



FRASER VALLEY SQUARE & ROUND DANCE ASSOCIATION

Minutes of The Fraser Valley Square & Round Dance Association Annual General Meeting

May 26, 2019 Time: 1:00 PM

Location Centennial Lodge, Queens Park, New Westminster

Welcome – Jean Galbraith @ 1:05 pm

Hello to you all and thank you for attending this last meeting of the 2018-2019 season. It is also an election meeting, which means that Alex & my term as President is ending. In looking back over the last 2 years, I hope that you realize that I've put some thought and perhaps change into these meetings, with the introduction of club histories, discussions, and interaction among the membership. This meeting's agenda, if I could place a theme on it, is "gratitude". I wish to thank all of you who are gathered here, ready to commit your time and energy to this Association, and hope you realize that you ARE the Association, you aren't just members reporting for your clubs, but each of you is a vital link to everyone else here and to the Association in general. You are the ones that build the Association of Clubs, the interaction between your member dancers, the interaction between member clubs, the interaction between your club and your Directors, visitors, Executive of the Association, interaction with the Valley Circle and the Website, and further with your callers and the province (in the form of the BC Federation). You and all dancers in the Fraser Valley, guide the square dance recreation and mold it into what it will be in the future. For that, I thank you and feel great gratitude and humility that you have allowed me to preside over you, and help you in your past and future endeavors. 60 years ago, this Association was created for the very purpose of encouraging the growth and enjoyment of square dancing in our area, and we will soon acknowledge this with a celebration weekend. I feel thankful to those that had the foresight to create this Association, and thankful that I have helped to carry it on. A meeting is only a brief manifestation of all of our thoughts, our needs, our concerns for this recreation we call "square dancing". To continue on with our enhancement of the recreation for another 60 years, 60 months, 60 days, we will need the commitment and gratitude of dancers willing to give, not just of their time, but of their talents, their thoughts, their concerns in order for the Association to continue as a viable entity. And such a gift, a gift of love and gratitude, is easy to give when it comes from the heart, and believe me I know. So with gratitude and appreciation to you all, I now will call this election meeting to order.

Attendance: Twelve Club Representatives present **Quorum established.**

Additions & Approval of the Agenda

Approval of fees

Presentation to Sandi Poje

M/S/A Barb Tryssenaar/Sandi Poje

Correspondence: Sylvia French

Message from Brent with a reminder to contact Betty Langtry to assist the promotion Committee since they still hasn't received any new interest.

Dave & Joan Perry from Swinging Hubs were unable to be here today & send their regrets.

As Secretary of the Fraser Valley for almost 4 years it is time for me to step down and give someone else the opportunity of serving the Community of Square Dancing. I hope you will seriously consider letting

your name stand for election and if there is anything I can do to help or cover for you during the transition period I am more than willing to do that.

Approval of the minutes of the last general meeting – Sunday, April 7, 2019

M/S/A Don Allan/David McVige

REPORTS –

a) Treasurer's Report – Don Allan

Financial statements for May 25, 2019 distributed at the FVSRD AGM held on May 26, 2019.

This note contains some comments on the statements and FVSRDA finances in general that will be presented verbally at the meeting.

1. The financial statements contain all known income and expenses up to May 25, 2019. The fiscal year for the FVSRDA ends on June 30, 2019 so the financial statements do not contain the final numbers for the 2019 fiscal year. Some additional items expected before the end of the year include: postage for the Summer Edition of the Valley Circle and term deposit interest income.
2. FVSRDA fees for next year (2020) were discussed at the last FVSRDA executive meeting and it was decided that the **FVSRDA fees of \$5.00 per club and \$2.00 per dancer will remain the same in 2020.**
3. It should be noted that the FVSRDA collects fees for the British Columbia Square and Round Dance Federation (\$10.00 per club and \$10.00 per dancer) and for the Canadian Square and Round Dance Society (\$5.00 per club and \$3.00 per dancer). The FVSRDA executive is not aware of any planned increases in the BCSRDF or CSRDS fees but the BCSRDF and CSRDS fees will be set at the AGM's for the respective organizations. (July 11th @ 9:30 am & Sept 7th)
4. FVS&RDA has a Finance Committee that is headed by Norm Cox. At the end of each fiscal year, the Finance Committee meets to establish the budget for the next year.
5. At the last FVSRDA General Meeting, the FVSRDA received a large, unexpected contribution from the Swinging Singles Building Fund. The FVSRDA has to establish policies and procedures to administer the new funds to ensure that they are used appropriately. The issue was discussed at the last FVRDA executive meeting and the Finance Committee was asked to develop guidelines for the new fund.

