

BC Square and Round Dance Federation

Board of Directors Meeting, Abbotsford, March 28th, 2015

Region 1 Report

Where the rubber hits the road – total number of dancers – Region 1 is in almost the same position as last year. There is a net loss of two dancers among the nine clubs. Region membership is 281 for 2014/15. 3 Square Dance Clubs and 1 Round Dance Club have offered new dancer classes. This has offset the attrition rate and represents an improvement on recent years. The challenge now is to improve on this result in the coming year.

The main Regional Event for the year was the joint 60th Anniversary celebration of our Caller Teachers Association, the Square and Round Dance Association and the Cross Trail News (which also caters for Region 8) . Following a Trail In dance hosted by the Promenaders, Saturday afternoon was devoted to Mainstream Dancing followed by Plus in the evening. Sunday Morning was a workshop for callers and cuers whilst the afternoon was a Round Dance Party. Brian Penny was the featured cuer and we were fortunate that Gary Winter, with only 2 weeks' notice, was free to replace the originally featured caller, Jim Hattrick, who had to drop out because of a medical emergency. Every event was well attended with 3 of the 4 being sold out.

An issue faced by the Region has been the complaint of a dancer who objected to photos being taken of dancers without their express consent as being a breach of personal privacy under BC legislation. The Regional Association, with the cooperation of the clubs, has been able to take steps dealing with the problem.

One caller has given notice of his intent to retire at the end of the next Square dance Season and a search is under way for his replacement. The club has an available back-up caller who unfortunately, cannot accept the full-time role. Several other callers are calling for multiple clubs and unable to take on further obligations. The sourcing of callers is a matter to which attention must be given.

Another loss to be dealt with is the retirement at the end of this season of 2 lead editors of the Cross Trail News. As of this report no successors have been identified and other options are being considered. Both Island Regions would be adversely affected if publication was curtailed or ceased.

Respectfully submitted.

Pamela & Dennis Sutton, Region 1 Delegates.

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