

B.C. Square & Round Dance Federation

Minutes of Board Of Director's Meeting
Held at Colwood Hall, Victoria
On March 31, 2007

Call to order @ 9:30 A.M. by President Nick Turner.

Nick welcomed those in attendance to the BOD meeting and thanked Region 1 for hosting the meeting. Special thanks were given to Brent Besse for his role in organizing this function. The two local associations are sharing the costs of the meeting. The Cross Trail News was also recognized for its role in welcoming delegates and for actively promoting the meeting.

The President introduced the executive members who were attending the meeting: Dennis Dixon (Agnes Niemiec) First Vice President, Merv & Pat Meyer Second Vice President, Les & Caroll Brekstad Third Vice President, Darcy & Beth McGifford Treasurer, Ken & Sally Crisp Secretary and the President's first lady Mary Anne. Roslyln Garnet represented Squareup BC for Brian Elmer who was unable to attend. Chuck Jordan represented the Canadian Society. Past President Joan and Randy Sheffield and webmaster Phil Douziech were not in attendance.

M/S R.Ballam/ H.Kivits that the minutes of the 2006 Board of Directors minutes be accepted as circulated. CARRIED.

Correspondence:

- E-mail & letter correspondence with the BC Senior Games. Square Dancing has been accepted as an 'optional sport' for the 2009 games. It was not possible for inclusion in the 2007 or 2008 games as bidding for the games did not include our activity.
- There was correspondence between UVICTA and Nick Turner regarding the DVD produced for the BC Fed by Lloyd Juhala. The Association was advised that there are no plans to produce a similar DVD on Round Dancing and that their representation at BC Fed meetings would ensure the matter was fully discussed prior to any such action.
- Correspondence between UVISDA and Secretary on the DVD similar to above.
- E-mail Requests Received by Secretary from Regions for recognition of caller Anniversaries.
- E-mail correspondence with Ocean Waves in Courtenay regarding the need for a caller.
- Correspondence from Region 1 & 8 Caller Associations regarding delays caused by variety of music formats. We hope to address this in Festival Guidelines.
- Correspondence from Society Rep Chuck Jordan re: Insurance Coverage

Reports:

President Nick Turner: *Complete Report on website*. Improved Communication is vital to our activity. Yellow Pages problems appear to be resolved for next edition. There is a need for new callers and cuers so please encourage aspiring talent. The variety of music available through new technology can be a blessing. Need to build public awareness of the health & social benefits of our recreation.

2nd Vice President Merv Meyer: *Complete Report on website*. Selection of ROM and Federation VHS video collection.

1st Vice President Dennis Dixon: *Complete Report on website*. Working on a project to research what is available on square dancing in community and school libraries around the Province.

3rd Vice President Les Brekstad: *Complete Report on website*. Applications for funding assistance. Revision of Festival Guidelines.

Secretary Ken Crisp: *Complete Report on website*. Update on plan to have square dancing at BC Senior Games. Have been assisting 1st VP with recognition of important Anniversaries. M/S Audrey Beeston / Neil Hoeg that Anniversaries be recognized at 10 years and 5 year increments thereafter. CARRIED.

Treasurer Beth McGifford gave report for Darcy McGifford: *Complete Report on Website*. Beth stressed that Regions need to get funds in by the end of November to ensure Society deadline is met. M/S Hank Kivits / Chuck Jordan that the report be accepted as presented. CARRIED.

SquareUP BC Roslyn Garnet: *Complete Report on the Website*. SquareUp BC is a marketing initiative of the BC Fed. There was no separate report from the Dance Connection. Please ensure that your information and contacts are up-to-date on the website.

Infoline: Keep your information up-to-date.

Moving & Grooving Mary Anne Turner: Original production was 200 copies. We are currently producing another 200 and are licensed to produce a further 500 copies. 227 copies have been distributed. \$1000 of \$2000 provided by BC Fed to M&G has been repaid and the balance will be repaid this year.

Coffee Break. 10:30-10:45

RD Festival Report: Paul Clements: Festival was planned for 100 registrations and there are currently 63 registered. If successful perhaps this event will clear the way for smaller, specialty festivals in the future. There will be 3 halls available and they could run 3 complete programs. 100 dancers could be accommodated in the main hall and perhaps 200 in total.

Society Report Chuck Jordan: *Complete Report on Website.* B.C. is the envy of the country as far as promotion of our activity. Update on past & planned Conventions. Montreal 2006, London 2008 and Halifax 2010. Membership & Insurance fee to remain at \$2.00. Bursary and Grant Applications.

As most Region reports were not sent to the secretary electronically they are not currently on the website. Time permitting they will be transferred later.

Region 1 Report: Dorothy Ferguson

Region 2 Report: Bea Kivits, statistics; Roy Ballam: Narrative Report Region 3

Region 3 Report: Genie French:

Region 4: no report

Region 5 Report: Nils Hoeg: Cariboo Connection available on internet.

