the Lower Mainland
- May 22 to 24 57th Williams Lake Jamboree
- June 5 to 7 Spring Jamboree - Prince George
- June 5 to 7 Rally in the Valley - Chilliwack
- June 19 to 21 Chase the Fun Weekend - Chase, BC
- August 5 to 8 12th Annual Peachfest Square Dance Festival
- Sunday October 18th Garry Dodds is celebrating 50 years of calling. Dance to take place in the Colwood Hall, Victoria
- November 14 Town 'n' Country's 55th Anniversary

Prepared by Sandi Poje and Norm Cox, David McVige

Next meeting will be April 2nd 2016, & August 7th 2015 is the AGM

ADDENDUM: Personal Information Protection Act, BC

Forms of consent

The Personal Information Protection Act of the Province of British Columbia, which came into force on 1st January, 2004, provides 3 ways in which consent to the use of personal information – including the publication of a photograph – may be given.

These are described in a Guidance Release from the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner, dated March 2012, as follows;

1. Express consent – that is consent in writing with the purpose for collecting personal information clearly spelt out.

It is good practice to have any application for membership state that the club is collecting information for club purposes including maintaining a register, to permit the Executive to contact members as and when required and for sharing with the Provincial and National Square Dance organizations. If a club has members of long standing who have not been given this information, a note when they renew their membership would suffice. Notices only have to be given once unless information is collected for purposes which differ from the original.

2. Deemed consent – the purpose for which consent is deemed given is “considered to be obvious to a reasonable person” and would include, for example, for enrollment under an insurance policy. A good example is the 3rd Party insurance provided by the Canadian Society.

3. “Opt-Out consent” – this covers the situation where a person has been advised that personal information (which would include taking photographs at an event such as a dance) is being collected and has been advised that their consent is presumed, unless they give notice of objection.

The way this issue has been addressed by Clubs on Vancouver Island seems to be:

- a) Having a notice on the registration desk or entry as dancers arrive with wording such as “Your photograph may be taken during dancing. If you object to this, please advise the photographer”. Alternatives could be to advise the caller or club President who would then have to advise the photographer: or
- b) To have an announcement of similar effect made at the beginning of each dance. The danger to this approach is that anyone not present when the announcement is made (such as late arrivals, persons in a washroom, kitchen or out of hearing range) would not be on notice and would not have “opted-out”.

Disclaimer – The above is not designed as legal advice and represents the writer’s understanding of the law and publications issued by the Officer of the Information and Privacy Commissioner.

Dennis J. Sutton

31st March, 2015

NOTICE OF MOTION FOR ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING TO BE HELD August 7, 2015

From Nick Turner, Williams Lake B.C.

PREAMBLE:

From information gleaned from Region Association data entered on the Dance Connection, all Regions are **not** currently represented by 2 dancers and 2 callers.

Region 1 and 2 are, Region 3 has 4 dancers listed, Region 5 has 3 dancers and 1 cuer, Region 8 has none listed from either Association, Region 9 has 4 dancers listed.

Region 3 has no Caller Association, Regions 5 and 9 have combined Associations.

The Federation should not dictate who represents a Region as its Delegates other than that they be members in good standing, resident in and elected or appointed by the Regional Association(s).

Notice of Motion to be made at the 2015 AGM

Moved Nick Turner, Seconded Mary Anne Turner

That article 3.1 in the Constitution and By-Laws be changed to read:

3.1 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Board of Directors shall be composed of members in good standing resident in, and elected or appointed as delegates by, the geographic Regional Association(s) (SEE BY-LAWS – ARTICLE 10.2). No geographic region shall elect or appoint more than four (4) delegates at any one time except under Article 3, subsection 3.4 (iv)

These four regional Delegates may be any combination of dancers, callers, cuers or dance leaders. If no Association exists within a Region (SEE BY-LAWS – ARTICLE 10.1) clubs that are registered with the Federation may elect or appoint Federation members in good standing as delegates from said clubs.

Ken gave a verbal report for the presentation made on behalf of the BC Federation in Victoria to the retiring Editor of the Cross Trail news the Marshals, and also to Al & Connie Richie for the work they have done.

Normally nominations are to be in by March each year, so they are looking for nominations for next year.

They had the Logo designed & added a slogan calling it a Slogo, & can be used with or without the Slogan.

J. Gala

Barbara Tryssenaar

On Saturday, March 21st, the 12th annual classic Gala took place at Kennedy Hall in Surrey.

The hall was decorated grandly in a Nautical theme, (thanks to Jean Galbraith for this), the Costco cookies and coffee were in plentiful supply, there were several teen dancers from the Delta Sundancers, and everyone was in a party mood. So it was another great GALA.

About 17 squares danced to Steve Noseck's plus calling and Anita Adams always great cueing. At \$12.50 per person this dance was a good deal.

The Scroll of Honor for the caller and dancer couple were presented to Bill & Vivianne Knowles and John & Ginny Connolly. Well deserved by all. Both couples were shocked to hear their names called out and were pleased to be recognized by their peers.

