

 **B.C.S. & R.D.FEDERATION** 

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting
Held at Ken Wigness Room, Senior Drop In Centre
2965 Main Street South, Penticton, B.C.
Convened on Friday, August 7, 2015 at 9:30 am

Attendance:	35
Region One:	4
Region Two:	14
Region Three:	3
Region Five:	2
Region Eight:	6
Region Nine:	6

1. Welcome and Opening Remarks – Ken Crisp, President
2. Additions to and Approval of the Agenda:
 - Old Business: Brian Elmer’s survey of new dancers 8a.
 - New Business b.1.: update of new dancer class funding application
 - New business e. Recruitment and Retention report presentation
 - 9f. report from Revitalization committee
 - Make number 6 “motions arising from reports”
 - G. Our properties and how we want to grant rights for their use.
 - Good of the Order
 - Motion to accept agenda as revised Beth McGifford/Al Ritchie; carried**
3. Approval of the Minutes of August 8, 2014
 - Correction: 9b on page 3, change Region 8 to Region 9
 - Motion to accept minutes as amended Dennis Sutton/Connie Ritchie; carried.**
4. Correspondence—i. Thanks from Wesburn Wranglers for the New Dancer Grant money. ii. Nick and MaryAnne Turner regarding the logo designed by Nick’s son Zach Turner and slogan added by the ARTS committee (US)
5. Reports
 - Note: The following Reports were not read out at this meeting as they were posted on the web page – www.squaredance.bc.ca as of July 24, 2015 under AGM Minutes 2015. They are part of the minutes of the AGM.

1. President's Report	Ken Crisp
2. First Vice President	Bill Wood
3. Second Vice President	Gordon Ruedig
4. Past President	Norm Cox
5. Secretary	Wendy Krueger
6. Canadian Society	Beth McGifford
7. R.O.M. Co-ordinator	Connie Ritchie
8. SquareUP BC	Brian Elmer
9. Moving and Grooving	Nick and Mary Anne Turner
10. Web Master	Frank McNeil
11. Four Score n' More	Al Ritchie
12. 1-800 Phone Line	Brian Elmer
13. Revitalization Committee	Dennis Sutton

6. Discussion of Reports

Discussion and Vote: Any New Motions arising from these reports will be added to the Agenda and dealt with if there is sufficient time.

- i. Suggestion from Al Ritchie that the INFO line calls are followed up and a record is kept as to the results of each call. It cost us about \$4 per call in the past year. We want to know that it's of value. Brian Elmer responded that he will follow up and will report on it at the BOD meeting in April 2016.
- ii. Request from Al Ritchie that the author of reports includes his/her name in the future.
- iii. Reports not received: the Cdn Society report: National Festival in 2016 is the only thing Beth McGifford has to report. The 1st Vice President's report was not received by the secretary and therefore did not make it to the website. Bill submitted a hard copy.

Motion for the acceptance of reports as posted: Norm Cox/Beth McGifford Discussion:

Norm suggests all dancers get a copy of the reports: we should publish the information to all members of the Federation. Jean Wood asked if it is acceptable to put the reports into the regional magazines; Ken Crisp said that would be good. Ken suggested putting in highlights from the reports; Al Ritchie added that highlights could be put in, and a link to the full report should be included; Dennis Sutton suggested the regional delegates do the highlighting. **Motion was carried.**

7. Treasurer's Report—presented by Norm Cox in the absence of Pat Zeeman
Questions/comments on the Treasurer's report- what is our total membership: 2200 members at a fee of \$5 each

Motion to accept the Financial Report: Norm Cox/Al Ritchie

Discussion: Sillery Award seems very high at \$500+ spent: Ken Crisp advised a previous award may be included in this year's expenses.

Dancer amount paid to the Society should match what has been collected—there is a small discrepancy \$6896 vs \$6935.

The President will check with the Treasurer and put the answers in the minutes. **Motion was carried.**

8. Old Business

Survey of New Dancers—Brian Elmer

The survey was prompted by a wish to account for the effectiveness of our promotional approaches. The thinking is, it is best given when the brand new person comes through the door for the first time. The draft survey was handed out, perused, and considered.