Region 8 Report: Guy Moreau: Audrey Beeston:

Region 9 Report: Merv Meyer:

Unfinished Business: None

Coffee Break: 11:35 – 11:47

New Business:

- Janet Ballam Proposed we consider having next BOD Meeting in Region 4 (Kootenays). Beth McGifford will make contact with Region 4 to discuss this. If we are unable to make arrangements for the 2008 BOD meeting in Region 4 we will ask Region 8 (Upper Island) to host.
- There was discussion around Delegate residence requirements. The question was brought up as Genie French is a delegate for Region 3 and dances in that Region. At the present time, however she resides in Region 9. It was pointed out that callers often live in one Region and travel to call in another. The general feeling was that residency should not be a requirement to be a delegate. The Region will be responsible for selecting it's own delegates.

- 3rd Vice President Les Brekstad presented a draft of Festival Guidelines. This is item 5 in delegate's handout. Three possible types of festival could be supported in the future.
 1. Tradition Full Festival Such as Festival 2005 in Abbotsford
 2. Mini Festivals with at least two types of dancing & limited levels
 3. Specialty Festivals with one type of dancing such as the Round Dance Festival planned for Powell River in 2007

Guidelines are to be discussed in the Regions and will be voted on at the next AGM.

- President Nick Turner advised that any Region that wishes to host a Festival in 2009 should be submitting their request soon.
- BC Senior Games: M/S Chuck Jordan/Hank Kivits that we get involved with Senior Games. CARRIED. A team will consist of 8 dancers. We should try to avoid 'ringer' squares. Input should come from all Regions if possible. The following agreed to work with the Secretary on the Senior Games project: Al Ritchie, Beth McGifford, Colleen MacLennan, Chuck Jordan, Herb Fox and Roy Ballam, M/S Chuck Jordan/Brent Besse that we put aside a maximum of \$1000 for expenses for the senior games committee. CARRIED. The committee is to communicate mainly by e-mail & possibly teleconferencing. The Secretary will contact the members.
- There was a discussion on Square Dance Awareness Week and a strong feeling that it should be continued. M/S Ken Crisp / Nils Hoag that the BC Federation support SD&RDA week to be held on the 3rd week of Sept of each year and that we approach the govt to arrange for a proclamation for SD&RDA week. CARRIED. It was recommended that the wording of the proclamation be run past Brian Elmer at SquareUP BC. M/S Genie French /Jack Corrigan that the BC federation arrange to print face side of multicolour brochure for distribution to regions at a reasonable cost. CARRIED. M/S Brent Besse / Rosalyn Garnet that BC fed print one side 20,000 copies. CARRIED. M/S Beth McGifford / Roy Ballam that we not charge regions anything for use of printed material. CARRIED.
- DVD Dancing Keeps you Young: Nick recommended that Regions use this as a tool to promote square dancing. Don't just lend it out without proper preparation. Please share your ideas on how you use it so we can make better use of the material.
- There is a need to update Square and Round dance Clip Art. Material that is currently available material is not very impressive. We are looking for an artist who will help us update our material. It was suggested that Spincaster Productions in Kelowna might be suitable contact.
- SOCAN licensing: Licensing music for dances and festivals is under Tariff 19. Callers are licensed under Tariff 8 for club/class/fitness activities. Special events require a special events license. This will cost \$41 for events under 100 people. Rates are higher for larger groups. Information on SOCAN will be posted on the website. Will be linked to 'forms'

- ParticipACTION: The Participaction Program being revitalized by the Federal & Provincial Governments. We would like to get dancing into their advertising material. The executive is to draft a letter requesting that square and round dancing be included as an activity in their advertising material. Paul Clements will try to find a contact for this program.
- Canada Post Flyers: Persons promoting their programs locally can use the Post Office to target an area for distribution of flyers at 7c per flyer. This can also be done through local newspapers. This approach might not work the first time but you have to keep attempting different approaches to promoting the activity.
- Parks & Recreation Seminar: How do you get dancing into areas where there is no established square dance structure? The Parks & Recreation Committee of BC has contacts working in Recreation Centres throughout the Province. Nick has a contact to this organization in Williams Lake. We will attempt to get involved with their convention to showcase our activity and perhaps do some training of recreation leaders. Mary Anne & Nick will approach the Parks & Recreation association to find out if or how we could get involved with their activities.
- ABC / drop in dancing. This program has been used in Kamloops and Powell River with some success. Les Brekstad also reported on his experience with ABC program. We should use the ABC program as a tool to introduce people to square dancing but don't expect it to result in an immediate influx to classes. The ABC program should allow people to move to the music and have a good time without the pressure to make a long-term commitment to classes.
- New Caller/Cuer training: M/S Mary Anne / Guy Moreau that the \$1000 returned to the BC Fed by Moving & Grooving be used in the memorial fund to assist in the training of new callers / cuers (rather than just spending the interest in the memorial fund). CARRIED. Note: There will be a cuers training program in last weekend of September (28-30) 2007 in Calgary.
- There will be an election of officers @ AGM in August. Only the First Vice President position is up for election at that time.
- M/S that AGM be held in Penticton (Thursday 9August07 in AM) Brent Besse/ Chuck Jordan. CARRIED.
- Audrey Beeston reported that the "Stamps for cancer" program has earned a great deal for funding research. Pop can tabs can also be saved. Many clubs in the Region 8 are currently saving these items for charity.

Once again, a heartfelt thank you to Region 1 for hosting this BC Federation meeting.

Editor of the X-Trail news, Vic Marshall ask if you are sending news for special events please send it early enough to get it promoted. Send by e-mail, if possible. This also applies to getting information to the 1-800 number and Federation website.

Meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.