

First Vice Presidents Report to the AGM July 2017

It has been a relatively quiet few months since my last report. Concentration has not been upon the Federation but more upon the Association and Chase the Fun and working with the Festival 2019 Committee.

However I do have some thoughts about the future of Square Dancing in this province and I repeat the same old song **“We must get and retain new dancers!”**

The BC Federation must concentrate on promoting our beloved activity to the exclusion of everything else!

I still believe that we must be a membership funded activity because nothing else makes sense.

The BC Federation must find a way to plan for activities that will promote membership over the next few years.

How about funding a Teen Group or two to do public demonstrations throughout the provincial communities that have active square dance clubs.

Public demonstrations with old dancers, old callers and old music just don't cut it.

We also must find a way to fund these activities – I still think we should be able to do raffle ticket sales and I am going to pursue this with the BC Lotteries Commission and /or Provincial Gaming Branch.

I agree with 2nd Vice President Bill Morey's Report – we must come up with a plan that every member of the executive and every dancer, caller and cuer in this province can work toward making Square Dancing Great Again.

This concludes my report.

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