

BCSRDF BOD Meeting

Abbotsford, BC, 1st April, 2017

Report – Region #1

Lower Vancouver Island Square & Round Dance Association

We regret to report that our numbers dropped by a net of 36 dancers from last year, now standing at 249 dancers and one wheelchair. This seems to have two major causes. One is the loss of several senior dancers for health and age reasons. The other is that, despite the efforts of the callers and the clubs, there has been a greater loss from our new dancer classes than we anticipated. Additionally, 8 of our members have joined the Caller-Teachers Association, as reflected in Pat Zeeman's report.

Our new dancer classes have been smaller than previous years. However, we hope to graduate between 15 and 20.

3 of our clubs have been dancing for 60 years or more. The Promenaders for 60 years, the Country Cousins for 61 and our eldest, The Mavericks for 65. The Frontier Twirlers are 58.

The Cross Trail News has gradually been changing its layout under the leadership of Alex Wotherspoon who does double duty as both editor and treasurer. The decline in dancer numbers means that the cost per issue is being increased next year by a total of \$3:50 for the 5 issues. Advertising rates will also be slightly increased. This reflects lower circulation numbers (fewer dancers) .

We are working with the City of Victoria and hope to be able to play a role in the celebration of Canada's 150th Anniversary. The City's plans are still in the formation stage.

We shall again be taking a booth at the Saanich Fair during the Labour Day weekend. It has proved a fruitful source of new and returning dancers. We are negotiating with the Fair to hold a demonstration dance on the main stage.

Submitted by

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Region 1 Delegates.