

British Columbia Square & Round Dance Federation
Minutes of Annual General Meeting
Held in Penticton, B.C.
On August 5, 2011

Attendance: A quorum was present with 31 members (and one non-member guest) attending from 6 of 7 Regions.

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| • Region One (Lower Vancouver Island) | 2 |
| • Region Two (Vancouver & Fraser Valley) | 14 |
| • Region Three (Okanagan) | 6 |
| • Region Four (Kootenays) | 0 |
| • Region Five (Northern B.C.) | 3 |
| • Region Eight (Upper Vancouver Island) | 2 |
| • Region Nine (Thompson Shuswap) | 4 |
| • Visitor | 1 |

President Norm Cox called the meeting to order at 9:31 A.M. and welcomed those present. The visitor was Missy Sewell from Washington Peninsula Council who was advised she was welcome to join in on discussions but not eligible to vote on motions.

M/S Nick Turner / P. Tamin that the agenda be accepted as circulated with additions and amendments. **CARRIED.** Nils Hoeg had advised by email that it was proper to approve the minutes of the last AGM at this meeting and NOT the minutes of the March BOD meeting.

M/S Al Ritchie / Regine Anderson that the minutes of the AGM held on August 6, 2010 be approved as circulated. **CARRIED.**

Correspondence:

- The Secretary advised that there had been routine email correspondence with members regarding the cancellation of the Festival in Prince George.
- Emails with a region regarding a certificate of recognition for a Caller/Cuers long term service.
- Emails clarifying executive decision to allow Regions to purchase more than one banner as long as cost does not exceed that allowed by motion at BOD meeting.
- Email from Nick Turner expressing thanks to Norm Cox for the support he has shown to Region 5 by attending 3 major dance events in that area.

Executive and Committee Reports:

The President advised that as almost all of the reports are posted on the website and members were urged to read them in advance of this meeting, the reports will not be read but will be open for discussion.

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Treasurer's Report: Beth McGifford reported that there will be losses related to the 2010 Festival that was cancelled. Not all expenses have been submitted as of this date. Expenses over revenue so far this year are \$3,035.12. **M/S Nick Turner / Connie Ritchie that the Treasurer's Report be accepted as circulated. CARRIED.**

The President's Report had been sent for display on the website but was not being displayed, so this report was read to the meeting.

No discussion on Past President, Secretary and 1st VP Reports.

The 2nd Vice President has requested changes to criteria for assistance for New Dancer classes. **M/S Peggy Jo Zetl / Beth McGifford that if a club runs both a square dance and a round dance class in the same year the participants must be at least 70% different dancers to qualify for assistance for both classes. CARRIED.** **M/S Peggy Jo Zetl / Mary Cox to add to the application for funding that if there is a shortfall above \$250 the sponsoring club should indicate that they have some way of covering the shortfall. CARRIED.**

There was no Canadian Society Report received. There will be a teleconference and meeting later in the year and a report will then be available.

The Round Dance report was not posted so Regine Anderson read her report.

No discussion on SquareUP BC, Moving and Grooving, Webmaster, Four Score & More and 1-800 phone reports.

Class of 2011 Report: **M/S Beth McGifford / Regine Anderson that \$150 not being awarded for round dance classes be distributed to "honourable mention" applications for square dance classes. CARRIED.** Presentations were made for 1st Place in Round Dance classes to Rainbow Rounders. The winners in the Square Dance category were (1) Wheeling Eights (2) Country Cousins (3) Westside Squares and Honourable Mentions (1) Swinging Singles (2) Abbotsford Grand Squares (3) Ocean Waves (Courtenay)

Festival 2011: Peggy Jo requested that because Festivals are normally held every two years, callers and cuers in the Province should be prepared to provide a commitment to attend and support them. **M/S Nick Turner / Peggy Jo Zetl that Festival Committees should establish a date in their initial plan where the Festival would either proceed or be cancelled if insufficient registrations were received by that date. CARRIED.**

Social Dance DVD. Paul and Ann had requested in their report that seed money of \$300 be provided for production of the next 45 copies of the DVD. It was not known if they are currently members of the BC Federation. This needs to be clarified before action on this request.

M/S Peter Tamin / Al Ritchie that the reports be accepted as received. CARRIED.

Old Business:

a. M/S Mary Cox / Beth McGifford to increase initial funding for Festivals from \$1000 to \$2500 as per Notice of Motion. DEFEATED.

b. M/S Nick Turner / Al Ritchie that By-law Article 5.8 (handbook p.43) be amended to have agendas sent out 30 days prior to meetings as per notice of motion. CARRIED.

c. M/S Chuck Jordan / Regine Anderson to amend the handbook Page 32 - 5.5(ii) under meetings (iii) that the Federation Membership shall be notified of the date, time and place of the AGM through the Federation Newsletter at least 45 days prior to the date of the meeting, as per notice of motion. CARRIED.

d. M/S Ken Crisp/ Nick Turner that the BC Federation not continue to participate in the BC Senior Games, and that we advise the BC Senior Games of this decision. CARRIED.

e. Brian Elmer's motion on purchase of video footage from the Vernon Festival (2009) has already been looked after under committee reports.

New Business:

a. Budget 2011 / 2012: M/S Beth McGifford / Al Ritchie that the budget presented be accepted. CARRIED.

SquareUP BC Budget: M/S Peggy Jo Zettle / Peter Tamin that the SquareUP BC budget be taken to the executive to be redesigned, with a maximum expenditure of \$2000.00. Amendment to Motion M/S Al Ritchie / Chuck Jordan that the Team Building Project be removed from the SquareUp Budget. Both amendment and motion were CARRIED.

M/S Chuck Jordan / Al Ritchie to extend meeting time past 11:30 a.m. CARRIED.

b. M/S Al Ritchie / Mary Anne Turner that the membership fee remain the same for next year. CARRIED.

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c. Contingency Fund: No action at this time

d. Future Festival Bids: No bid for 2013 has been received at this time. The Peach Festival Committee in Penticton is considering discontinuing the annual dance as of 2012 and would like the BC Federation to consider taking it over. M/S Al Ritchie / Merv Meyer that a committee be struck to look into Federation involvement in a Summer dance to be held in Penticton. CARRIED. The following members agreed to participate on this committee: Al Ritchie, Regine Anderson, Merv Meyer, Barb Tryssenaar and Ed Emery.

e. The Board of Directors meeting will be held on March 31, 2012 in Victoria in connection with the Maverick Club's 60th Anniversary. Anyone who is planning to attend the dance as well as the meeting should get their tickets well in advance as the dance is expected to be sold out. The event will be held at the Garth Homer Centre.

f. The next AGM will be held in Penticton, August 10, 2012.

g. Copies of the Square Dance Awareness proclamation were distributed as follows:

- **Region One – Connie Ritchie**
- **Region Two – Barb Tryssenaar**
- **Region Three – Genie French**
- **Region Five – Nick Turner**
- **Region Eight – Cathy Moreau**
- **Region Nine – Merv Meyer**

h. Elections: The position of 3rd Vice President was due for election. Genie French was re-elected. Congratulations Genie.

i. M/S Al Ritchie / Chuck Jordan that the Team Building project be given an operating budget of \$2000.00 CARRIED.

M/S Regine Anderson / Ed Emery to Adjourn