Acceptance of Treasurer's Report

M/S/A Don Allan/Sandi Poje

b) Vice President's Report – Sandi Poje

We were fortunate to have 9 Fraser Valley Executives attend the last dance of the season for the **White Rockers** on **April 14th**. They were very happy to see us all and their little hall grew to hold about 6 squares. A job well done, thank you.

I attended Brent's Bunch on April 18th and again their hall was filled, I think 9 squares, with Brent & Steve calling, amazing. What wonderful callers (and cuers) we have here in Region 2!

I was invited to attend the **Surrey Square Wheelers** graduation and potluck dinner along with Betty and George Langtry. It was my first time attending this wonderful graduation program, and very pleased with the support shown to the New Dancers. Again, thank you for my invitation, which included a potluck dinner, wow! This was also the last dance of the season for **Chuckwagon 8's** with their Ice Cream sundaes.

Again, I headed to the New Dancer Jamboree on April 27th, and saw all the New Dancers from Surrey having a great time. Many other New Dancers were out with the support of their callers and cuers and mentors. Everyone seemed to be enjoying themselves.

Next evening was the MS dance and again I came home with some silent auction goodies, not that I needed them, more things to pack before I move to my new home in Pitt Meadows at the end of October

I also missed the Swinging Hubs AGM, family comes first and it was my granddaughters 19th birthday, how time flies.

On May 2nd it was out to the Abbotsford Grand Squares to present 4 members with their 4 score and more badges. Badges were presented to Anne and Peter Melnychuk, Catherine Koh and Ron Fry. They were pleased to have their badges and they wear them proudly!

c) Valley Circle/Webmaster – Blair Wallace

Valley Circle, summer issue is done and is being mailed out.

Directory requests sent out by email and will be distributed at the meeting today. If the WRONG person received the email, kindly have it forwarded to the correct person and email me the change. A return email to me saying, that the information request to the wrong person with no other details is not helpful at all.

Renewals start in September

At the Executive meeting it was approved that the free subscription offer to new dancers be extended from 6 months to a year – so starting with this year's class of new dancers, they will receive their first year of the Valley Circle for free as long as:

1. They have completed a new dancer class: and
2. They join a FVS&RDA club.

Please send the list of new dancers (including their addresses and telephone numbers) as soon as possible. Their subscriptions will start in October.

Website, updated from PHP 5.x TO PHP 7.x caused the dbase calls to fail making the calendar, where we dance and in memoriam portion of the website blank. I had to update the programming. Amazing that only one person noticed and let me know.

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.

Discussion re which Club the new dancer has to join? Clarified by Blair, as long as it is a Club of the Fraser Valley, not necessarily the Club they completed their new dancer class in, they qualify!

d) Promotion – Betty Langtry Read by Sylvia French Secretary in Betty's absence.

The Jamboree welcoming New Dancers was held April 27 at Kennedy Hall with only 75 dancers, including 6 new dancers. This is the lowest number of dancers since this dance started. There were a good number of callers & cuers present. Every one seemed to have a great time without much time resting or snacking.

The Promo Committee has received 100 folders advertising square dancing. If clubs want some they are available from the Promo Committee or from the BC Federation.

We would like to add our thanks to the Swinging Singles for their donation to the Fraser Valley for support of square dancing.

Enjoy the summer dancing and take your friends or neighbors along to watch.

A 7 X 4' sign is going up at Kennedy Hall it will be a promotional sign for Square Dancing and if anyone wants to contribute as to what should go on the sign, join the Promotion Committee!

e) Driscoll Award – Ron Robertson

The presentation of the awards will be at the Fraser Valley and Valley circle 60th Anniversary on Sunday September 8th 2019 this year.

No nominations in so far and we know that the teens are quite busy at that time, so the deadline has been extended to June 30th for entries to be sent in. There is at least one nominee from last year.

f) BC Federation – David McVige

The April Newsletter is a review mostly of the information I reported at the Fraser Valley

General Meeting April 7/19

As a result of the changes to the BC Societies Act, the BCS&RD Federation is going through many changes in its constitution, bylaws and the structure of the Federation. A committee consisting of Dennis Sutton, Bill Cave and Bill Wood are working on the bylaws and rules that must eventually be adhered to. This means that the Handbook must be rewritten.

Some new directors must also be elected for the Federation. Also some of the Executive may need to be re-elected to conform to the new bylaws regarding terms of service.

Norm Cox has been temporarily appointed to stand -in for Ken Crisp as Past President due to Ken's health issues. Norm will be accepting nominations for Directors to be elected at the AGM on July 12 at BC Festival 2019 in Salmon Arm, BC. BC Festivals are fundraisers for the BC Federation. Even if only half of the dancers in BC register for BC Festival 2019, it will be a very successful festival for everyone.

SCAM EMAIL ALERT!!

As a result of recent hacking and scams, the BCS&RDF website has made improvements in its security.

