

BC SQUARE & ROUND DANCE FEDERATION
PRESIDENT'S REPORT
BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEEING, MARCH 28, 2020

The purpose of the BCS&RDF shall be to preserve, promote and perpetuate Square Dancing, Round Dancing, Contra Dancing, Clog Dancing and other related forms of dance in the province of British Columbia.

Welcome to the 2020 Board of Directors Meeting. This will be the last Board of Directors meeting in the format allowing 4 delegates from each region to cast their votes on pertinent matters. Under the new constitution guidelines, meetings involving the voting members will now be referred to as "General Meetings". All voting will henceforth be done by proxy from the individual clubs (voting members), to be carried by your regional or association Director or Directors; or by another member as appointed. The guidelines for Directors and voting will be addressed by 1st Vice-President and Chair of the Bylaws Committee, Dennis Sutton, at this year's meeting.

The BC Square & Round Dance Federation still does not have a secretary. Since the AGM meeting in Salmon Arm last July, I have been attending to these duties. As my schedule is increasingly busy, this makes it difficult for me to do the job as president in the best capacity required. If you feel that you could take on the job as secretary, in the interim until the elections at the AGM in August, please contact one of the executive officers or your association's Director.

As you know, at last year's Board of Director's meeting in Victoria, the Swinging Singles Club presented the BC Square & Round Dance Federation with a donation of \$100,000.00. It is a huge responsibility to make decisions about what the wisest use of this money should be. Based on received feedback, these are the main avenues that we are pursuing.

- a) An increase to the amount of funds that a club may apply for to offset the expense of their new dancer program.
- b) How best to encourage and support our callers and cuers, especially new and potentially new callers and cuers. A committee has been formed to investigate the various options that could be made available to assist these people in their pursuit of further education and training.
- c) The redesign of the BC Square & Round Dance Federation website. Options for this have been investigated by the 2nd Vice President, Bill Morey and he will be presenting the options to you at this year's meeting.
- d) Other options will be considered if they are submitted to the BC Federation Executive and/or Directors.

Your BC Federation Executive and Directors have been meeting with, in my opinion, great success in video meetings. Meetings of this format are easier to plan as they don't require travel and accommodations, which in turn, means a reduced expense to the BC Federation. We have found that this also increases the number of meetings that the managing Directors can have between general meetings. We are currently using a relatively inexpensive program called, "Zoom". To learn more about this program, the referral website is zoom.us. This alternative for

meetings is available to all BC Federation members upon request which, at this time, can be directed to the president or treasurer.

A new Sillery Award Committee has been formed. A Committee report with these guidelines has been posted online with the reports for this month's meeting. The Current committee consists of past Sillery Award recipients, Ken Crisp, Alex Wotherspoon and Merv Meyer. Please note that the deadline for nominations has been extended by one month until the end of March. If you feel an individual or individuals should be considered, please submit your nominations to the committee.

As president (or secretary as the case may be) I have sent out emails requesting milestone information from clubs, callers and cuers. In the past year, I have received numerous invitations to attend milestone celebrations that I was previously unaware of. With the response to the emails that I sent out; I have created a database to be passed on to future secretaries. It is my intent that we recognize those who have put in many years of service, whether it be as a club, caller or cuer, for the dancers in British Columbia.

I hope you have all registered for the Canadian Festival 2020! As the song, *Better When I'm Dancin'* says, "Show the world you've got that fire!" I look forward to seeing you in Surrey from July 29 to August 1, 2020.

The Annual General Meeting will take place in Penticton on August 7, 2020 at 9:00 am. Elections for new executive officers will take place at that meeting. Should you wish to nominate or put your name forward for any of the executive positions, please contact Ken Crisp kcrisp@telus.net.

We're here to listen and act on your behalf! As with any organization, communications can either make or break any or all our best laid plans. Please contact your Executive Officers or Directors if you have any suggestions or concerns.

Respectfully submitted,
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