

B.C.S. R.D.Federation President's Report For B.O.D. Meeting March 31, 2012– Norm Cox

How quickly the time has passed since the A.G.M. in August 2011.

Mary and I have found ourselves visiting and dancing with many clubs this term. We were part of the Courtney Corn Roast Weekend, Don Moger A2 weekend, Othello Tunnels weekend and many special dances in the Fraser Valley. There have been many phone calls and e-mails as we try to keep in touch with our dancers. Also there were 3 Newsletters sent out. If and when you have a question regarding your club or dancers we don't mind you contacting us but I cannot guarantee we will always have the answer.

This new year we managed to take in a Saturday night dance at Lantzville and that same weekend also attended the Upper Island joint Dancers and Caller/Cuers meeting at Coombs on the Sunday. Those people sure made us feel at home.

The Federation has not embarked on any new programs for promotion this year but I think it is time we took a good look at the tools which we already have and put them to good use - Moving & Grooving; Clip Art; Health Brochures; Social Dancing DVD; Dancing Keeps You Young DVD; Twitter; U-Tube; Web Page.

We have been involved with the Fraser Valley as part of a Zoomer Show and Wellness Show at the Vancouver Convention Centre in the past 6 months and more and more people seem to be interested in our activity. You know from all clinical tests and reports that square dancing rates up at the top as a Physical and Mental Exercise. I am encouraged by all the New Dancers who have come on board. The sad part is that we lose so many dancers each year. Why?

The Canadian Society has made some changes to our Third Party Liability Insurance Policy since it was purchased for this year which has caused no end to problems in trying to secure a safe and healthy environment for some of our Dance Groups.

I would like to thank my wife, Mary, for all of her work on the computer as I am not computer literate at all. Maybe your next President will be a Computer nerd.

Thanks also to the other members of the Federation Executive for their co-operation.

Don't judge each day by the harvest you reap but by the seeds you plant (R.L. Stevenson)

Norm Cox

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