



## FRASER VALLEY SQUARE & ROUND DANCE ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the General Meeting October 2, 2022

Chaired by Blair Wallace

Meeting brought to order at 1:00 PM (via Zoom)

Meeting commenced at 1:00 PM

Blair welcomed everyone and mentioned that meeting via zoom was much more convenient, considering the cost of gas, at the moment, never mind the travel time and distance for some people.

Attendance:

**Century House Squares** (Pat Gerbrandt), **Chilliwick Rhythm Reelers** (Steve Armstrong), **Circle 8's - formerly Swinging Singles** (Janice Hiscott), **Royal Swingers** (Peter Slinn), **Stardowners** (Mary deCario), **Surrey Square Wheelers** (Judy Remenda), **Swinging Hubs** (Norm Cox), **Town 'n' Country Dancers** (Greg Dahlgren), **Wesburn Wranglers** (Caitlyn Brendzy)

Don Allan, Alex Galbraith, Al Gibbs & June Fitchett, Betty Langtry, Eva Matheson & Nelson Baranow, Sandi Poje, Barbara Tryssenaar, Blair Wallace, Maureen Wilson

We have a quorum (minimum 8 clubs).

Absent:

Abbotsford Grand Squares, Brent's Bunch, Chuckwagon 8's, Diamond Country Dancers, Guys & Gals, Motiv8ors, Valley Promenaders, Wheeling 8's, White Rockers

John Corrigan, Dave Hammer, Brent Mawdsley, David McVige, Ron Robertson, Dianne Wilson

**Moved/Seconded: Don Allan/Barb Tryssenaar -- to accept agenda as amended -- CARRIED**

Correspondence

The following have been sent since the last meeting (May 15, 2022) (6 cards)

**Sympathy cards** to the families of:

1. Ray Tanner
2. Roy Ballam
3. Margarethe Sorenson
4. Peter Boldt

**GET WELL CARDS** to:

1. Blair Wallace - undergoing chemotherapy
2. David McVige - recovering from broken hip

Note:

- I did not receive any address for the family of **Sven Hanson** so I was unable to send a sympathy card.
- On August 31<sup>st</sup>, I received notice of a memorial for **Audrey Nelson** (she and her husband, Don, were SSW's first caller couple), but I do not have an address for her family, as yet.
- I will attempt to find the online obituaries for any of the above which have not been posted, as yet, on the Valley Circle 'In Memoriam' page.

**Approval of Minutes of previous meeting (May 15, 2022)**

**Moved/Seconded: Alex Galbraith/Greg Dahlgren -- To approve minutes of previous meeting (May 15, 2022) as circulated -- CARRIED**

## REPORTS –

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

- No radical changes since last one
- Clubs need to submit names of dancers who did not dance last year

**Moved/Seconded: Don Allan/Betty Langtry -- To accept Treasurer's Report, as circulated -- CARRIED**

### b) Vice President – VACANT

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

- A copy of the September Valley Circle is being delivered to the clubs
- October issue will be circulated
- Directors - please encourage clubs to update their VC subscription list -- distribute the ones from dancers not returning to the new dancers.
- Valley Circle has started billing for ads, as of the September issue, and is collecting fees for the new season
- Clubs need to make sure that their information is updated
- All updates are available online.
  - 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)

#### 1. Social Media Initiative project presented by Greg Dahlgren

**Project Activity** -- Posting ads from June 2022 -- Running weekly starting mid-July, if allowed.

- I get a strong reaction immediately with many questions even during my posting activity. It is clear that we are hitting our target market.
- The best areas with the highest number of groups I post to are: Maple Ridge/Pitt Meadows, Chilliwack, and Abbotsford.
- Coordinators receiving/recording names/contact info
  - Maple Ridge – 24
  - Chilliwack – 33
  - Abbotsford – 12?
  - Surrey Square Wheelers – 8

It is my understanding that the above clubs have not done any of their own advertising so these results are directly from Facebook Group promotions.

Very few clubs have given me specific ads to post directly on their half. Not only does this advertise correct and specific information for each club but it saves me a huge pile of work redirecting requests for more info. Most have given me their Coordinator name/email address, so I simply forward and requests for more information to the club in that area.

