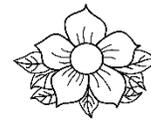




B.C.S. & R.D.FEDERATION



MINUTES OF THE B.C. FEDERATION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Saturday, October 17, 2020 – 10:00 a.m.

Zoom Video Meeting

ATTENDANCE: REGION 1 (5) Victoria & District Caller Teachers Assoc; Lower Vancouver Island Square and Round Dance Assoc; Frontier Twirlers; Star Twirlers; Rainbow Rounders

REGION 2 (9) Vancouver & District Caller Teachers Assoc; Fraser Valley Square and Round Dance Assoc; Brent's Bunch; Stardowners; Surrey Square Wheelers; Town n Country Dancers; Valley Promenaders; Wheeling Eights; Swinging Hubs

REGION 3 (6) Okanagan Square & Round Dance Assoc; R&R Rounders; Rhythm Rounds; Westsyde Squares; Westside Youth; Star Country Squares

REGION 5 (2) Region 5 Callers, Cuers & Dancers Assoc; Williams Lake Stampede Whirlaways

REGION 8 (1) Upper Vancouver Island Square Dance Association

REGION 9 (7) Thompson Shuswap Square and Round Dance Assoc; Gold Classic Dancers; Kamloops Square Dancer Club; Thompson Valley Stars Plus; Thompson Valley Stars Mainstream; 4 Ways Family Dance; Salmon Arm Squares;

OTHERS (1) Bastion City Cloggers

31 Voting Members were present, represented by 20 proxy holders. (All proxy holders for this meeting were either officers of the clubs/associations or Directors at Large.)

Quorum was met

1. Welcome & Opening Remarks – Jean Wood
2. Additions to and Acceptance of the Agenda No additions were made. Adoption of the Agenda moved Dennis Sutton/Bill Morey. Carried.
3. Acceptance of the Minutes of the AGM of July 11, 2019 one correction to the minutes: The Budget was accepted, but the minutes stated the Treasurer would get 5 GICs. That was incorrect. The plan was for the Treasurer to get one GIC. Amended by this correction, acceptance was moved Connie Ritchie/Norm Cox. Carried.
4. Correspondence and Business arising from Correspondence.
The Secretary had correspondence with the BC Government for the Proclamation of Square and Round Dance Awareness Week
5. Reports were received and posted on the website.

• President	Jean Wood
• First Vice-President	Dennis Sutton
• Second Vice-President	Bill Morey
• Secretary	Wendy Krueger
• Past President	Ken Crisp
• Canadian Society Reps	Pat Zeeman and Garry Dodds
• Round Dance Coordinator	Connie Ritchie
• Squareup BC	Brian Elmer
• Webmaster	Frank McNeil
• 1-800 Number	Brian Elmer
• Four Score & More Badges	Connie Ritchie

- BC Festival 2019 Jean Wood
- Canadian Festival 2020

6. Motion to Accept Reports Jean Wood/Connie Ritchie. Carried
7. Business Arising from the Reports – additional comments: Caller Bill Morrison retired from Region 9, but a celebration could not be held due to the shutdown caused by COVID-19. Bill Wood sent a report for Region 9’s Thompson/Shuswap Square and Round Dance Association but it may not have been received by the desired person, so was not on the website.
8. Treasurer’s Report –Pat Zeeman screen shared her report and financial documents with verbal explanations; Acceptance moved Bill Morey/Pat Zeeman. Carried
The financial report is a separate document to these minutes.
9. Old Business
 - 1) Constitution and Bylaws – Dennis Sutton added no comments at this time as all business to do with these documents will be covered in the motions.
 - 2) Rules, Policies, Handbook, Duties of Directors -- Jean Wood raised the issue that the Handbook needs revision and asks for a committee to work in tandem with the Bylaw Committee. Those interested in helping with the Handbook, please contact Dennis Sutton dsutton9@telus.net .
Jean stated that the Directors at Large—are elected or appointed by the regional associations, not the BC Federation. The Secretary needs to be notified of any changes.
 - 3) Revitalization – Dennis Sutton – Keeping Covid-19 in mind, should this be restructured? The Revitalization Committee was Dennis’ initiative brought up 5 years ago; the brochures worked out well, but overall, he feels it should be restructured. Moved Norm Cox/Dennis Sutton THAT the Revitalization Committee be renamed the ReStart Committee. Carried.
The ReStart Committee will be chaired by Dennis and members are being asked to join in. Past involvement of the following was noted: Brian Elmer, Bill Wood, Nick Turner. Also earlier this year, Bill Cave volunteered to coordinate information about restarting. Mae Fawcett volunteered to join the committee. The scope of the committee will be brought up under motion #8. The on-going work of the Return to Dancing Committee around safety plans for restarting under COVID-19 restrictions is noted. Dennis and others in this meeting are members of that committee.
 - 4) Social Media & SquareUp BC – Brian Elmer SOCIAL MEDIA: Our Federation has a Facebook page and 2 Twitter pages, and Youtube has our video Dancing Keeps You Young, and the referral address dancingkeepsyouyoung.ca and dancingkeepsyouyoung.com. 15,500 have viewed it over the past 2 years or so since