The email addresses of the Executive are no longer posted on the site. If you need information, please contact Jean Wood - jeanwood@telus.net or use the blind contact forms on the website.

As a reminder, there are Bursaries available for New Dancer Classes, Caller/Cuer training and Education and Leadership Grants. The guidelines and forms may be found on the BCS&RDF website.

If anyone has ideas how The Federation can help members, please let them know.

Norm added to report: in Two weeks from this week Monday they tried a Conference call which Norm wasn't available for and on calling Ken he was available but couldn't get on.

g) G – Canadian Society – David McVige No Report at this time.

Discussion: no report or news on the Handout when or how much it will cost.

h) Festival 2020 – Norm Cox read by Sylvia French Secretary in Norm's absence.

The Registration numbers are coming in very slowly. As of the end of April approximately 230 have registered and the price goes up July 1st by \$20.00 to \$130.00 each. The break-even budget was set at 700 dancers registering so we may have to re-think and cut the Budget. We have had enquiries about Line Dancing but we need more requests for Line Dancing before it can be offered.

You can book your Hotel Room Now through Lynnette. There are several options available. After July 1st, 2019 Hotel Bookings can be made directly through the Hotel at 1-888-625-4988 but you must inform them you are part of the 2020 Square Dance Festival to get the best price.

Check Face book – www.facebook.com/KeepYourEyesOnUs and add something to it.

i) 60th Anniversary Celebration – Norm Cox Absent

See Program attached. Can also be found in the Valley Circle.

60TH ANNIVERSARY FVS&RDA & VALLEY CIRCLE SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2019

1:30 to 3:00 PM - Canadian Society AGM
Open to all Member Dancers



Pre Rounds at 7:00 PM
Mainstream Dance with Plus Tips
from 7:30 to 9:30 PM

A Night of Duets with
Brent Mawdsley and Heather Reynolds
\$10.00 each or \$5.00 each with your 2020 Ribbon

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2019

1:30 - 2:00 PM - Pre-Rounds with Panel of Cuers
2:00 to 3:00 PM - Square Dancing with Panel of Callers
3:00 to 3:30 PM - Presentation and History
and Presentation of the Driscoll Awards
3:30 to 4:00 PM - Wrap up with Dancing
\$10.00 each or \$5.00 each with your 2020 Ribbon



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Blair summed up above Program.

j) Gala – Dave Hammer

Not much to report at this time; however, there were several suggestions as feedback from attendees at the Gala.

Use of local cuer/callers, possibly bringing in outside talent gets more interest

Sound in the hall is bad in places, callers could be approached on this.

Afternoon workshop in previous years was really popular, maybe it should be brought back,

Number of teen dancers being scarce (only 3 teens tickets sold), maybe teens should have free tickets.

Also, because of anticipated workloads, Jean Galbraith will be stepping down from Secretary and decorating jobs; however, as President of the FVSRDA she is an ad hoc member of the committee. Ron Watson as well, will be stepping down from his role in the Cash draw. He has given many years of service & feels it is time for new hands to take it on. The other committee members will continue in their roles for the coming year-

Betty and George (refreshments), Sandi Poje (advertising, posters, and ticket printing), Alex Galbraith (ticket sales), Bernice Snook (general help and door ticket taker). Dave and Ron Robertson were both absent at the last Gala executive meeting and therefore couldn't be asked if they would be still standing. Jean and Ron both thanked the committee for all the years they' spent working with the team and the memoirs they had about the Gala and its committee.

Finally, as the Gala had a profit of \$670.09 this year, I would like to make a motion that the monies be put into a separate account for future seed money for the next Gala event.

Discussion: No idea of date for next Gala at this time, it will be a busy year with the 60th Celebration & B.C. Festival coming up in 2020.

The Fraser Valley through General Funds covers profit or loss of the Gala, and as Dave is not present we would not be able to entertain his motion at this time.

Sound was a big problem in the hall, & for whatever reason, it puts people off from attending again.

k) Vancouver & District Caller/Teachers Ass'n – John Corrigan

The VDCTA has had a good year. We started our year with a well-run and attended Corn Cop Caper in Abbotsford. We could have used a few more callers and cuers but our members who attended did a great job. Our next event was the dance between Christmas and New Years

In Abbotsford which had a good attendance of both dancers and our members. Everyone had a good time and we were lucky to have no snow this year.

Our last event for the season was our participation in the Welcome to New Dancers put on by the promotion committee. The dance was well attended by both new and experienced dancers and Wendy did a great job as MC. We are planning two events for this fall, the first is a round dance workshop in September and the second is a caller's workshop on October 26th with Gary Shoemake. We would like you to support both dance events attached to these workshops and make them well attended. Thank you for your support this year and we look forward to our continuing relationship.

l) Scroll Of Honor – Barbara Tryssenaar

The scroll of honor was started in 1972 as a way to acknowledge and thank dancers who had worked hard for our recreation. (Above the club level)

Over the years many callers, cuer and dancers have been recognized and you can find a list of these names in the resource Book.

