

BC Federation AGM 2nd. Vice Presidents Report. July. 2019

The State of Square Dancing.

So many times when I am at a dance, I hear the comment "Square Dancing is dying". Then to follow up some say we should just close the club and give the money to the hospital or charity. (Why not into dancing). The attitude of some of our older and more experienced dancers STINKS.

When we have new dancers at an event they are very often ignored by these same people. These same dancers rush to get into a square without novice dancers. Why is it that some of our senior dancers forget that they were once a new dancers. I have stated so many times, "We need new dancers more than they need us".

Following is a paragraph that I have posted before.

Some of the bleeding that occurs after new dancers have completed the initial lessons in square dancing can be eased by having a club member(s) doing follow up and by having the new dancers included in all club activities. When novice dancers show a desire to go to other club dances it not advisable to dampen their enthusiasm by saying something such as, don't go to this or that dance because you're not good enough. It is much more caring to say something such as, this dance will probably have some moves you are not familiar with so don't be hard on yourself if you have a problem.

Many Callers and knowledgeable Dancers have presented articles on what can be done to revitalize our activity. One that bears positive study is titled "What is right about Square Dancing" presented by Eric Henerlau at the US National Square Dance Convention in Cincinnati OH on June 2017. We can learn a lot from this article. We also neglect other forms of dance that our constitution professes to perpetuate and promote.

Directors at Large.

I recommend that the involvement Brian Elmer has with squareup.bc, marketing and communication with the facebook campaign, that this position be that of Director.

In my estimation the suggestion that the Web Master be a Director is not necessary. This is not a major decision making position.

Square up BC and Facebook programs. I will leave the reporting up to Brian.

After seeing positive results that some of the clubs are achieving through the electronic format, I suggest that the funding given to this program be increased by \$1,000 to allow for more continuity in followup promotion.

In reference to the Federation web site.

There is serious need to upgrade our site. To date I have received exactly one reply to the proposal that I sent out. This reply was, "Why do we need to change it?" The need for change became more apparent when the executive of one club was not aware of the fee increase last year even though it was posted on the web site.

The reason given was basically the site is not user friendly, too complicated to find what you want and not very organized. I have heard the same complaints verbally at dances. The position of Web Master is more in the line of post the information that is supplied by the executive, keep the site up to date and inform the executive of any problems that might be up coming. Our Webmaster Frank M Neil is not interested in taking on the task of web design.

We need to canvas our membership to find a person with the needed skills.

I need input from BOD.

Respectfully, Bill Morey

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