#### 2. 5-year calendars -- Betty Langtry

- Betty reports that she has sold 80, so far, and has a list for a future order

### e) Driscoll Award – Ron Robertson (absent) - no report submitted

### f) BC Federation – Betty Langtry

- annual meeting is Oct 16 -- reminder that clubs need to fill out the proxy form (attached)
- will have more news shortly exec at 12 GM at 1 PM agenda

### g) Canadian Society – David McVige (absent)-- no report submitted

- h) **Gala Committee – Dave Hammer** - (absent) -- nothing report
- i) **Vancouver & District Caller/Teachers Association** – John Corrigan (absent) -- no report submitted
- j) **Scroll of Honour – Sandi Poje**
  - The Scroll of Honour committee will be meeting on October 3 to discuss the two nominations and where the award might be presented.

***Moved Seconded: Eva Matheson/Sandi Poje -- To accept above reports items C through J, as circulated -- CARRIED***

#### OLD BUSINESS-

1. **COVID 19 Committee Report** – Blair
  - Work is done
  - Blair thanked those who were members of the committee

***Moved/Seconded: Blair Wallace/Norm Cox-- Motion to disband the COVID committee -- CARRIED***

Question: Does that mean that there is an end to proof of vaccination and mask mandate for clubs?

Blair: This is left up to clubs and individual dancers

2. **Letter from the V&DCTA** -- Maureen reported that she presented the secretary of the VDCTA, Wendy Krueger with a copy of the letter, in a response to their request, indicating that the FVSRDA was reducing their number of BCSRDF dancer directors-at-large from two to one, thus making room for the VDCTA to appoint a caller for that position, if they so choose to do so.
3. **Nominations for FV executive/committee vacancies** (Norm)
 

Norm: Do we have a nominating committee?

Answer: No

  - Norm phoned two people
  - Jean contacted some people but is waiting to hear back.
  - By-laws state that, in order to run for the position of president, the candidate would have to have been a FVSRDA executive or committee member for a minimum of one year prior to seeking the position.
  - Possible solution: There is no such restriction for the position of Vice President. If a president is unable or unwilling to carry out their assigned duties then the vice president can carry out the duties in their stead.

#### NEW BUSINESS –

1. **2023 Appointment and Consent form** (circulated via email) It was unclear as to who should fill out and to send this form in?
  - Betty will fill out the 2023 Contact Appointment and Consent Form that Don recently sent out
2. **BCRDF Proxy form** (circulated via email) each club has to do the proxy and send it to Betty
3. **Increasing Smit Grant**

***MOVED/SECONDED: Don Allan/Norm Cox -- Motion to increase the de Smit grant from \$250 to \$500 for 2022-23 dance year CARRIED***

#### 4. Anniversaries (Norm)

- Sandi has kept the anniversary list until COVID -- we need an updated list and Sandi has been working on it and is updating it.
- Have to contact May Fawcett for a club crest -- some clubs did dance last year

**\*Add to Next exec meeting** -- how we handle the anniversaries that have occurred over the past two years. We need to contact clubs and find out if they are celebrating this year.

Sandi talked to Jean -- we would have to order crests whether they celebrate it or not -- usually vice-president does this...but we don't have one, at the moment....

#### GOOD & WELFARE –

- **Mel Austin** -- ill
- **Mary diCario, Christine Brendzy and Cindy deCario** -- lost brother/uncle

#### ORDER OF THE DAY –

- Nov 5 - Heather's Last Dance (Atchelitz Hall, Chilliwack)
  - plus level
  - \$12 at the door
  - Come and find out the gender of the twins!!!
- Nov 26 - SSW Hawaiian Dance --- (Brookwood Hall, Langley)
  - 7:30-8:00 Pre-rounds; 8-10 PM - Mainstream with plus tips and rounds
  - \$12 at the door
- Oct 20 - Stardowners Oktoberfest - Centennial Lodge, New Westminster)
  - 7:30-9:45 Plus level
  - \$10 per person

**NEXT MEETING** – TBA -- possibly January 15

**ADJOURNMENT** @ 2:25 PM by Don Allan (from Ottawa)

*~Respectfully submitted by Maureen Wilson~*

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

