

British Columbia Square & Round Dance Federation

Minutes of Annual General Meeting Held in Penticton, B.C. On August 6, 2010

Attendance: A quorum was present with 41 members attending from 6 of 7 Regions.

- Region One (Lower Vancouver Island) 4
- Region Two (Vancouver & Fraser Valley) 20
- Region Three (Okanagan) 9
- Region Four (Kootenays) 0
- Region Five (Northern B.C.) 3
- Region Eight (Upper Vancouver Island) 2
- Region Nine (Thompson Shuswap) 3

President John Corrigan opened the meeting at 9:00 a.m. and welcomed the members.

Correspondence:

- Email from Helen Maddeaux (Region 8) regarding expenditures that were committed at the BOD meeting in March exceeding the limits of the motion at last year's AGM. To be dealt with under item 10 of New Business.
- Nick Turner (Region 5) advised by email that there was positive feedback on a round dancer email list about the Social Dance DVD produced by Paul & Anne Clements for the Federation.
- Enquiry from Audrey Hoeg (Region 5) about the dates of Square & Round Dance Awareness Week. The proclamation is not received from Victoria until July at the earliest, and therefore it is difficult to advertise the dates prior to that time, but we request it each year for the 3rd week in September. (Secretary's Note: A copy of the 2010 Proclamation is available at this meeting for each Region).
- Gys Koops (Region 5) advised that the original registration form for the Festival in Prince George in 2011 had an incorrect mailing address but corrected forms are available on the website. Address should read 7605 Carr Rd.
- Correspondence with David Alexander (Region 8) regarding a crest or certificate for a camp-out anniversary. It was clarified that the BC Federation provides crests for club anniversaries and certificates for caller or cuer anniversaries but events are not covered.
- Communication with Brian Elmer of SQUAREUP BC regarding funding and cost estimates for display backdrops. (See New Business)

EXECUTIVE & COMMITTEE REPORTS: Please note that complete reports can be found on the BC Fed. website (<http://www.squaredance.bc.ca>) Click on “Meeting Minutes”.

Secretary’s Report: Ken Crisp gave information on senior games, the teamwork project, Square & Round Dance Awareness Week and anniversaries.

Treasurer’s Report: Beth McGifford reported for Darcy McGifford. A review of Revenue and Expenses resulting in a Net Income of \$785.60. We opened a US\$ account because of the number of sales of the Social Dance video to US customers. The budget for 2010 – 2011 could result in a total deficit of \$3415.00.

M/S Beth McGifford / Nick Turner that the treasurer’s report be accepted as presented. CARRIED.

M/S Nick Turner / Al Ritchie that the budget be accepted as presented. CARRIED.

President’s Report: John Corrigan thanked members and executive of the Federation for their work and cooperation during the past two years.

First Vice President’s Report: Norm Cox reported on presentations made, meetings attended, the new health brochure and the Lea Veronica workshop on recruitment & retention.

Second Vice President’s Report (Peggy-Jo-Zettl): Applications for New Dancer class funding.

Third Vice President’s Report (Genie French):

Past President (Joan Sheffield): No Report

Canadian Society Reports: Retiring Society Reps Chuck & Marguerite Jordan submitted a report as well as the new Society Reps Beth & Darcy McGifford. The Jordans thanked members for their support over the years and the McGiffords gave information from the Society AGM held in Halifax.

Class of 2010 Final Report: (Gord Ruedig) There were 6 entries from square dance classes and no entries from round dance classes.

SQUAREUP BC Report: (Brian Elmer) Extensive report outlines the activity of the “Promotion” branch of your Federation.

Webmaster Report: (Phil Douziech) There are 43 Manned Federation Websites under Squaredance.bc.ca

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Round Dance Coordinator: (Regine Anderson) Results of survey and ROM information for 2010 and 2011.

Festival 2011: Peggy-Jo Zettl reported that the Festival is to be held in Prince George July 7 to 9, 2011. The deposit has been paid on the hall. Registration forms are available.

