



FRASER VALLEY SQUARE & ROUND DANCE ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the Fraser Valley Square & Round Dance Association General Meeting
January 13, 2019

Location Centennial Lodge, Queens Park, New Westminster

Meeting called to order at 1:04 pm

Welcome – Jean Galbraith

Hello to you all, club reps, committee reporters, conveners, and callers, and thank you all for coming. Although most of you are familiar, there may be some new attendees here, and if so please give your names, club info, and contact info to our Secretary, Sylvia French, before you leave. This meeting is recorded, and it will be helpful to conduct a smooth running meeting if we all speak out our names and club affiliations clearly, whether making a motion, seconding, or whenever called on. This not only helps me acknowledge you properly, but it really helps our Secretary with the minutes. I hope you all have an agenda, and Treasurer report information, and have displayed your club event flyers at the back table. So now our meeting will begin.

Attendance: Abbotsford Grand Squares, Swinging Hubs, Century House Squares, Chuckwagon 8s, Royal Swingers, Squares Across the Border, Stardowners, Surrey Square Wheelers, Swinging Singles, Town 'N Country Dancers, Wesburn Wranglers, Wheeling 8s, White Rockers.

Absent: Brents Bunch, Chilliwack Rhythm Reelers, Delta Sundancers, Diamond Country Dancers, Guys & Gals, Motiv8ors, Quicksteppers, Rhythm B's, TW Twirlers. **Quorum Established.**

Additions & Approval of the Agenda

Remove item b) Club Reports – Why I Became a Club Rep. etc.”

Under New business

Item b) add special date conflicts and the use of the Annual Dance Register.

Item c) add the effectiveness of Singles Boards.

Item d) add Club Report – Swinging Singles club report.

Item e) add Funding for new dancers

Motion to accept Agenda as amended by Norm Cox, seconded by Barb Tryssenaar **PASSED**

Correspondence

From Carol Swan-Laing President of Abbotsford Grand Squares to Jean Galbraith:

It was brought to my attention on Saturday, January 5th, 2019, at our executive meeting, that we have a date conflict with the Surrey Square Wheelers, on April 6th, 2019. It is my understanding that all the clubs submit their schedules to the Valley Circle. Is anyone checking for conflicts?

We have had the first Saturday in April for at least the last 5 years, for hosting the B.O.D. meeting and 'After the Meeting Dance'. David McVige had a great idea to 'save the date' we would hold workshops during the day and have an evening dance. He knew our ASAA hall is often booked ahead and anticipated we would be hosting future B.O.D. meetings. April 6th, 2019 was submitted with our yearly schedule as 'AGS Spring Fling, Workshops & Dance'.

We know the B.O.D. meeting is on the island this year for a special 60th Anniversary and did not feel this was a conflict at all. But the SSW Happiness Benefit Dance certainly would be. We feel both events would suffer for splitting the support from the square dance community.

Is there a priority system for dates in the same geographical area? (In this case the Fraser Valley)

We would welcome your input to the situation. Please feel free to call me at the number below.

604 807 2281.

Approval of the minutes of the last meeting – Sunday, October 28, 2018

Moved by Darleen Austin seconded by David McVige **PASSED**

REPORTS –

a) Treasurer's Report – Don Allan

The financial statements as handed out in the meeting reflect all the deposits and expenses that I am aware of to Jan 3rd. I have not received the December bank statements yet so the books have not been reconciled with the statements.

I have also attached a spreadsheet that shows the number of dancers that are registered in the FVSRDA for 2019. I only received eight additional registrations after the initial submissions in October.

Two Clubs had not registered so won't be included, Delta Sundancers and Squares Across the Border clubs. I contacted the clubs and since then I have received registrations last week from the Sundancers and Squares Across the Border indicated that they intend to register but so far nothing has been received.

Insurance cards are ready to be distributed to the individual Clubs at this time, to be handed out to their Club members.

