

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

Minutes for Annual General Meeting

Held at Ken Wigness Room, Senior Drop-in Centre

2965 Main Street South, Penticton, B.C.

On Friday August 5, 2016 at 9:30 am

1. Welcome and Opening Remarks – Ken Crisp

9:34 Call to order—we are one person short of a quorum.

The President reminded all that we are all volunteers and all are to be addressed respectfully; we expect to run out of time so each person may speak only once to a motion. Ken clarified that all are allowed to vote.

Approval of Agenda—**M/S Dennis Sutton/Al Ritchie to accept agenda as proposed** (Subject to ratification when we reach quorum); **Carried.**

2. **M/S to Approve Minutes of Meeting of August 7, 2015 Beth McGifford/Gordon Ruedig** (subject to ratification); **Carried.**

3. Correspondence: letter from Nick Turner suggesting we need to change information on Number 5 of Page 2 of the round dance handbook, i.e. information to Round Dance cuers needs updating to reflect the new reality on published music. Connie Ritchie and Mary Cox will work out the wording and write the update. Connie suggests another thing that could be updated is the dates given for when ROMs need to be selected and information returned to the RD chair.

4. 9:45 a.m. **Motion by Norm Cox to ratify the previous motions now that we have a quorum. Motions in 1 and 2 above were ratified; none opposed.** Note: Attendance included members from Region One (6), Region Two (14), Region Three (5), Region Eight (3) and Region Nine (4).

5. Reports

Note: The following Reports were not read out at this meeting, they were posted on the webpage at squaredance.bc.ca.

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

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6. Motion to Accept Reports

Note: the Canadian Society report was not put on the website as their AGM was just held at the National Convention in Regina. Beth's report on the National will be brought under 9c. **Motion to accept the reports: Bill Wood/ Beth; Carried.**

7. Treasurer's Report: Ken, Mary and Al give thanks to Pat for her work in presenting this clear, understandable document. **Motion to accept Pat Zeeman/Norm Cox; Carried.**

8. Old Business

(a) Festival 2017 Update (Wendy Krueger and David McVige) We have approximately 60 registrants; on line payment opened July 6th; at our next meeting in the fall we will be making the draw from the first 50 registrants (not including members of the committee) for the free registration. We also have registration forms here at Peachfest. The BCFestival banner was displayed and the festival was promoted at the Canadian National by Wendy and Ken, and also by Wendy at Circle 8 Ranch (Cle Elum WA) for 10 days in July. Several registration forms were taken at each place.

(b) ARTS group membership: the cost to join is about \$100 annually. We ask Beth to find out what the Canadian Society gets with their membership, and if we as part of the Society have access to the ARTS group resources/information, and to include this information in her report to the BOD next spring.

(c) Corporate Sponsorships—Nothing positive has been found. It is a big task requiring a close relationship between the sponsoring business and your organization, so they get what they want from sponsoring your activity. Bill Morey put in an application for lottery funds for Region 3. The application was rejected: said the financial report was lacking, said it appeared the money only went to our own people though they did have activities to engage the public; and they were told that the activity was not year round (but soccer clubs aren't year round either). Bill Morey was told not to be disappointed—first time applicants don't usually get anything; most groups need to apply more than once before they get any money. Russell Storey (Powell River, Stardusters) gave an example of Investors Group putting their logo up at a function and having 5 minutes on the mic to greet the crowd and remind them to come see them for investments. Dennis Sutton and Al Ritchie concurred that we are too small to interest big corporations. Beth McGifford cited the success of the National due to their partnerships with the City of Regina and the hospitality industry, etc. Garry Dodds said according to our financial statement, our website did not generate income from advertising. He is questioning what happened to that. Ken will follow up with Frank McNeil. Jean Wood cited the success of Chase the Fun in getting corporate sponsorship as people went out into the community and asked for them.

Ten minute break 10:20 to 10:30 a.m.

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9. New Business

Motions:

- a. **1.i. I, Norman Cox hereby give Notice of Motion that the Moving and Grooving Fund in its entirety be returned to Nick and Mary Anne Turner as they have been and are the owners and operators of this program. Norm Cox, Past President, B.C.S. & R.D. Federation. Seconded Russell Storey. Norm spoke to the motion mentioning the careful records that have been kept, the plans the Turners have to go digital, the reiteration of what that money is about, the benefit and sense of getting it off of our books as trustees of this money.**

There was considerable discussion for and against the motion and the chair read an email from Nick and Mary Anne Turner that answered some of the questions that had been raised by this motion.

12 in favour, 13 opposed. Defeated.