Senior Games: Ken Crisp reported that there will be square dancing at the Senior Games in the Comox Valley September 15-18, 2010. Do we want to become involved in future games?

Librarian / Historian: Gord Ruedig proposes that the Library be made mobile for availability at Festivals, etc.

Four Score & More: Nils Hoeg reported that registration continue and we have our first Five Score & More member, Jim Ferguson of Victoria.

1-800-335-9433: Roy Ballam reports that the Square Dance Information line handled 61 calls.

Moving and Grooving: Nick Turner advised that some “Sound Clips” have been added to the website making it easier for potential buyers to assess the program.

OLD BUSINESS:

Social Dance DVD: Paul Clements reports that 169 orders had been received and shipped up to the BOD meeting in March, 2010.

Health Brochure: Norm Cox distributed samples of the recently developed dance for better health pamphlet. He thanked Brian Elmer, Nick Turner, Roy Ballam and Robert Ascroft for their role in producing this item. It was presented at the Society AGM with very positive responses. The Federation had not allocated enough funding to mass produce this item for use this year, but there will be a “pilot project” where four communities will use the pamphlet strategically, and assess the value and public response. Concern was expressed that a picture of square dancers were not placed on the front of the pamphlet, but Norm advised that this was a strategic action, as Square & Round dancing are not always received positively by the public, and we wanted to catch their attention prior to opening the brochure and being shown the health benefits of square and round dancing.

Act Now: Norm Cox advised that the Province has cut “Act Now” funding, and the BC Federation will not be continuing involvement at this time. Report on website.

Team Building Project: Nick Turner and Ken Crisp have been working on this project. The idea is to provide square dancing as an activity for businesses that are running a Seminar or Workshop on the Team concept. Square dancing fits very well in this area, as a team of 8 people must work together to achieve a task or tasks. It also provides an activity break from sitting. Before proceeding with developing a brochure and advertising on the website in such a way that our site comes up when an employer googles “Team Building”, we needed to ensure that there were qualified callers interested and available. We have had some positive feedback, and will proceed with developing a caller training package and the promotional material. These should be ready in draft form by the next BOD meeting.

Lea Veronica Seminar: Norm Cox reported that the “free” seminar on recruiting and retaining dancers, was held in Abbotsford and Surrey on May 29 & 30. There was participation from dancers from areas outside of the Vancouver & Fraser Valley region. The Seminar cost about \$2800 to put on, and was funded with the assistance of the Canadian Society, BC Federation and Fraser Valley Square & Round Dance Association.

Ad for Senior Games 2011: M/S Laurie Lloyd / Roy Ballam that we put an ad in the 2011 Senior Games brochure, and the ad should have a link to the “Dancing Keeps you Young” video. The cost of ad is not to exceed \$200.00. CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS:

Notice of Motion #1: M/S Norm Cox / Beth McGifford that Section 7.6 ii of the bylaws be changed so that executive members on Federation business, should be reimbursed at the same rate of reimbursement as travel for designated members. 1 to 5 unchanged. Add #6 Economy airfare when air travel is more feasible than other modes of transportation. CARRIED.

Notice of Motion #2: regarding net proceeds of Festivals. M/S Beth McGifford / Brian Elmer that the motion passed at the Board of Directors meeting in March 2010 was out of order and to be rescinded. CARRIED.

Notice of Motion #3: regarding return of funds for Festival 2009 was not brought forward as the previous motion was passed.

M/S Regine Anderson / Nick Turner that leaders be allowed to use electronic media when choosing the Round of the Month. CARRIED.

Festival 2013 – If any Region, Association, or club is interested in hosting a Provincial Festival in 2013, please contact the current President and/or Secretary of the Federation.

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Support & Use of Website: There have been some concerns that the information on the website is sometimes out of date. The webmaster is working to update the information, but it is the responsibility of each region, association, club, caller, cuer and/or member, to verify their information and take steps to have it updated.