Don Allan moved his financial report be accepted, seconded by Vicki Townson. **PASSED**

b) Vice President's Report – Sandi Poje

- I attended the ROAR meeting on October 13. Everyone should try and attend these informative sessions put on by the Promotion Committee.
- I have presented 4 score + 10 badge to Gabe Paradis, Bernice Snook, Roy Swanson and Eileen Marshall and a few 4 score and more badges, at Chilliwack Rhythm Reelers, the Stardowners, Swinging Hubs, Abbotsford Grand Squares, and Swinging Singles.
- 50 years of dancing pins were presented to Larry and Shirley Citulec and Eileen Marshall.
- I attended Abbotsford Grand Squares 37th Anniversary, the Swinging Singles Western Theme Night, Brent's Train Dance, Stardowners Oktoberfest and met with the new BC Federation President, Jean Wood of Salmon Arm, Chilliwack Rhythm Reelers Halloween Party, Wesburn Wranglers Benefit Dance, Century House Christmas Dinner, Abbotsford Grand Squares Christmas Party and I was sorry to miss the Christmas Dinner of Town 'n' Country. I attended the Motivators Christmas dance and the Mid Term Dance, put on by the V&DVTA. I also attended the Vancouver and District Caller Teacher Association meeting and thanks to John Corrigan for attending this meeting.

c) Valley Circle/Webmaster – Blair Wallace

Valley Circle:

November, December and January issues complete, and February issue underway.

Subscription numbers:

CLUB NAME	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
ABBOTSFORD GRAND SQUARES	33	27	39	35	30	39

ABBOTSFORD SWINGING HUBS	17	20	19	17	15	15
BRENT'S BUNCH				9	9	10
CENTURY HOUSE	13	13	14	11	9	7
CHILLIWACK RHYTHM REELERS	16	18	30	25	17	13
CHUCKWAGON 8'S "A" LEVEL	16	18	18	9	15	12
CHUCKWAGON 8'S "PLUS" LEVEL	8	14	9			
DELTA SUNDANCERS	0	1	0	0	0	0
GUYS N GALS	7	6	8	5	8	7
MOTIV8ORS	5	8	6	5	5	4
RHYTHM B'S	10	7	8	4	4	6
ROYAL SWINGERS	18	19	14	14	14	12
SQUARES ACROSS THE BORDER	1	7	0	0	0	0
STARDOWNERS	18	15	17	17	16	19
SURREY SQUARE WHEELERS	33	42	41	39	42	48
SWINGING SINGLES	37	33	35	34	29	24
TOWN & COUNTRY DANCERS	17	14	13	11	13	9
TW TWIRLERS						1
WEAVERS	2	0				
WESBURN					2	0
WHEELING 8s	2	2	6	2	3	3
WHITE ROCKERS	4	7	8	13	8	8
SUB TOTAL – CLUB DELIVERED	257	271	285	250	239	237
MAIL	58	51	40	39	44	41
Totals	315	322	325	289	283	278

Paid Subscription – Club Delivery	221
Paid Subscription – Mail Delivery	23
Exchange Magazines	15
Directors & Committee Chairs	13
VC Staff	7
Total	279
2 sent to Library of Canada	

Dancers in FVS&RDA – 563

VCs sent to singles – 177 (includes Exchange Magazines – 15)

VCs sent to couples – 101

So % of dancers receiving VC = $(177 - 15 + 2 * 101) / 563 * 100 = 65\%$

Ask dancers to remember to update us if they are moving (i.e. change of address).... even if their magazine is club delivered – we mail the summer issue...

Website:

Updated and current based on the information that has been provided to us.

If you are making significant changes to a dance (like hall, time, etc.) please indicate this in your emails to us. It will make it easier to make sure the most current information is online.

Each Club has a link & access to the web to make changes themselves. Any questions, email Blair (rather than phone) and he will be happy to address your questions.

d) Promotion – Betty Langtry

Any Club that has new dancer classes may request for 75% up to \$400.00 of their printed advertising bills (**newspapers flyers etc. only.**) Radio, TV, signs or feathers etc. are not covered. They also must show with receipts as to how much they spent. The reimbursement is a one time only per year paid out in January February period so all requests must be in before March 1st. of the square dance year September 1st to April 30th. All requests should be sent to the promotion committee chairperson or treasurer.

