



FRASER VALLEY SQUARE & ROUND DANCE ASSOCIATION  
Annual General Meeting & Elections  
Sunday June 22, 2025 –2:30 pm  
Timms Community Centre- Redekop Room (MPR #1) second floor  
20399 Douglas Cres, Langley, BC V3A 4B3  
President – Alex Galbraith

Meeting brought to order at 2:31 PM

Alex Galbraith welcomed everyone.

Attendance: **Brent's Bunch** (Therese and Brent Mawdsley), **Century House Squares** (Mark Garstin), **Chuckwagon 8's** (Marian Freeman), **Circle 8's** (Janice Hiscott and Pat Hill), **Royal City Squares** (Lynnette Edlund), **Stardowners** (Mary Decario), **Surrey Square Wheelers** (Judy Remenda), **Town 'n' Country Dancers** (Peter and Nancy Slinn), **Valley Promenaders** (Wendy Krueger), **Wesburn Wranglers** (Caitlyn Brendzy), **White Rockers** (Lyle & Diane O'Hara), \*Don Allan, \*Alex Galbraith, \*Jean Galbraith, \*Al Gibbs & June Fitchett, \*Dave Hammer, Yvonne Hebein, \*Eva Matheson & Nelson Baranow, \*Frank McNeil, \*Sandi Poje, \*Blair Wallace, \*Maureen Wilson

Absent: **Abbotsford Grand Squares**, **Chilliwack Rhythm Reelers**, **Guys & Gals**, **Motiv8ors**, **Quicksteppers**, **Swinging Hubs**, **Wheeling 8's**, \*Bill Fex, John Corrigan, \*Dianne Wilson

We have a quorum with 11 clubs and 12 executive/committee members present (minimum 7 clubs and 4 executives required).

Amendment to the agenda: We don't need to approve the June 2, 2024 AGM as it was approved at the October 2024 general meeting.

***Moved/Seconded: Nancy Slinn/Dave Hammer -- to accept agenda as amended -- CARRIED***

### **Correspondence**

No cards have been sent since the last meeting (May 18, 2025)

***Moved/Seconded: Peter Slinn/Diane O'Hara -- To approve minutes of previous General Meeting (May 18, 2025) as circulated -- CARRIED***

### **REPORTS –**

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

- Report circulated -- An amended copy with corrections will be sent out in a separate email.

***Moved/Seconded: Don Allan/Mark Garstin -- To accept Treasurer's Report, as circulated – CARRIED***

**B. Vice President – Bill Fex** -- (no report submitted)

### C. Valley Circle/Website – Blair Wallace

- Summer issue should have arrived -- Only two were returned as undeliverable
- Subscriptions will be circulated in September
- New dancers get first 6 months free. Please send Blair a list of these new dancers who have completed their first year of new dancer classes and have joined your club
- Directory comes out in October -- Please update club info (can be done online) as of August

### D. Promotion Committee – Frank McNeil

(Note: Promotion Committee social media – on hold for now)

We have started the Coffee News awareness campaign. The ad has the web page address and QR code for [danceforfun.ca](http://danceforfun.ca) where we have the listings for clubs with new dancer classes.

Keep an eye out for Coffee News when you are out and be aware that you may be receiving calls from people that have seen the ad. We would appreciate getting a report from clubs about where new dancers heard of them.

Have a look at [danceforfun.ca](http://danceforfun.ca) to make sure your club info is up to date for your new dancer

classes. for any changes send an email to [fmcneil@shaw.ca](mailto:fmcneil@shaw.ca) or [danceforfun@squaredance.bc.ca](mailto:danceforfun@squaredance.bc.ca)



We invite you to bring your life experience and ideas to our committee or just sit in on a Zoom session to see what we are about. Email the chair, currently Frank at [fmcneil@shaw.ca](mailto:fmcneil@shaw.ca)

Our next Zoom meeting is Friday, August 15th at 7 pm.