Round Dance Questionnaire: See Round Dance Coordinator's Report

Handbook: Accountability: M/S Norm Cox / Peter Tamilin that under Festival Guidelines in the handbook sections 1, 2, 3 be removed and replaced with "At the time of booking (approved) organization write a contract". Motion was WITHDRAWN.

The Handbook has been updated. A copy is being given to each executive member and two copies for each Region. Updates will be mailed to the recipients. Member associations should determine who is going to be responsible for maintaining their copy, and advise the President and Secretary when this changes. The handbook is on the website, but it was felt a hard copy was also required, as computer access is not always available at meetings.

Fees for 2010-2011. There was no motion to change member fees for next year.

Clarification of Motion from AGM 2009 regarding committing expenditures up to \$5000 at the Board of Directors meetings. The intent of this motion was that the BOD could spend up to a total of \$5000 per meeting and NOT up to \$5000 per motion.

Communication: We need to make an effort to communicate better between all levels of operation in the Square and Round dance movement. The executive will make an effort to provide better information to the field, and delegates are asked, to share Federation information with associations, clubs, callers, cuers and dancers in their Region.

Support of Youth dancers: Youth under 19 years of age are no longer required to pay the BC Federation (\$5.00) portion of fees, but are still required to pay the Society portion (\$2.00) to ensure continued liability coverage.

Sillery Award: M/S Norm Cox / Nick Turner that the Sillery Award be changed so it is not necessarily just an annual award. There could be more than one award given per year. CARRIED. Guidelines will be changed to reflect this motion.

Review Role of Board of Directors versus Annual General Meeting. There has been concern that the Executive and BOD should not be spending Federation funds at a BOD meeting. The feeling of the members present was that the executive and delegates are elected, and should be able to pass motions within their spending limit, except in cases where a notice of motion would be required.

Festival 2012: The Canadian Society has not received a bid to hold a Festival in 2012, but the 2014 Festival will be in Ottawa. Norm Cox had a discussion with Victoria area dancers who attended the National in Halifax. Together they felt that it might be possible to organize a festival in the Victoria area, if they were provided with support of other Regions. (Specifically the Vancouver area, which has hosted National Festivals in 1990 and 2000). Norm contacted the Victoria convention centre, and found that it is available pretty well the entire month of July, 2012 and the cost, (\$10,000 / day) is approximately half what Halifax paid for their facilities. The executive will contact Region One associations to see if a bid can be put together.

Time Limit: M/S Janet Ballam / Nick Turner that the meeting be extended 15 minutes to allow necessary business to be completed. CARRIED.

M/S Brian Elmer / Phil Douziech that a total sum of \$4200 be allotted to SQUAREUP BC to support Festival 2011 in Prince George. Of that amount \$3700 is to be earmarked for a media campaign as the Festival approaches as has been done in the past, that will build general awareness of our recreation throughout the region and invite spectators to the event. The remaining \$500 is to support the design and production on the Dance Connection web site of a Festival Photo Tour to attract the dance community to the event by featuring pictures and text about the dance venues and area attractions, as has been done for recent Festivals. CARRIED.

ELECTIONS of 2010 – 2011 Federation Executive. Past President Joan Sheffield took over the chair, and the following were elected by acclamation.

1. President, Norm Cox
2. 1st Vice President, Gord Ruedig
3. Secretary, Ken Crisp
4. Treasurer, Beth McGifford
5. 2nd Vice President, Peggy Jo Zettl

M/S Beth McGifford / Gord Ruedig since there were no eligible entries in the round dance portion of the Class of 2010 contest, the prize money allocated for the round dance portion of the contest be used to increase winnings to the square dance class winners and a small portion to each of the other 3 non placing classes. CARRIED.

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The guidelines for hosting a BOD meeting were received from Region 5, and will be put into the handbook.

Motion to Adjourn at 12:12 p.m. by incoming President Norm Cox who remarked that our Federation is a bit like a jigsaw puzzle, and we need to work together to locate the missing pieces and put the picture together.

The 2011 Annual General Meeting will be held at the Festival in Prince George.

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