This reimbursement is separate from the Fraser Valley Association Grant or the BC Federation grant and therefore must be applied for separately.

e) Driscoll Award – Ron Robertson

Sending out letters end January beginning February to both Clubs with information and to try and encourage the teens to participate. Although this year their numbers are very low, there are still nominees whose names are held for a period of five years, several being left over from last year. We will have a Driscoll award this year for sure.

We used to eliminate names, so no one could favour them, but this year we are not doing that, as most people know who they are anyway. Applications for the Driscoll Award can be found on the Website. The Preference is to receive electronic submissions if possible, failing that send to Ron Robertson.

Anyone can submit names of teenagers or pre teens, up to the Age of 20 yrs.

f) BC Federation – David McVige

Before starting my report I would like to thank Norm Cox who has been the one reporting BC Fed & Canadian Society for many years.

Highlights from November 2018 Newsletter

By President- Jean Wood

Jean is concerned whether Reps are reading or sharing the contents of the Newsletters with other dancers. She received an email from a Club saying they were unaware of changes made to the FEE Structure in BC.

Did you get a copy and did you read it? Treasurer Pat Zeeman and Jean responded to all the Clubs in BC outlining the changes and the timeline implementing those changes.

Jean also continues- many times I have heard it asked - What does the BC Federation do for us? Her answer is- what do you want the BC Federation to do for you? If we don't know what the problem is, we can't answer it.

Another concern is- there are times when email is sent to the Club contact that they have, and it is returned, or they receive an email from a person saying that they are no longer on the Club's Executive, BUT they don't give the name of the new contact.

Also in November Newsletter, Jean asked those who are successfully recruiting new dancers to share their ideas as it may help other clubs - she received none. Jean's response- does that mean that there is not one single successful idea in the entire province?

January 2019 Newsletter highlights:

2019 marks a Special Anniversary for the Comox Valley's Ocean Waves Square Dance Club. Their 65 years of dancing celebration will be on March 3rd at the Native Sons Hall, 360 Cliffe Ave., Courtenay. More info- contact - Bob Chalmers- 250-871-4341.

The BC Square & Round Dance Federation Board of Director's meeting is in Victoria March 30 at the same time as the celebration for the Frontier Twirlers 60th year Anniversary in the evening after the B O D meeting.

The Star Twirlers are hosting a square dance Friday evening March 29. Also, the Caller/Teacher Association are hosting a Round Dance Sunday March 31 in the afternoon.

BC Festival 2019 in Salmon Arm is promising to be a great Event. The website bcfestival2019.com provides information.

Don't forget Festival 2020, which Norm Cox will tell you all about next.

Let's open those lines of communication and work together for the betterment of dancing in BC.

g) Canadian Dancers Society – David McVige

I called Pat Zeeman, new Rep for BC from Canadian Society, she indicated there may be someone from Canadian Society HQ coming to the Lower Mainland this coming summer and was inquiring about any Clubs that may have Summer Dancing. I told her the Abbotsford Grand Squares have regular Summer Sunday Square Dancing during July and August, to which she was unaware.

No further information from Canadian Society.

**The BC Federation Newsletter goes out to the Delegates,
All Clubs can contact BC Fed and get their name on the distribution list.**

See contact info below.

The News Letter can also be found on the Web Site.

The January Newsletter will be added at the end of these minutes for your convenience pg. 10

h) Festival 2020 – Norm Cox Co Chair

O Where, O Where have all the Registrations Forms gone to for 2020? The answer my friend is they are blowing in the wind. Let's hope the good wind will blow them this way

2020 right now is stuck on 1st base and will need a lot of coaching to make it to 2nd base.

Time is running out for the best price on Registrations which have to be paid by July 1st, 2019 to get this best price so come on folks rally the troops and let us get off 1st base and running toward home. We need numbers before the planning committee can go to work. Let's make the New Year shine with lots of Registrations.

Newsletter from the 2020 Chair is sent out to those who have registered, that is why you didn't get it, because you haven't registered yet!