it was posted. The Facebook page was heavily utilized during Square and Round Dance Awareness week to let the public and our dance community know—Brian posted daily to various feeds and would have liked to see it shared more broadly. Since Square and Round Dance Awareness Week, those posts reached 2088 people, and 499 people looked for more information. 829 people were looking at round dancing, 547 looked in on contra, 400+ looked at square dance. SQUAREUPBC—the greatest activity took place with promotions in fall. Brian is excited about post-pandemic possibilities for revitalization—quoted Daryl Clendenin, Portland caller and CALLERLAB member –forecasting a huge splash of enthusiasm when we can return to dancing. Brian hopes all will plan the launch together and flood the market in a coordinated way for strong impact when we return; recommends commonality in the images and slogans. Pat requested Brian send out a “Dummies Guide” to better using Facebook when we are being asked to share on social media, with an article to Directors at Large, post on the website, etc.

- 5) BC Festival 2019 Jean Wood reported the books are closed, and the final payout was \$210 to the Federation, and to the host regions, \$205 each to Region 9 and Region 3.

Registration Numbers:	By Region:
Alberta: 45	Region 1: 26
BC: 312	Region 2: 106
Mantoba: 3	Region 3: 61
Ontario: 6	Region 4: 5
Saskatchewan: 12	Region 5: 24
Yukon: 2	Region 8: 31
Washington: 20	Region 9: 57
Idaho: 2	Canada (Outside of BC): 68
Ohio: 1	USA: 23

There were 48 callers, cuers, and other dance leaders.

- 6) Canadian Festival 2020 Norm Cox reported things are on hold; cancellations are coming in.; about 205 have cancelled. They still have registration from many states and a few countries—about 442 in all. BC registrations are very low! To go ahead, we will need a lot more BC people. There were not enough clogging leaders registered to go ahead with those forms. Contra was considered for a single session. For space at the hotel, the flooring needed is costly—everything is carpeted. Space for wheelchair dancers was planned and a whole club from Hamilton had planned to come but have cancelled. The hotel has guaranteed a full refund if they cannot host it. If this Festival cannot go ahead in 2021, it will be cancelled. Deadline at which the Festival will be called off and all refunds sent has not been scheduled. The committee is waiting till late January-early February to make that decision.

- 7) Website Bill Morey—The new website is active, is still a work in progress. Bill is working with Brian Elmer on some of the subdomains (there are 30+ and they cost \$4 a month each) and what can be amalgamated or closed. The transfer of all the information had to be done manually and there was so much input going on, a lot of sites were disturbed and information lost/searched for/recovered. Certain clubs and regions could not access sites. All regions, associations, clubs are asked to check their access to the sites and the presentation of their pages. Please contact Bill Morey with all issues to do with your pages. wh_morey@telus.net
- 8) Librarian/Historian for BC Federation Jean mentioned the need for a central repository for records and the library. Lyle O’Hara also mentioned perhaps putting all the records into electronic format. An individual would be needed to head up such a committee.
- 9) Storage of BC Federation documents—after the Federation has a librarian, he/she will need to address storage

That concludes the Old Business.

-----FIFTEEN MINUTE BREAK----- 11:15 to 11:30 a.m.

10. Business Arising from Directors’ Meetings since July 11, 2019

- 1) Motion #1 - THAT Section 2 of the Constitution be deleted in its entirety and that it be replaced by the Section 2 as cited in the Notice of Motion. Moved Dennis Sutton/Wendy Krueger. Carried
- 2) Motion #2 - THAT the Bylaws be removed in their entirety and that they be replaced by an entirely new set of Bylaws as cited in the Notice of Motion, as amended in this meeting:
 - i) Amendment to Article 2.1 on the definition of Voting Members. Moved Kirk Rockerbie/Wendy Krueger **THAT** an amendment be made to Bylaw Article 2.1 a) WHEREAS a majority of Callers, Cuers, and other dance leaders are not voting members of a Club as in 2.1 a) i), with the addition of point iii), **Associations of those dance leaders.** As well, **THAT** an amendment be made to Bylaw Article 2.1 c) so the third point will read iii) **all Associations whose members are members of a Club as in 2.1 a) i).** Carried.
 - ii) Amendment to when a club or association closes, stating when it no longer may participate in the business of the Federation. Moved Bill Wood/Wendy Trudel THAT Bylaw 2.5 be amended to read

2.5 b) "on death in the case of an individual"

2.5 c) "at the end of the year for which dues have been paid in the case of a Club or Association."