Lyle mentioned that the July ad will be different, and they will have the 1-800 number on it

***Coffee News gave us a 25% discount because we are a non-profit organization***

### E. BC Federation – Dianne Wilson

- An informal meeting will be held at the Festival around noon on **Saturday**, August 2<sup>nd</sup>
- All members invited to come
- Next meeting is sometime in October

### F. Canadian Society – Dianne Wilson

- There will be a meeting held at the festival around noon on the **Friday**, August 1<sup>st</sup>
- All members invited to come

#### **G. Gala Committee – Dave Hammer –**

- The Gala 2025 committee has finally confirmed the venue for the Sat. Oct. 25<sup>th</sup> FVSRDA Gala. It will be held at the Murrayville Community Memorial Hall. Address: 21667 – 48<sup>th</sup> Avenue,
- Langley, B.C. V2Y 0M6
- Mainstream Square Dancing with Plus tips from 2:30- 5:00 pm with pre-rounds from 2:00-2:30 pm
- Callers – Steve Edlund & Gary Winter; Cues – Heather Reynolds
- Fabulous 50's theme
- Next meeting is June 28th

#### **H. VDCTA – Wendy Krueger**

- The Vancouver & District Caller Teacher Association meets 4 times annually and a representative from the FVS&RDA is our guest at each meeting. The Vice President of the FV has normally had that duty and brings us news of initiatives of the FV association and endeavours we can work on together. (Note that the Promotion Committee is a Joint committee of representatives from the FVS&RDA and the V&DCTA.)
- V&DCTA meetings are on the 3rd Saturday. The next meeting (September 20) is our AGM. The general meetings are the 3rd Saturday of November, January, and March.
- Since Covid, we have been meeting by Zoom.
  - John is stepping down as president so they will be holding an election
  - We have some up and coming new callers: Yvonne Hebein, Guy Payne and Mark Garstin

#### **I. Scroll of Honour – Sandi Poje**

The Scroll of Honour Committee met on June 21 to decide this year's recipient of the scroll of honour which will be presented at the Gala on Saturday, October 25<sup>th</sup>.

On behalf of the Fraser Valley Square and Round Dance Association, the executive would like to thank Sandi for her many years of looking after the Scroll of Honour duties.

#### **J. BC Festival 2025 – Wendy Krueger**

- BC Festival 2025 is coming July 30 to August 2nd. We are a hard-working committee of 13 people. It was way back in October 2022 that we started working on the concept that our region could host this event. Registration opened on Jan 15, 2024.
- Registered participants 337. It's going to be a very fun 3 days. There are 37 leaders registered for calling and cueing -- square dancing from SSD to A; round dancing Ph 2 to 4, as numbers allow.
- The first dance is Wed. July 30, 7 to 10 pm, included with Festival registration.
- The check in desk will open at 11 a.m. Thursday. Come early to get your registration package and visit with friends old and new.
- There will be dancing from 1:30 p.m. Thursday till 10 p.m. Saturday, with breaks to sleep and eat.

- We are resisting offering tickets to individual days and individual dances.
- There will be food for sale at the festival. The local cafe called Cozy Bean Bakery and Café is going to set up with chilli, soup, sandwiches, hot and cold beverages. They are not charging us any minimum.
- Hotel room block cut off is a month ahead of check in, and that date is coming up in about one week.
- Blair is finalizing the souvenir booklet, and we encourage every club to put in an ad to show support for the festival. Businesses are also invited to place an ad.
- Thank you to Brookswood Seniors Centre for the loan of tables and chairs.
- RV camping with no services is open for registration. The fee for camping is intended to cover rent of the parking lot from TOL, \$1339, and 50% of the costs for a security company to patrol the parking and camping areas (security quote \$1081, Hundal Security). Just 2 more rigs for camping will meet that goal.
- The opening ceremony is on Thursday evening. Club colours is the theme so bring your club banners.
- There will be signs to carry for each province represented:
  - We will line up for a Grand March at 6:45.
  - Line up in lines of 4 across, starting at the door to the large gym and out through the foyer, so you walk in line like that and then follow the parade marshals' directions.
  - Everybody is invited to be in the parade, but if there any spectators, they can sit in the bleachers.
  - There will be welcome speeches from the co-chairs and local civic leaders. Dancing starts 7:30 PM on Thursday evening.
- We are looking for more volunteers; please sign up with Dianne Wilson who will schedule everyone for duties at the festival.

***Moved Seconded: Peter Slinn /Janice Hiscott -- To accept above reports items C through J, as circulated -- CARRIED***

**CLUB CONCERNS-** none, at this time

**OLD BUSINESS-**

1. Joint FVS&RDA/V&DCTA meeting – Frank McNeil and Wendy Krueger
  - A joint meeting will be scheduled, hopefully, in the fall

**NEW BUSINESS –**

1. Establish the FVSRDA Fees for 2026 (Don Allan)
  - FVSRDA fees are set at each year's AGM –After discussion, it was agreed that we keep FVSRDA fees for 2026 same as fees for 2025 – FV fees only
  - We will assume that the BCSRDF and CSRDS fees will also stay same, making a total of \$15 for all three levels of fees.

