

BC Directors to Canadian Society Report to BC Square & Round Dance Federation August 6, 2010

Darcy and I would like to thank you again for the opportunity to represent BC. It is an honour and a privilege. A special thanks to Chuck and Marguerite Jordan for their representation of us over the last several years. Chuck gave us a much appreciated briefing as to what to expect at our first AGM as BC Directors.

The Society AGM was held Friday, July 30, 2010 at Halifax, Nova Scotia during the National Festival.

The membership chair reported that the national membership was only down 5%; membership in Manitoba and Saskatchewan grew.

There were approximately 1200 dancers at the National. They held raffles, received donations and received the profits of the Nova Scotia provincial festivals of 2007 and 2008 to help fund the National and it is expected to be profitable.

Ottawa is hosting the 2014 National. They are looking for any ideas/suggestions to help make it a great festival.

Society President Alan Clays completed his term after 8 years.

Our own, Betty Langtry, presented a motion that Society no longer collect fees from the teen dancers under 19 years of age. This motion was defeated but a solution, whereby the Society Promotion Committee (which is authorized to approve such requests) will accept requests for Society to fund teen dancers' Society fees, was accepted.

Society will reimburse to a maximum of 50% the reasonable transportation expenses (air fare, car per diem, bus, train) for Directors and Executive Committee members to attend meetings held in conjunction with and during a National Convention (subject to available Society funds).

To reduce costs of holding the AGM in non-Convention years and to encourage more participation across the country, a motion was passed that the AGM could be held by teleconference. Directors are tasked with researching in their provinces how to make this happen.

A large turnover in the Board this year with new director nominees from Quebec, New Brunswick and BC (Darcy and I) accepted to the Board.

Norm Cox presented a brief and informative outline about SOCAN licencing

The Directors met the following day and the Executive and Committee Chairpersons were elected from within. The new president is Bob Ruohoniemi from Nova Scotia. A complete list of the executive and committee chairs will be posted to the Society website soon. Darcy will serve on the Professional Development Committee.

We shared copies of our new health brochure with the Directors. It was well received and I believe we can expect to receive requests for the use of it in other areas.

Respectfully submitted,

Darcy & Beth McGifford