



B.C.S. & R.D. FEDERATION

President's Newsletter April 2014

The B.O.D. meeting April 5th, 2014 in Abbotsford went very well under the new system of having only 4 Delegates per Region attending but it was a smaller crowd. Our Canadian Society Delegate became ill and was unable to attend, also Genie & Dale French from Region 3 had car problems near Merritt and did not make it to the Meeting. The Minutes are posted on the B.C. Federation Web Page so make sure you read them.

Our Four Score and More Badge Club keeps increasing in numbers. You MUST order those badges through your Region Delegate and NOT directly through Sandy's Badges otherwise it is impossible to keep correct records and there has been some duplications.

The Federation has 10 year Club Crests and also Crests available in 5 year increments thereafter for Clubs celebrating those anniversaries. Contact Ken Crisp at kcrisp@shaw.ca or phone him at 604-941-6392

Roy and Janet Ballam have agreed to continue with the 1-800 number for one more year as the plan is to discontinue that phone line in a year's time so beginning now please remove the 1-800 number from all new advertisements.

There are New Guidelines for New Dancer Grants as well as for Callers and Cuers School Grants and these will be in your Handbook and on the Web Page very shortly so be sure to check on these before sending in any applications. Also the section in the Handbook and on the Website on the DVD is updated so check that also.

SquareUp BC was given the go ahead to continue with the Social Media advertisement for New Dancer Classes beginning in the Fall but you and your Club MUST give your New Dancer Class information to Brian Elmer by AUGUST 1, 2014 for your classes to get publicity on his Social Media Campaign otherwise the campaign will not be effective. Your Federation is working to help your Club but FIRST YOU MUST SUPPLY US WITH THE INFORMATION.

Gord Ruedig gave an informative run down on the West Coast Program and how it is progressing. You say WEST COAST PROGRAM – WHAT IS THAT?? Please look on Gord's Website for lots of information on this program for Beginner Classes which is being tried successfully in Regions 9 and 2 (and maybe elsewhere) www.westcoastsquaredance.com

There was a Motion to strike a Revitalization Task Force to consist of a Rep. from each Region working together for the next two years to look into the inner workings of our organization to see if, after 35 years, we are outdated in the way we do things e.g. types of meetings; best way to use our money and other items. Dennis Sutton from Region 1 agreed to chair this committee but he needs a Rep. from YOUR REGION NOW. Contact Dennis at 250-652-9271 or e-mail him at dsutton9@telus.net

The Federation is looking for applications for the Sillery Award as well as for Canadian Society Awards. Please submit your suggestions and applications to Ken Crisp.

I hereby give notice of the B.C.S. & R.D. Federation A.G.M. on August 8, 2014 at 9.30am in the Ken Wigness Room at the Seniors Drop In Centre, 2965 South Main Street, Penticton, B.C. This is Election Year.

Yes, this the the B.C.S.&R.D.Federations 35th Anniversary this year so look for something to happen on the Friday night at Penticton, August 7th. If you have stories, pictures etc. please bring them along.

Don't forget the Canadian Square and Round Dance Convention, July 17 – 19, 2014 in Ottawa – a great place to visit. Registration form on the Canadian Society Website.

Now What About a B.C. FESTIVAL in 2015 or 2017?? Let's get off the Fence and put something in the works. Bring your ideas and suggestions to the A.G.M. in Penticton

DON'T PUT AWAY THOSE DANCING SHOES YET!! Following is a list of some of the summer dances available for your dancing pleasure:

May 17-18—Ripple Rockets Blast Off Weekend in Campbell River.

May 23-25—Williams Lake Jamboree

May 30-June 1—Rally in the Valley, Chilliwack

June 6-7—Radium Hot Springs Weekend

June 6-7—Prince George Jamboree

July 17-19—Canadian National Convention

Aug. 6-9—Peachfest Square Dance in Penticton

Aug . 15-16—Powell River 50th Anniversary Celebrations

Aug. 29-31—Courtney Corn Roast Weekend

Sept. 5-6—Don Moger A2 weekend in Chase

Sept. 12-13 – Othello Tunnels weekend, Hope.

Norm Cox, President B.C.S. & R.D. Federation.