



FRASER VALLEY SQUARE & ROUND DANCE ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the General Meeting May 30, 2021

Via Zoom

Hosted by Maureen Wilson -- Presided by Alex Galbraith

Meeting brought to order at 1:00 PM

Meeting commenced at 1:12 PM

Welcome by Alex Galbraith:

We want to acknowledge you all for attending this, our last, general meeting of the Fraser Valley Square & Round Dance Association. As you may know, we are stepping into a "retirement" role of Past President. This comes after 30 years of our serving on the FVS&RDA Executive, from 1985-2001 as Valley Circle Managing Editors, and from 2007-2021 as Directors, Vice-President, and then President. During these years, we've had many highs and lows, met many friends, shared many wonderful moments, and through it all, enjoyed supporting and promoting our wonderful recreation of square dancing. We are optimistic that the future holds not just many more wonderful dances and good times, but also a new slate of officers who will commit to serving the FVS&RDA and continuing its dedication to the recreation of square dance. Welcome to the Annual General Meeting & Election of the FVS&RDA.

Attendance:

Chilliwack Rhythm Reelers (Steve Armstrong), **Motiv8ors** (Christine Brendzy), **Royal Swingers** (Peter and Nancy Slinn), **Stardowners** (Mary de Cario), **Surrey Square Wheelers** (Donna Lonneberg), **Swinging Hubs** (Norm Cox), **Swinging Singles** (Ron Fleck, Pat Gerbrandt), **Town 'n' Country Dancers** (John Connolly), **Wesburn Wranglers** (Caitlyn Brendzy), **Wheeling 8's** (Darlene Austin), **White Rockers** (Diane O'Hara), Don Allan, Greg Dahlgren, June Fitchett and Al Gibbs, Sylvia French, Alex Galbraith, Betty Langtry, Eva Matheson & Nelson Baranow, David McVige, Ron Robertson, Blair Wallace, Maureen Wilson

We have a quorum.

Guests: Lyle O'Hara, Sandra Marsden

Absent: Abbotsford Grand Squares, Brent's Bunch, Century House Squares, Chuckwagon 8's, Delta Sundancers, Diamond Country Dancers, Guys & Gals, Quicksteppers, TW Twirlers, Valley Promenaders, John Corrigan, Dave Hammer, Brent Mawdsley, Barb Tryssenaar, Dianne Wilson

Moved/Seconded: Diane O'Hara/Eva Matheson -- to accept agenda as circulated -- CARRIED

Correspondence

The following have been sent since the last meeting (Feb 21) (7 cards)

Sympathy cards:

1. Family of **GIL CALHOUN** (sister in Richmond; daughter in New York)
2. Family of **MARGARET BEATTY** (son David)
3. Family of **GUY TRYSSENAAR** (Barb)
4. Family of **TED PENNER** (Erica)
5. Family of **KEN CRISP** (Sally) who passed away this past week

And one 'get well' (speedy recovery card to:
CATHY POTTS who had triple by-pass surgery in March

Also mentioned in the general meeting minutes, but not included in the executive meeting minutes:
DOROTHY THORNE passed away on Nov 30, 2020 -- No Card by request of family

NORM COX, Festival 2020 co-chair, sent the following from the Festival 2020 Committee, thanking the FVSRDA for their donation to the committee:

On behalf of the 2020 Festival Committee we would like to Thank the Fraser Valley Square and Round Dance Association for the \$2,000.00 donation to Festival 2020. It has made the Financial end of things much easier.

Minutes of previous meeting (Feb 21, 2021)

Moved/Seconded: Don Allan/David McVige -- To approve minutes of previous meeting (Feb 21, 2021) as circulated -- CARRIED

REPORTS –

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

Moved/Seconded: Don Allan/Norm Cox -- To accept Treasurer's Report, as given -- CARRIED

b) **Vice President – Barb Tryssenaar** (absent) - no report submitted

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

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

d) **Promotion Committee – Brent Mawdsley** - absent - no report submitted

However, Greg Dahlgren reported on the Promotion Committee's *Facebook Marketing Initiative* as of May 2021.

Current cost = \$316.68 (of the \$10,000.00 budget set from the FVSRDA grant)

- NO FURTHER bills expected.
 - 1st hire quit Oct 2020 and I do not plan to rehire
- Project will be completed by myself (Greg D.)
 - I think we can decide on the merits of this test as to whether this project needs to be continued

Stats

July/Oct 2020 – 80 Facebook Groups were identified as possible targets to promote

Apr 17/21 – Membership requests sent to all 80 groups

From Apr 17/21 to May 30/21 - only 30 groups have accepted my request to join their Group

- This will definitely be a challenge to clubs using this method for Marketing.
 - I think identifying ourselves as 'Non-profit' is essential as some Groups assumed I was a business

