

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

September 2016 Newsletter

There have been some great Festivals, Campouts and summer dances this year and I hope that you have taken the opportunity to enjoy them. It is now time to direct our energies to the new dance season. Please support new dancer classes in your area and encourage your friends, family and acquaintances to try Square and Round dancing this year. Without new dancers our activity cannot continue and grow.

There will be advertising on Facebook again this year. Please advise Brian Elmer at SQUAREUP B.C. brian@squaredance.bc.ca 3 or 4 weeks prior to the first free or paid lesson so the ads can be targeted in areas where classes are being held. SQUAREUPB.C. has some funding to allow the Chairperson to present marketing workshops or seminars particularly to special sessions of regional dance associations. Contact brian@squaredance.bc.ca

Annual General Meeting: The BCS&RD Federation AGM was held in Penticton, B.C. on August 5, 2016. Election of officers was held and the Executive for a two year term will be:

- Norm Cox, Past President marymcox@telus.net
- Ken Crisp, President kcrisp@telus.net
- Bill Wood, First Vice-President wjjlwood@gmail.com
- Bill Morey, Second Vice-President wh_morey@telus.net
- Pat Zeeman, Treasurer BCFedTreasurer@gmail.com
- Carla Gyle, Secretary cgyle@shaw.ca

Thank you all for volunteering to serve on the Federation Executive and a big thank you as well to the past Executive including Gord Ruedig and Wendy Krueger who have decided to step down at this time.

There was a motion at the AGM to turn the financial control of the Moving and Grooving program over to its creators, Nick and Mary Anne Turner but the membership decided instead to keep the finances with the Federation.

The Treasurer presented a report and budget that recommends an increase in membership fees from \$5 to \$7 for 2017/2018 as expenditures continue to exceed income. Please note there is no increase in membership fees for 2016/2017 as some clubs are already collecting fees. Please be aware before you start collecting in 2017 for the 2017/2018 year that this item will be on the agenda at the AGM in Coverdale next July. The Executive has been looking at a variety of fund raising ideas including Corporate Sponsorships and Lottery Funds. If you have any ideas or suggestions for fundraising outside of member fees please discuss these with the First Vice-President, Bill Wood.

A good overview of the Federation and its initiatives can be learned by reading the reports submitted to the AGM and available at:

<http://www.squaredance.bc.ca/reports-minutes/bod-reports-minutes>

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Canadian Society: A national square dance festival was held in Regina this summer. It was a smaller festival with attendance capped at 860 persons. This was a successful festival and paves the way for smaller communities to host a national. The festival in 2018 will be in London, Ontario but there have been no bids on 2020. It will have been 20 years since the Festival was in Vancouver and convention facilities and accommodation in downtown Vancouver are way too expensive. The Society would welcome a bid from B.C. There are a lot of communities with smaller convention centres that could easily host a smaller festival. Is anyone interested?

The B.C. Delegates to the Canadian Society, Darcy and Beth McGifford were honoured at the Festival in Regina with the “Award of Excellence”. Congratulations Darcy and Beth on a very well deserved honour and they wish to thank the dancers of B.C. for nominating them.

Pat Zeeman and Garry Dodds were awarded the BCS&RD Federation’s Sillery Award in Penticton on August 5, 2016. Congratulations Pat and Garry on your well-deserved awards.

Square and Round Dance Awareness Week in B.C. – The Province of B.C. has declared September 11 to 17, 2016 as Square and Round Dance Awareness week. We encourage all dancers and clubs to plan some activities that will be visible to the public and show our recreation in a positive light. Copies of the proclamation can be found at:

<http://www.squaredance.bc.ca/images/proclamation/proclamation2016.pdf> or on the B.C.Govt web site at:

<http://www.bclaws.ca/civix/document/id/proclamation/proclamations/SqRndDanceAwrWk2016>

The Province has made some major changes to the Society Act and Dennis Sutton is heading up a team to revise our Constitution and Bylaws so they will comply with the new Act. Please contact Dennis if you can assist him in this very important task. dsutton9@telus.net

Wendy Krueger and David McVige are co-chairs for the Provincial Festival to be held in Cloverdale, Surrey on July 6-8, 2017. You can register online or print a registration form on the Federation website. We are interested in receiving bids for the 2019 Festival or a Mini-Festival. Contact a member of the Executive for more information.

Happy Dancing!



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