***Motion #1: Moved/Seconded Don Allan/Therese Mawdsley –that the FVSRDA fees for the 2025-26 dance season remain at \$5 per club and \$0 per dancer. It was noted that Peter Slinn was opposed to the motion – CARRIED***

2. Establish the application dates for the DeSmit and Building Fund grants

In the past, the DeSmit fund had two application dates. Don proposed that there only be one application deadline – January 15 of each year

***Motion #2 Moved/Seconded – Don Allan/Nancy Slinn That we set Jan 15 as the application deadline for the DeSmit fund and building fund grants -- CARRIED***

### **ELECTIONS OF OFFICERS & DIRECTORS 2025-2027 – (Jean Galbraith – past president)**

**Jean Galbraith** (past president) having served 34 years as a FVSRDA executive member thanked the executive members who are stepping down from their current positions: President, **Alex Galbraith**; vice-president, **Bill Fex**; secretary, **Maureen Wilson**; and directors **Eva Matheson and Nelson Baranow**.

It was noted that Jean and Alex have been members of the FVSRDA for almost 35 years and we thank them for their long service. Jean will be taking a well-deserved rest from any formal FVSRDA positions but will still be a great resource for ‘behind the scenes’ questions that may arise as new people take on new executive positions.

We are pleased to announce the FVSRDA executive for 2025-27:

1. Past President – **Alex Galbraith** (will be serving his 35<sup>th</sup> year on the executive)
2. President – **Maureen Wilson** (new position)
3. Vice President – **Yvonne Hebein** (new to executive)
4. Treasurer – **Don Allan** (continuing)
5. Secretary – **Daphne Green** (new to executive)
6. Social Conveners – **Eva Matheson and Nelson Baranow** (continuing)
7. Directors–
  - a. **Dianne Wilson** (continuing in current position)
  - b. **Al Gibbs and June Fitchett** (continuing in current position)
  - c. **Diane O’Hara** (new to executive)
8. Valley Circle/website – **Blair Wallace** -- 25<sup>th</sup> year as VC editor – (continuing in current position)
9. BCSRDF & CSRDS delegate – **Dianne Wilson** (continuing in current position)

The FVSRDA banner needs its 65<sup>th</sup> anniversary badge sewn on; the FVSRDA president plaque has not been updated for several years; and the scroll of honour needs to be updated.

### **GOOD & WELFARE-**

- Joe Witiuk passed away this past week. Need an address to send sympathy card. – Mary Decario will send one
- Frank brought pamphlets and magnetic business cards and asked people to take some to distribute to their club members
- Lyle – Cuer’s school will be held on July 27-30 at Murrayville Hall

- Eight people have signed up so far. He is hoping to get a few more. Frank mentioned that he posted an updated poster, so they may get a few more
- BCSRDF gave \$4000 grant towards the costs of the cuer's school
- The VDCTA will be sponsoring the trail-out dance at the Murrayville Hall on Sun. Aug. 3<sup>rd</sup>. Heather Reynolds is the MC for that event

### **ORDER OF THE DAY-**

Upcoming events:

- BC FESTIVAL 2025 –
  - Wed. July 30 -Trail-in dance – LSS
  - Thurs. July 31-Sat. Aug 2 -- LSS
  - Sun. Aug 3 – Trail-out dance – Murrayville Community Hall
- Brent mentioned that the FVSRDA Facebook page is available for clubs to advertise their dances and events.
- VDCTA is holding Sunday dancing throughout summer at two different venues:
  - Kennedy Hall (Surrey) – 7-9 PM; OAP Hall (Aldergrove (1-3 PM)
  - Please note that there are different levels for each dance. There is one day (July 13) at Kennedy Hall where there is no caller, yet.
  - The schedule (published in the Valley Circle) has been arranged so that people can dance at both venues each Sunday
- Canada Day Dance (July 1<sup>st</sup>) hosted by Town 'n' Country
  - Kennedy Hall – 2:30 -4:30 -- John Corrigan (caller)
  - 2:00-2:30 pre-rounds with Cheryl Slater cuer

Diane O'Hara mentioned that Surrey Parks is advertising summer picnics in their community parks. This may be an excellent opportunity to arrange to do some demos to show people what square dancing is all about. Perhaps other communities offer the same opportunities.

**NEXT MEETING** – EXECUTIVE (via Zoom) – TBD  
 -- General Meeting – TBD

**ADJOURNMENT** @ 3:31 PM by Jean Galbraith (her last 'official' FVSRDA act)

*~Respectfully submitted by Maureen Wilson~*

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