Following is a list of Numbers of Registered dancers:

B.C. 47; Alberta 14; Saskatchewan 2; Manitoba 3; Ontario 44; Quebec 0; Nova Scotia 4; New Brunswick 2; P.E.I 0; New York 3; Malaysia 2; Ohio 2; California 2; Tennessee 2;

If possible sign a cheque and send it in the mail, you can pay by credit card but that does cost us money.

i) Gala – Dave Hammer

The Gala 2019 event is confirmed for Sat. March 16th, 2019 at the Confederation Seniors Centre, 4585 Albert Street, Burnaby.

The **time of the event** will be from 7:00 – 7:30 for pre rounds and square dancing will be from 7:30 – 10:00 pm. Plus level dancing. The building is to be cleared by 10:30 pm.

The **callers** are confirmed and they are the B.C. Boys- Ray Brendzy, Steve Edlund and Brent Mawdsley and the **Cuer** is Margaret M. Beatty.

The **theme** for this years' Gala is A Salute To 2020.

Tickets are \$20.00 for adults and \$10.00 for teens. Alex Galbraith is coordinating the sale of the tickets.

The **cash draw** proceeds are to be donated to the MS Dance to be forthcoming.

There will be a Singles Board maintained by volunteers.

The **MC** this year will be Dave Hammer.

Barbara Tryssenaar will present the Scroll of Honour around 9:00 pm.

Dave Hammer Gala 2019 Chairperson submits this report respectfully.

- j) **Vancouver & District Caller/Teachers Ass'n – John Corrigan** brief impromptu review given by Sandi Poje in John's absence

There was a Round Dance workshop by Cheryl Plume and Anna Marie was selected for Round of the Month. The Square dance workshop was by Mike Rohde and they agreed to rejoin the CALLERLAB.

Connie Richie will be calling at the dance at the BOD meeting in Victoria. Thanks to Mike Rohde for his comments today, and they plan on having Brent present at the January meeting.

Ken Crisp spoke on the Promotion meeting, and the ROAR meeting.

Convention 2020 Volunteers will be needed & encouraged to talk to June Fitchett.

Roundaree 2019 Brian suggested early fall is a better time to have the Roundaree.

Callers are thinking of having a Caller workshop as well as a Cuer workshop. Wendy Krueger and John Corrigan will be going to be the Delegates going to Victoria for the BOD meeting.

Plans were finalized for the Mid-Year dance, on December 29th 2018 at the ASAA Hall.

The next meeting will be January 19th 2019 at the Aldergrove Hall at 9:30 AM.

- k) **Scroll Of Honour – Barbara Tryssenaar**

We're ready! Come out to the Gala and see who will receive this years Scroll of Honour. Get your tickets from Sandi or Dave Hammer or whoever else has tickets.

Discussion/Questions follow each report as given

Acceptance of Reports moved by Jim Brown, seconded by Gaylene Ward. **PASSED**

Break for lunch

OLD BUSINESS –

- a) **Ratification of BC Federation Delegates** – David McVige as FVS&RDA Delegate #1, Dianne Wilson as FVS&RDA Alternate Delegate. (Delegate #2 position is VACANT.)

Moved by Barb Webster seconded by Gaylene Ward **PASSED**

NEW BUSINESS –

- a) **Requests for New Dancer Funding** – Abbotsford 'Grand' Squares, Swinging Singles Square Dance New Dancers, Swinging Singles Round Dance New Dancers,

Don Allan moves to accept all three requests seconded by Nancy Slinn. All in favor **PASSED**

- b) **Special date Conflicts & the use of the Annual dance register.** Carol Swan-Laing

President Abbotsford Grand Squares talked about her experience with clashing with other Clubs when putting on special dances. April 6th the first weekend has been their week of hosting the BOD meeting for the past 5 years, and as Halls need to be booked well in advance the hall was booked even though this year the BOD meeting was to be held on the Island to join the 60th Anniversary Celebration of Frontier Twirlers.

Because the President of the Federation has now changed, there may also be changes in venue for the

BOD in the future.

It was suggested that it would be nice if all the Club Presidents could get together and decide on when their Special dances would be held.