It is an honour to receive this award.

NOW we need nominations for both callers and dancers.

So please submit a nomination for someone!!

Criteria set up on page 40 of the Dancers Resource Book. (Leadership in FVS&RDA BC Federation or Canadian Society.)

Discussion/Questions follow each report as given

Acceptance of Reports moved by Darleen Austin/ Nancy Slinn motion **PASSED**

Presentation to Sandi for all her hard work, as she is stepping down from the Executive.

Meeting resumed @ 2:44 pm following lunch with big thanks to Eva & Nelson **Quorum still in place.**
OLD BUSINESS –

- a) Friendly amendment to the wording Section 5.3(D) to reflect number of Directors.

Motion and Seconded by Barb Tryssenaar & Norm Cox from last meeting read (“THE NUMBER OF DIRECTORS SHALL BE DEEMED AS NECESSARY BY THE EXECUTIVE OF THE FRASER VALLEY”) and both move the

New wording to read 5.3 (D) **“The number of Directors shall be established by the Executive at an Executive meeting held immediately prior to the Election.”** MOTION PASSED

b) Motion to approve **the fees for next year of the FVS&RDA remain at \$2.00 for membership & \$5.00 for the clubs** moved by Barb Tryssenaar seconded by Barb Webster. PASSED

NEW BUSINESS – No new business.

GOOD & WELFARE –

Acknowledgement of Guy Tryssenaar recent recipient of the 4 score & more badge.

Erick Holz former founding Presidents passed away May 7th. Erik and Mary were instrumental in setting up the Resource book and web site, things that they will be remembered for.

Marj Camponi moved into assisted living in Langley.

ORDER OF THE DAY-

John & Mary Corrigan wanted to remind people they have thank you messages on the back table for all the Clubs.

Town & Country 33rd Annual Canada Day dance on Monday July 1st pre rounds 7:00-7:30 Dancing 7:30-9:30 Pre sale tickets \$10.00 per person at the door \$12.00

Season closer Tuesday May 28th Hoedown Dance Surrey Square Wheelers 7:30 pre Rounds 8:00-10:00 Western theme all levels.

New West Pride Hoedown Wednesday August 14th 1:00-3:30 pm Caller Chuck Jordan & Darlene Currie. Square dancing, two-step, line dancing demonstrations. This is a free event so come out for some hoedown fund @ Century house.

Saturday June 15th Swinging Singles 50th Anniversary the hall will be full so thanks to all who responded.

Brent will be starting a mini course of New Dancers on Tuesdays & Thursdays for 5 weeks at Wesburn Hall 7:00 – 8:30 pm

Dave thanks for purchasing of license plate holders.

Jean’s plaque “Lift your spirits” is still available for sale, the teens will need financing for next year so anyone wanting to help out by purchasing a plaque they are on the back table.

NEXT MEETING – TBA

FVS&RDA ELECTIONS Conducted by David McVige

PRESIDENT: **Jean & Alex Galbraith** will stand for another term.

All positions asked for any more nominations from the floor three times.

No other nominations from the floor JEAN & ALEX President **by Acclamation**

VICE PRESIDENT: **Barb & Guy Tryssenaar** will stand for 1 year until another candidate is found. No other nominations BARB & GUY Vice President **by acclamation**.

TREASURER: **Don Allan** will stand no other nominations from the floor. DON ALLAN Treasurer **by acclamation**

SECRETARY: No nominations for Secretary’s **position OPEN**

DIRECTORS:

Anni & Kris Christensen. Until they can find someone to take over.

Al Gibbs & June Fitchett. Will carry on.

Joyce Lucas. Has confirmed she will stay on.

Ron Robertson. Will stay on.

No other volunteers from the floor.

VALLEY CIRCLE & WEB MASTER: Blair Wallace No nominations from the floor BLAIR WALLACE Valley Circle & Web Master **by acclamation.**

SOCIAL CONVENOR: Eva Matheson & Nelson Barranow No nominations from the floor EVA MATHESON & NELSON BARANOW Social Convener **by acclamation.**

DELEGATES TO BCS&RDF: Dave McVige & Betty Langtry

ALTERNATE DELEGATE: Dianne Wilson

Many members of the Fraser Valley have put in multiple years but one in particular we need to recognize is Ron Robertson who has been helping the Association since 1987 over 30 years.

Sylvia requested that the minutes of the Fraser Valley need to be stored Blair volunteered to keep the minutes at his home.

Minutes of the Fraser Valley stored at home of Blair Wallace 18644 – 80th Avenue Surrey BC V4N

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Alex Galbraith moved to adjourn the meeting @ 3:20 pm

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