

March 1, 2016

1st Vice Presidents Report to the BOD.

I have had some correspondence and discussion with a number of people throughout the province regarding the role of the Executive and of the BC Square and Round Dance Federation over the 7 months since the AGM.

Most of the comments seem to still focus on “what is the Federation doing for us”. There is still a feeling of not enough information being sent out to the Square Dancing membership. My personal opinion is that the BC Federation Executive doesn’t correspond enough amongst themselves. I believe that there has been discussion about having a monthly newsletter produced for circulation to the membership. It may be worth having all members of the Executive and BOD send in a brief statement about what they have been doing on behalf of the Federation since the last newsletter.

There has been some comment about the amount of Federation money being put towards the Social Media Campaign each year, (in particular facebook and twitter), and the effectiveness of this program in attracting new members to Square Dancing. I as President of Region 9 have been asked to bring this forward to the BOD meeting.

I have also heard some comment about the new webpage not yet being fully functional. A specific question is will all the reports (Executive, Chairs, Association and Delegates) be on the web site for members to peruse before the meeting in order for members to provide input to their delegates?

There are concerns about the number of motions on the Agenda and whether they should actually be motions. I was advised that in order to be put on the agenda for discussion the items must be in the form of a motion. Shouldn’t there be some kind of discussion amongst the executive prior to the motion being put forward.

Concern has been expressed about the length of the Agenda and the amount of time we have committed to the BOD meeting. In order to have some good discussion on the many motions it’s a good possibility that we will require more time!

As 1st Vice President I have received two applications for “New Dancer Class” funding prior to the deadline of March 1, 2016. I have forwarded these to the funding committee for review.

The clubs requesting assistance are;
From Region 2 - Chilliwack Rhythm Reelers and
From Region 3 - Star Country Squares

Funding requests for attending caller/cuer school are to be received by the 1st Vice President by September 15 for training received during the previous dance season (September 1 to August 31 of the prior year). This was approved in a motion passed at the August 2015 AGM.

An application has been received for attending a cuer school. This application is being held until after the current year's deadline of August 31, 2016, at which time it will be forwarded to the funding committee. There is a possibility that we will receive other applications for memorial funding as I am aware of one caller/cuer school happening in BC this year in conjunction with Region 9's Chase the Fun Jamboree in June. The Caller/Cuer instructors will be Garry Dodds and Pat Zeeman of Victoria. There will likely be a request for leadership funding from Region 9 as well.

This concludes my report.

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