Motion: to accept the survey as provided and ask Brian Elmer to send it out as both a Word Document and in PDF to the clubs with new dancer classes, and bring the results to the BOD meeting in April 2016: Merv Meyer/Brian Elmer; carried.

Coffee Break

Reconvene 10:35 a.m.

9. New Business

(a) Notice of Motion – Regional Representation at BOD – Nick Turner. Whereas in recent years all regions are not represented by 2 dancers and 2 callers/cuers at the BOD, the motion is intended to change our article to reflect current practice. **Moved Nick Turner/Mary Anne Turner: Article 3.1 BOD shall be composed of 4 members in good standing from within each Region, and they may be any combination of callers/ cuers/ dancers/ leaders. Amendment to the motion is needed to give direction for changing all appropriate sections of the Handbook. Amended moved by Dennis Sutton/Otto Baudais; carried. Motion as amended: Carried.**

(b) Update Bursary Application Criteria and Application Form

Memorial fund bursary application—the committee recommends changing the application deadline to Sept. 15th for funds spent in the previous dancing year. Moved Norm Cox/Nick Turner; Carried.

b.1 Update New Dancer Class funding application form—4 applications were received and 3 of the 4 applications could have been rejected for insufficient information, and less information of certain types is actually needed than what is asked. We just want to see if the new dancer class is being run at a loss. The changes are, in effect to ask for less information on the financials of the club and to state on the form itself: “The applicant is advised that the committee may contact you for further details.”

Moved Bill Wood/Al Ritchie; carried; 2 opposed

(c) Festival 2017 presentation from Region 2. David McVige/Wendy Krueger co-chairs

Format: Mini-festival with a program of Mainstream/Plus/Rounds

Dates: Thurs. to Sat. July 6 to 8, 2017

Total \$7988

Moved: Wendy Krueger/David McVige that Region 2 be approved to proceed with the planning for Festival 2017 as presented by the committee.

Carried

(d) ARTS Group—presentation by Mary Anne Turner

She has discovered that square dance groups all over the world are trying to come up with new ways to promote the activity. ARTS is Alliance of Round, Traditional, and Square dance: a coalition of 10 dance groups. They researched, set goals, planned marketing tools, and they accepted the logo Nick and Mary Anne had commissioned (by Nick’s son Zac) and put the slogan with it “Live Lively—Square Dance”, creating the slogo. It has gained world-wide acceptance and the Canadian Society has now been accepted as an auxiliary governing board member on the ARTS committee.

Window stickers have been made and are available for a donation of \$1 each. Currently there is a request for short HD videos linking lively living with square dancing; the ARTS group is making a video commercial. If you want your club to receive what ARTS is going to produce, you have to register your club on their website.

Motion: that the BCFed join ARTS as a member for \$25 US; Dennis Sutton/Al Ritchie; carried

- (e) The Revitalization Task Force presented by Dennis Sutton: the Revitalization Committee has been active for one year—fun, fellowship, activity, and music are the four things dancers want and they have put these into their focus. They are revamping the squaredance.bc.ca website and drafting flyers and posters. A large amount of this work is being done by Mary Anne Turner and her daughter Tammi.

The Live Lively group spun off from the Revitalization Committee: see their Report to the AGM 2015; presented by Bill Wood.

- (f) Our Property rights—deferred to the Executive committee due to time constraints.

10. Budget 2015-2016 Presented by Norm Cox in Pat's absence

Motion to accept the budget Norm Cox/Otto Baudais; Carried. Opposed 1.

Nick Turner suggested pursuing corporate sponsorship and grants, especially from the Gaming Commission. We need someone with the time, the wherewithal to do this. This discussion was deferred to the Executive Committee meeting.

Live Lively-



Square Dance!

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11. BCS&RD Dancer Fees for 2016 –Fee stands at \$5
12. Next B.O.D. Meeting – Saturday, April 2, 2016, Abbotsford's ASAA Hall, 33889 Essendene Avenue at 10 a.m.
13. Next AGM at 9:30 a.m. on August 5th, 2016 Ken Wigness Room, Senior Drop In Centre, 2965 Main Street South, Penticton, B.C. We will ask to have the room for the meeting to start at 9:00 a.m. as we ran out of time today.
14. Adjournment moved Al Ritchie 12:00 noon