If we all get our special dances in to Blair to go on the Annual Dance Register by the beginning of May or as soon as possible after, it would give more time to see if there are any clashes with other Clubs.

b) The effectiveness of Singles Boards. Barb Webster

Lengthy discussion as to how different Clubs deal with finding partners at a dance. Some Clubs such as Squares Across the Border ensure everyone is partnered up prior to starting a dance, while others encourage singles to stand in a square with their hand up to indicate that they need a partner, and others successfully run singles boards where singles can have their name on the board and rotated during the evening between partners.

The main concern is that when a Club advertises that they have a singles board but don't have anyone effectively running it. Its paying lip service to say that Singles are welcome when we see them sitting out and no one asks them to dance.

Many times couples will split up to assist with getting people up, especially when there isn't a singles board and they can see there are a shortage of men, and their partner can dance as a man.

It would be good to announce at the start of a dance what the acceptable practice of the Club regarding pairing up singles is, and if there is a singles board, to make the location of it known.

Be aware, talk to your Club about the effectiveness of your Club taking care of singles, and if you advertise you are having a Singles Board at a specific dance, make sure it happens.

Thanks to Barb for bringing up this topic.

d) Swinging Singles club report.

My name is Pat Gerbrandt, President of the SS Square Dance Club. Thank you, Jean, for allowing me the opportunity to present our special upcoming event.

Tuesday Jan 22nd marks our actual 50th Anniversary. We are having a mini celebration at the Burnaby Lake Pavilion and will welcome any level of dancer who would attend our ND/MS night from 7-9:45p.m. In June we'll host the big 50th Celebration at Bonsor Recreation Complex on Saturday, June 15th. Due to the nature of the party, we would ask for participants to RSVP as soon as possible so we can provide enough of everything! For those here today who may not know about the Swinging Singles, I would like to share a very brief overview.

History of the Swinging Singles of British Columbia Square Dance Club

The Swinging Singles Club was founded in the fall of 1968. Armand Genest, the first President, moved from Calgary where he had been in the Swinging Singles Club there. He met with Frank Navratil and they set up a steering committee of eight members. Frank Navratil loaned the Club \$1,000.00 and Ethel MacLeod guaranteed a bank loan for another \$1,000.00. Nootka school gym was booked and Chuck Jordan, a physical education teacher by day, was hired as caller.

The first night of dancing, January 22, 1969, saw a record set for snowfall, but the gym was filled with thirteen squares on the floor. That fall the Club moved to Renfrew Community Centre where the Beginners danced weekly and the intermediates every other Monday. In 1970, Duke Beaton took over calling for the intermediates, who now danced every week. In 1973 the intermediate dancers moved to Burnaby Lake Pavilion on Tuesday evenings while the Beginners received their lessons and danced at Capitol Hill Hall with Chuck Jordan. Over the next 5 years, the Club danced at Killarney Community Centre, Lochdale Hall, and Kennedy Hall, all while maintaining at least one class at the Pavilion. We continue to be long-term user of the Pavilion today after 46 years.

The Club was on shaky ground for the first two or three years, but gained strength, then took off and soon became a significant factor in square dancing. Events that helped pull the Club together included Stanley Park summer dancing, Penticton Jamboree, and Vic and Doreene Harris' Manning Park weekends.

Club Dress: The Club's badge design and red and white colours were adopted from Calgary's Swinging Singles. The first Club shirt was red with white piping. In 1973, a red dress with white lace was adapted for the women and later a white shirt with red piping and red pants for men. An AGM motion a few years later gave the option of black pants.

Non Square Dance activities have been a key to the Club's success. In the early 1970's, golfing parties with potluck dinners were enjoyed and were followed by bowling parties. The hayrides and corn roasts were started around 1980; and Diana Christensen (Lifton) hosted the Hollyburn Winterfest snow parties at her cabin. New Year's Eve dances have been held since 1972 and Club Picnics were started in 1976. "Special" Square Dances like "Potpourri of Pies" and the "Ice Cream Social" have been a part of the "Swinging Singles" for many years. Some of these activities and more continue to be a source of socializing and commerrardry today.