From all accounts everyone had a great time.

Thanks go to the following people: Norm Cox for Mcing at the last minute as I was too ill to attend, and the Gala committee members. Would you stand up please, Sandi Poje, Ron Robertson, Jean & Alex Galbraith, June Fitchett & Al Gibbs, Dave Hammer, David McVige, Guy Tryssenaar, Bernice Snook & Ron Watson who is not here today.

These are the people who have put on the Gala for the last 10 years – yes a decade
I personally would like to thank them all for all their work over the past ten years. Thank you all. !!!
Respectfully submitted: Barbara & Guy Tryssenaar, Gala Chair couple

K. Canadian Society

Norm Cox

- National Square Dance Membership for 2015 has depreciated by 3.06%. This is the lowest depreciation in the National Membership for the past few years.
 - The CSRDS Annual General Meeting will be at the Alberta Convention in LaCombe, Alberta, September 5-7, 2015 but the actual day it is to be held has not been decided.
 - The CSRDS is looking into procuring professional assistance to upgrade the Society's Web Page.
- Norm Cox

Norm moved we accept all reports seconded by Barbara, **passed**

Agenda accepted by Blair/Phyllis Mitchell **passed**

Minutes of previous AGM accepted Norm/Barbara all in favor **passed**

Break at this time for lunch 2:05 – 2:18 pm

OLD BUSINESS:

a. Badges- 60-year dancer, Club anniversary badges. Betty Langtry

We are going to have a badge for the Club anniversaries instead of the plate, which will enable Clubs to glue or sew the badge on.

It has been brought to our attention that several people are going to get their 60 yr Anniversary recognition, so it has been an Executive decision to make a 60 yr pin.

We do need approval for the expense. The Anniversary badges have a one time charge for the art work of \$75.00 and the cost thereafter varies according to the quantity ordered 1, \$27.98 2-3, \$22.33 4-7, \$15.33

We will make sure we order more than one badge at a time.

The 60-year Anniversary recognition pin is more expensive, with a tooling charge of \$255.00 and \$16.25 each if 10 ordered at a time, & there are 4 coming up in the next year.

Trevor moves we approve the approx. cost of \$350.00 seconded by Erika **passed**.

NEW BUSINESS:

a. Elections Chaired by Barbara Tryssenaar

**These members were nominated and elected as Executive
for the two-year term 2015-2017**

President: George & Betty Langtry

Vice President: Alex & Jean Galbraith

Secretary: Sylvia French

Treasurer: Mary & Norm Cox

Directors: Ben & Joyce Lucas
Anni & Kris Christensen

Directors (Reconfirmed): Ron Robertson
June Fitchett & Al Gibbs
Roger & Janet Purser

Social Convenor: Gaylene Ward & Werner Pettirsch

Past president: David McVige

Norm presented Dave, as outgoing President, with a small gift, & a big thank you.

b. Festival 2017

Ken Crisp

There are a group of dancers and callers who have been discussing the possibility of holding a Festival here in Region Two, which is Vancouver Fraser Valley area; we missed 2015 because no one wanted to take it on.

Wendy Krueger picked up on conversations that it was something people would like to see, and put together a letter outlining her research.

What we are looking at: if this organization, and the caller organization which has already said they are in favor of running a Festival in 2017 are in agreement, we could put a bid together to present at our Annual General Meeting in Penticton in August 2015.

The Federation does provide some seed money, and profits are usually shared 50/50 but if the Festival loses money, the loss, is covered by the Federation, so it is a win-win proposition.

The last convention we had was in 2005.

Norm moves we as the Fraser Valley square and Round dance Association pursue the possibility of putting on a festival in the Lower mainland in our Region in 2017

Seconded by Phyllis all in favor **passed**

Brent Mawdsley is looking into any conflicts of interest in the States such as the Washington State Festival this year being on the 3rd weekend in July. Our proposal being July 6,7, & 8th or 14,15, & 16th 2017

At this time we are putting forward an expression of interest,
Alex moves we need to form a committee and have an organization committee for
Festival 2017 any one interested contact Betty, Norm, Jean, Alex or Otto. Seconded
by Otto **passed**

Good and Welfare

Eli Amanovich passed away Saturday May 9th 2015. No information at present, as to
when a service will be held. Watch the FV Website for further details.

John Corrigan going in for an operation June 9th.

Mort got a bad report from his Dr and is going for a second opinion.

Order of the Day

Stardowners are having an A1 teach Thursdays.

May 25th Chilliwack Grad

May 27th Town & Country Grad

May 28th Graduation for Wheeling 8s

May 30th Surrey Square Wheelers Spring into Summer Dance

June 5,6 & 7th Rally in the Valley

Starting New Class in Rosedale in the Fall.

June 13th Swinging Singles, Ice Cream Social

June 21st Guys n' Gals Grad

November 14th Town & Country 55th Anniversary

Mary needs any clubs that have had executive changes, to send them in to Mary, or
they are will not be covered by insurance if an error is made in decisions.

Next Meeting - TBA

Norm moves to Adjourn 3:02 pm