

Report to the 2013 B.C. Square and Round Dance Federation Annual General Meeting

From: B.C. Square & Round Dance Mini-Festival 2013 "Oceanside"

At this time last year, we were asking for approval from the B.C. Square and Round Dance Federation for a mini-Festival. This is not our final report – that will come when we have closed the bank accounts and compiled a binder of Committee Reports and documents which may be useful to a future Festival Committee.

Was "Oceanside" a success? We had approximately 20 squares pre-registered, with a few more registrations at the door. Did we have room on the floor for more dancers? Yes, we had room for about 10 more squares. However, we did not budget based on filling the hall as full as it could be filled, and 20 squares meant that the floors were not crowded. We made money – at this time, it looks like there will be just over \$5,800 to distribute between the Island Associations (10% each), and the B.C. Square and Round Dance Federation and Star Twirlers Square Dance Club (40% each). Did everyone who attended have a good time? No complaints about the dancing have been passed on to us, and the only complaint that was passed on was that there wasn't enough to keep the volunteers busy. That means that we had more than enough volunteers to do the tasks that needed doing, and that our advance planning was thorough. The weather was great (not that we can take credit for that), and the facility was wonderful. The facility staff was extremely helpful, going way beyond what we expected, and in return they have expressed appreciation to us for the way we treated the facility and have indicated that we would be welcome to return. A huge thank you to the callers and cuers who attended – it was great to be able to both dance to them and on the floor with them. It seemed that having a feature caller and cuer for Saturday was appreciated by all – and it was nice to get the chance to dance with them on Friday.

Was "Oceanside" a success? That depends on how you measure success. At this time, we are not ready to declare that it was an unqualified success until we hear that someone is willing to step forward to take on the next Festival – 2015 in ?? Yes, the Festival itself was a success, and we hope that this will inspire another club, association or region to keep the Festival concept alive in British Columbia.