- a. **2.ii. M/S Dennis Sutton/Wendy Krueger that the BC Square and Round Dance Federation recognizes, understands and greatly appreciates the effort and initiative of Nick and Mary Anne Turner in creating the Moving and Grooving Programme but cannot approve the return of funds held by it and designated “Moving and Grooving” to them. The Treasurer is directed to maintain the Moving and Grooving funds as a dedicated account to be used only for the continued maintenance, development and upgrading of the Moving and Grooving Programme and recommends that an Imprest Account be established with Nick and Mary Anne Turner for routine and maintenance expenditures and that major expenditures, for example, digitizing the programme, be paid directly from the Moving and Grooving fund. Further, all monies received from the sale of the Moving and Grooving Programme shall continue to be forwarded to the Federation on a quarterly or half-yearly basis as shall be agreed between the Treasurer and Nick and Mary Anne Turner. Carried.**

- a. **3. Moved by Garry Dodds / Norm Cox that Section 7.6 Expenses, Reimbursement Rates, Paragraph 1 be amended as follows: “Vehicle travel in excess of 100 kilometres round trip shall be reimbursed from the first kilometre to a maximum of 1000 km at the rate of \$0.40 per km” – Carried.**

- a. **4. Whereas, according to our present By Laws Article 3.2(i) you must be a member in good standing of the Board of Directors to let your name stand for election to an Executive position on the B.C. Federation Executive at the A.G.M. That means you have to be a delegate from your Region. Some positions can be filled by appointment but an appointed person does not have a vote. With the By Laws change that has been made there are only four (4) Delegates from each Region making it difficult to find enough persons to fill the Executive positions;**

Moved Norm Cox to extend the field of candidates to include any former delegates to the B.C. S. & R. D. Federation B.O.D. and also to include members in good standing now serving in an Executive position on their Regional Boards and Article 3.2(i) would then read:

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“The purpose of the Federation shall be to preserve, promote and perpetuate Square Dancing, Round Dancing, Contra Dancing, Clog Dancing and other related forms of dance in the province of British Columbia.”

“Any member or former member of The Board of Directors in good standing or someone who is currently holding a Regional Executive position may let his or her name stand for election to an Executive position at the AGM.

Please send any Nominations for the above vacant positions on the B.C.S. & R.D.F. Executive to me, Norm Cox at marymcox@telus.net and also please make sure that you have the nominee’s consent to put their name forward for nomination.” - Carried

- b. Constitution and Bylaw Changes required by new B.C. Societies Act – Dennis Sutton seeks help for the 6 to 8 month long project of recreating our Constitution and Bylaws. Garry Dodds put up “half a hand” indicating maybe he can help.
- c. Report on National held at Regina (Beth McGifford). We were asked the question “when will the National return to BC?” Ken answered that Vancouver itself is too expensive a place (hotels run \$300-400 a night) and encourages other areas to consider it. Brian suggested it would be a good idea for associations to buy the Canadian. Society pins to present to their new dancers for free as an introduction to the national body.
- 9. Budget 2016-2017 – regarding social media as a budget item, Norm spoke that it is vital that a team be established to train regions in the use of social media. Pat explained that social media exposure works a little differently than one time exposure—it’s repeated, cumulative exposure that makes it work. **Moved Russell Storey/Chuck Jordan that the budget be adopted as presented. Carried.**

10. **Notice of Motion BCS&RD Dancer Fees:** Moved Pat Zeeman that effective the 2018 dancing year that the fees be raised to \$7.00 per dancer, per caller, cuer, per club and per association. Seconded Dennis Sutton. **This motion will be considered at the BOD meeting.**

10. Election of Executive – chaired by Norm Cox, Past President

Norm expressed thanks to Gord Ruedig for his years of service as 1st and 2nd Vice President and to Wendy Krueger for her term as Secretary.

Election results:

2nd vice president: Bill Morey nominated, and was declared elected.

1st vice president: Bill Wood allowed his name to stand for another 2 years, and was declared elected.

Secretary: Carla Gyle of West Kelowna nominated, and was declared elected.

Treasurer: Pat Zeeman allowed her name to stand for another 2 years, and was declared elected.

President: Ken Crisp allowed his name to stand for another 2 years, and was declared elected.

12. Next B.O.D. Meeting – Saturday, April 01, 2017, 10 a.m. in Abbotsford at Abbotsford Seniors Activity Association hall

13. Next A.G.M. – to be held during BC Festival 2017 in Cloverdale (Surrey), BC July 6-8

14. Adjournment 11:30 a.m. **Moved by Norm Cox; Carried**

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