

1ST VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT BOD 2012

Since the AGM I have been asked for input to assist the second VP with a few bursary applications for new caller and cuer training and also one application seeking funding for a new dancer class. The 2nd VP's report will perhaps offer a bit of a summary of these applications, some of which I supported and others not.

Again we've had little interest shown in borrowing items from our video library, just one DVD since August. This is why I have three motions on the table, first to reduce the number of redundant items we list and second to get the library on the road where our members can take advantage of it.

I've been wondering about the possibility of the Federation developing a team to organize all festivals, which might relieve the pressure on individual regions whose members increasingly don't have the desire to host a festival themselves, due to lack of manpower. A well-oiled team with responsibilities laid out in our handbook could probably get it down to a science. The federation would also benefit by receiving all of the revenues generated instead of 50% of profits and all of the losses as are now the case. The regional association would still benefit from the increased visibility a festival would bring to their area without the responsibility of hosting the event. How this might jive with the changes being made in Penticton needs to be discussed.

I have been asked to put together a workshop in conjunction with Brian Elmer addressing the issues that now confront us and charting a path for the future growth of this activity. I endorse his statement that "our recreation in the form we currently present it is not what the market wants." The question before us is "What does the market want and what are we going to do about it?" I have some ideas. Do you? Bring them to the workshop!

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