

## Thompson-Shuswap Square & Round Dance Association - Region 9

### Delegates Report to the Board of Directors Meeting April 1, 2017

Not a lot of activity to report from Region 9 this year from the individual Clubs. Most Clubs in this Region still show a declining membership. Two clubs have ceased operating, The Bee Jay Dancers and the Salmon Arm Round Dance Club.

One Caller is contemplating retirement and the potential replacement Caller is not sure of the level of support from the dancers in the club and is therefore having second thoughts about stepping in. Apparently, there is some feeling that the club will fold if the current Caller retires.

Our Association set aside \$1800 so our clubs could receive some funding for advertising for new dancers in their areas. Four Clubs spent money and two clubs had interested potential new dancers. Two new dancers remain at one club and the other still has dancers. One club sent out 1700 fliers in with the local newspaper and did not have one response.

Not a good situation.

Only one club in this Region is having success attracting new dancers in any numbers but at the same time this club is not having success at retaining these dancers. The club is not showing any sustained growth year over year.

On a happier note, I am pleased to state that Chase the Fun 2016 was a big success and that we had 156 dancers at the Saturday Mainstream dance and Friday night trail in dance had 149 dancers.

Registrations are coming in for Chase the Fun 2017. There are a few changes for this year in that Caller Steve Edlund is returning as our feature Caller and he is doing the Friday night Mainstream dance and the Saturday Plus and Mainstream dances. Sandy and Merv Meyer will be the Round Dance Cuers for Friday and Saturday. Sunday's Trail - out dance will be with a panel of Callers and Cuers. Chase the Fun is also moving to a different venue in Chase. This new venue is a larger Hall with kitchen facilities adjacent to the main hall. Information is on the Chase the Fun Posters and registration forms.

Steve will return to Chase the Fun for 2018.

Region 9 in partnership with Region 3, are investigating the feasibility of hosting BC Festival 2019 in Salmon Arm. This Festival would be the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the last Festival held in Salmon Arm in 1999. We will have a go or no go decision to present to the Board of Directors meeting on April 1, 2017.

The Region 9 Association has again passed a motion to not support the funding of the Federation's Social Media Campaign because it has not proven to gain new dancers.

This concludes the report.

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