The Club has been important, both as a square dance entity and as a social outlet for its members.

I have brought a few handouts for all Club Reps to take back to your membership for their consideration.

The Valley Circle and our Website will have updates as they develop.

Thank you for your attention and we hope to see you either or both of our Anniversary Parties.

Question: Is the June dance instead of the Ice Cream Social? Will there be an Ice Cream Social?

Pat indicated that the Ice Cream Social would normally have been booked one week ahead but to accommodate our present callers, we chose a date which unfortunately conflicts with Chase the Fun.

The Ice Cream Social will be on the same night as part of the break at the end of the dance, it may not however be splits, but it won't be a separate night.

e) Funding for new dancers

Information on receiving New Dancer Grants from the federation can be found on pg. 9 section 3 of the Dance Association and Club Educational RESOURCE BOOK, which every Club in the lower mainland has a copy of. Pg 22 lists Guidelines for applying for funding, and pg. 23/24 the application forms.

Application deadline March 1st.

The Grant from the Fraser Valley Square and Round Dance Association for New Dancer Club Grant can be found on Pg 37 Section 2 of the RESOURCE BOOK

Application deadline for fall funding November 30th for winter will be March 30th

The season end report for Clubs receiving the New Dancer Grant to be found on pg. 38 Section 2 which needs to be submitted no later than Sept 30th.

Application for advertising is a separate Grant received from the Promotion Committee and application submitted to the President of the Promotion Committee in the form of a letter outlining the new dancer advertising, and costs, with copies of the ads & invoices/bills. Hope this is of assistance

GOOD & WELFARE –

Jim Brown was asked to update us on Ken's progress. As of last week, Ken Crisp has retired from Calling. After his operation on December 18th the results came back and Ken is scheduled for radiation. It is requested that you don't call Ken or Sally at home, but phone Chuck Jordan.

Ken has been an Icon in this area, and was working on 46 yrs of calling.

We all send our thoughts & prayers his way.

As we have already sent Ken a card and been thanked by Ken for it, it was decided that Sandi Poje would arrange for flowers to be delivered, which at this time of typing up the minutes have been received and gratefully acknowledged by Ken.

Mort Fromson is on oxygen following his operation and doesn't let it stop his dancing, even when it involves dancing with an oxygen tank on his back. Mort says "If today is my last day I want to be dancing"

Margaret Beatty is up and walking after her hip operation and expects to be Cueing at the Gala on March 16th.

ORDER OF THE DAY-

MS Dance will be on April 28 at Kennedy Hall on Scott road. 7:30 p.m.

The day before April 27th in the same Hall will be the New Dancer Jamboree

Friday January 18th St. Steve's Day Dance featuring caller/Cuer Steve Edlund with special guest caller Kevin Thomairer. It will be a Plus dance, and there will be a Singles Board.

Surrey Square Wheelers on January 23rd come wearing sports jerseys of any kind, to celebrate Steve's Birthday. On January 30th we have our Annual recycle sale at Brookwood Sr. Citizens Activity Centre 19899 36 Ave. Langley. Benefit Dance is on April 6th this is our 49th Annual Happiness Dance to benefit Child Development Centre.

Town & Country having their Annual Heart & Stroke Charity Dance on January 27th New Venue Kennedy Hall 1:30-3:30 John Corrigan Calling & Cheryl Plume Cuing. Donations at the door tax receipt for amounts \$20.00 and over.

Guys N Gals having Tyler's Cotton Tail dance April 13th Aldergrove O.A.P. hall doors open at 5:00 Pot luck supper at 6:00 dancing at 7:30. Also a fall plus dance at Kennedy Hall, with special guest caller Gary Shoemake from Tennessee, 7:30 pre rounds, 8:00 – 10:00 pm PLUS dance with Ph. 11 rounds Wendy Krueger cuing.

Abbotsford Grand Squares are having their Penguin Promenade January 24th ASAA Hall, Sunday March 6th Zajak dance Donations at the door; all proceeds go to the Zajak Ranch. & April 6th Spring Fling with Heather putting on Round dance workshops.