To May 30/21

- 30 posters marketing square dance have been posted, 2 have been rejected (they assumes I was a business and this is not allowed for commercial use)
- To date I have approx. 12 responses asking to be put on the mailing list for beginner square dancing and/or more information requested
 - I simply refer information requests to the FVSRDA website
 - A mailing list is being documented for future use by clubs with beginner classes

[Greg] will continue to run this project within the Promotions Committee through the September 2021 square dancing restart at least. At that time, we should review how effective it has been and how cost effective it could be to square dancing. Currently the cost has been extremely small.

e) Driscoll Award – Ron Robertson

Because square dancing scheduling is, at this time, unpredictable and we are not sure if there will even be teen clubs in the future, the Driscoll Committee has decided to meet after the AGM meeting when things settle down and we have some idea of what is happening. Until then, we can only hope that we will still have teen clubs.

f) BC Federation – Betty Langtry

- *Blair Wallace* was awarded the *Sillery Award*. Congratulations, Blair!
- Executive will remain in place
- Treasury report basically remains the same
- President *Jean Wood* has resigned, citing health reasons
- *Dennis Sutton*, 1st vice president, will be assuming the position of president

g) Canadian Society – David McVige -- no report

h) Gala Committee – Dave Hammer (absent)

Since no venue is available for dancing and no time has been given when a venue will be available, Gala 2021, which was to be held on May 15th, 2021, has been cancelled. **Toni Oxendine** was the anticipated caller. As we look forward to Gala 2022, depending on the COVID- 19 situation in both Canada and the United States, it is anticipated to have callers **Steve Edlund** and U.S. caller, **Kevin Thomaier**. No specific date has been suggested, with so many variables to be considered. When more details become available, the square and round dancing community will be notified.

i) Vancouver & District Caller/Teachers Association – John Corrigan (absent) -- no report submitted

j) Scroll of Honour – Barb Tryssenenaar (absent) - no report submitted

Moved Seconded: Diane O'Hara/Don Allan -- To accept above reports items C through J, as circulated -- CARRIED

OLD BUSINESS-

1. COVID 19 Back To Dancing Committee Report – Blair Wallace (*COVID-19 FVS&RDA AGM Report is sent as an attachment to the minutes*)

In Blair's opinion, the following timeline is plausible:

Stage 1 - Starting Today

- No dancing

Stage 2 - June 15

- ALL dancing Indoor possible with COVID Safety Plan / reduced capacity

Stage 3 - July 1

- All dancing in larger groups with COVID Safety Plan

Stage 4 - September 7

- Back to "normal" , masks - personal choice.
- Likely will still require a COVID Safety Plan

- The dates indicated are - not before dates - and depend on vaccination rates, low case counts, low hospitalizations -
- The criteria for moving to Step 2 is at least 65% of the 18+ population vaccinated with dose 1, along with declining case counts and COVID-19 hospitalizations.
- The criteria for moving to Step 3 is at least 70% of the 18+ population vaccinated with dose 1, along with low case counts and declining COVID-19 hospitalizations.
- The criteria for moving to Step 4 is more than 70% of the 18+ population vaccinated with dose 1, along with low case counts and low COVID-19 hospitalizations.
- The "low case counts and low COVID-19 hospitalizations" not defined.

Blair added that, in light of the possible September start up of a regular dance season, clubs are asked to submit any ads to the Valley Circle no later than **August 20th** in order to guarantee that they appear in the September issue, which will be mailed out to everyone with an existing subscription.

2. FVS&RDA Elections – David McVige

We were unable to find anyone to fill the positions of **President** or **Vice President** at this time, so those two positions remain vacant. **Don Allan** and **Maureen Wilson** have agreed to continue in their present position as Treasurer and Secretary respectively. The executive will appoint a fourth director, in future.

NEW BUSINESS –

1. Donation to the Heart and Stroke Foundation in memory of Guy Tryssenaar, in lieu of flowers

The following motion was moved, seconded and carried at our FVSRDA Executive meeting, held on Saturday, May 22, 2021.

Motion #1: Moved/Seconded: Ron Robertson/David McVige -- That we send a \$50 donation to the Heart and Stroke Foundation in memory of Guy Tryssenaar. CARRIED

2. Donation in memory of Ken Crisp

Motion #2: Moved/Seconded: Nancy Slinn/Diane O'Hara -- That we send a \$50 donation to a charity of Sally's choice, in memory of Ken Crisp in recognition of all of his work in the square dance community over the years. CARRIED

Maureen will contact Sally in regards to her charity of choice.

GOOD & WELFARE –

Norm Cox thanked Alex and Jean Galbraith for their many years of dedication to the Fraser Valley Square & Round Dance Association, as they retire from their current position as President Couple. We appreciate the hard work that they have put in over the years.

ORDER OF THE DAY –

Nothing in future, at this time

NEXT MEETING – TBA

ADJOURNMENT @ 2:28 PM by Don Allan

~Respectfully submitted by Maureen Wilson~

Please forgive any typos -- they weren't intentional...