Swinging singles 50th Anniversary June 15th at Bonsor Hall, Luncheon at 12:00 Ice Cream Social still being negotiated.

Wesburn Wranglers starting up new dancer class, for any teens interested please let them know.

Chuck Wagon 8's 50th Anniversary October 19th.

For any additional information or anything I've missed, please check your Valley Circle.

Plaque "lets my spirit soar" displayed at the back of the room at a cost of \$15, \$1.00 of which will be donated to the Teen Festival to help out with expenses.

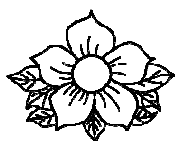
The Gala dance wants more dancers for March 16th

Register for BC Festival 2019

NEXT MEETING - General Meeting, Centennial Lodge, Queens Park, New Westminster,
Sunday April 7, 2019 @ 1:00 pm

Barb Tryssenaar moves to adjourn the meeting @ 4:20 pm

Please note to follow below, copy BC Fed Newsletter.



B.C.S. & R.D. FEDERATION
January Newsletter – 2019

HAPPY NEW YEAR!
From the BC Square & Round Dance Federation.

As we head into a new year, we look forward to good things happening in 2019. We hope for health and happiness and these can be easily accomplished with dancing. We maintain good physical and mental health with regular exercise and we find happiness in time shared with friends and family. Music and laughter always make a good combination for an enjoyable, inexpensive evening so encourage everyone on your list to check it out!

2019 marks a special anniversary for the Comox Valley's Ocean Waves Square Dance Club. Their 65 years of dancing celebration will be on March 3rd, 2019 at the Native Sons Hall, located downtown Courtenay at 360 Cliffe Avenue, next to the Sid Williams Theatre. For more information, please contact Bob Chalmers at 250-871-4341.

The BC Square & Round Dance Federation will be holding the Board of Director's meeting in Victoria 10 a.m., Saturday, March 30th at Colwood Hall - 2219 Sooke Road (Hwy 14) beside the Dairy Queen. If you have not yet let us know who your delegates are for this year, please contact either Carla (cgyle@shaw.ca) or me (jeanwood@telus.net) to let us know who will be attending on behalf of your region. *If you have anything that you would to add to the agenda, please send the information to me so that I may add it. I also remind you that your reports should be sent to Carla so that they can be posted well in advance of the meeting.*

The Board of Directors meeting coincides with spring break so hotels and motels are somewhat problematic for delegates coming to Vancouver Island. Billets are being offered by dancers in the area and I will be liaison between the delegates and hosts so please contact me for billet information.

The Board of Directors meeting is held at the same time as the celebration for the Frontier Twirlers 60th year anniversary. I have been asked to share the schedule with you. The Star Twirlers will be hosting a dance on March 29th, The Frontier Twirlers birthday party is March 30th and the Caller-Teacher Association will host a Round Dance on Sunday March 31st. As the round dance program is a multi-phased, Connie Richie is asking cuers who will be coming to the Island to contact her (con_al_r@telus.net). If you want more information about the weekend events, please contact Garry Dodds (gdodds@shaw.ca) or Pat Zeeman (BCFedTreasurer@gmail.com).

BC Festival 2019, in Salmon Arm, is promising to be a great event. The website bcfestival2019.com provides information and secure registration for the festival. I would like to remind you that accommodations are at a premium in Salmon Arm during the month of July. Book early ensure you have somewhere to stay.

Don't forget that BC is also hosting the 2020 Canadian Festival in Surrey, July 29th to August 1st. Information about the event, accommodations and registration may be found at squaredance.bc.ca/2020.

There are almost 2000 dancers in BC and if just 50% were to register for each of these events, it would mean success for the festivals. Registering early makes it much easier for organizers to plan these fantastic events. Let's show everyone that square dancing is happening in BC, waiting to host them in all the best ways!

Let's open those lines of communication and work together for the betterment of dancing in BC. If I, or any of the executive, can answer any of your questions, or address any of your concerns, please feel free to contact me.

Live Lively-



Dance!

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