The two remaining sub-points in Article 2.5 will become d) and e) respectively. The amendment was accepted by Denis Sutton as a friendly amendment.

Carried

- iii) Amendment moved Alex Wotherspoon, seconded Dennis Sutton THAT Bylaw Article 16 and the whole of the Policies and Procedures document be corrected to use the term "Society" throughout in referring to the BC Square and Round Dance Federation, as shown in the definitions, and that Bylaw Article 8.4 is amended by changing "3.3" to "8.3". Carried

Discussion: Wendy Trudel made the point that dancers who are not members of a club will then not have a vote with any Club when motions are considered, because the Dancers' Associations are now not going to be Voting Members. The Treasurer felt quite sure we have no individual member dancers who registered with the Federation but are not members of a club. The issue is that the insurance is key to this. If Clubs allow uninsured dancers on the floor, the people responsible for admitting them could be liable should there be an accident.

On the question of new dancers coming to try out dancing, the Canadian Society covers new dancers initially for the first period—and the Treasurer should be advised of their names.

The reason for Associations not being Voting Members is that an association vote could be negating the vote of one of their region's clubs, yet all individuals who participate at the Association meetings are also club members. That would not make sense.

- 3) Motion #3 - THAT the Secretary be and is hereby authorized to sign and arrange for the filing of the new Constitution and Bylaw documents with the Registrar of Societies. Moved Dennis Sutton/Wendy Krueger. Carried
- 4) Motion #4 - That all existing Standing Orders of the Society be and are hereby cancelled with immediate effect. Moved Dennis Sutton/Wendy Krueger. Carried
- 5) Motion #5 - THAT the Rules and Policies be removed in their entirety and be replaced by an entirely new set of Policies and Procedures made under Article 10.1, as cited in the Notice of Motion as amended in item 2) iii above. Moved Dennis Sutton/Wendy Krueger.

Discussion about Article 5.1 b Peter Tennant asked for clarification regarding Executive meetings of the Board, inquiring whether the President is a non-voting member who would not vote unless there is a tie. The answer was that in our Executive and full Board meetings, the President does have a vote. Should the vote be tied, it would indicate the motion needs to be rethought.

- 6) Motion #6 - THAT not less than 2 general meetings be held each year, one of which shall be between September and December, and the second which shall be between January and April. Moved Dennis Sutton/Wendy Krueger.

Discussion—Pat mentioned that it would be helpful to the Treasurer to have the AGM in spring. The act requires an Annual General Meeting be held at latest, 15 months from the last AGM. Carried

Other points of clarification: The Directors at Large vote at the full Board meetings (Directors Meetings). Executive members can be Directors at Large as well. Heads of Committees are appointed by the Executive and have a vote at full Board meetings.

- 7) Motion #7 - THAT the Round of the Month Program be suspended until such time as the Board of Directors of the B.C. Square and Round Dance Federation decide that it should resume. Moved Connie Ritchie/ Pat Zeeman. Carried.

- 8) Motion #8 - ReStart Program - Please read the Notice of Motion in its entirety, appended at the end of these minutes due to its length. Moved Pat Zeeman/Dennis Sutton.

Discussion: The Federation is encouraging clubs to re-register to maintain their good standing and have continued input into the business of the Federation. This specifically means the re-registration of the Club and their executive members (so the special Errors and Omissions coverage will apply).

Connie Ritchie, who is operating her round dance club under a COVID-19 safety plan, mentioned she has increased the dance fees to offset the limited numbers and the \$50 per rental fee for cleaning.

The question about why some activities are allocated more advertising funding (Round and Clog) than others (Square and Contra), and it has to do with round and clog dancing can restart now. If a club applies for a grant, the grant committee can allocate up to \$500 to the Square Up BC program for advertising. The whole ReStart Grant package is a potential expenditure of \$35,000 from the Building Fund gift, if all 70 clubs apply.

It was asserted the plan for advertising funds needed more structure and specific details.

Consideration of amending Motion 8: Pat Zeeman/Dennis Sutton agreed to amend the Motion to contain paragraphs 1, 2, and 3 only.

Amendment to Motion 8 MOVED by Pat Zeeman, Seconded by Dennis Sutton, **THAT:**

1. A ReStart Grant of up to a maximum of \$500 per member club be made available to all current member clubs of the B.C. Square and Round Dance Federation who re-register with the Federation, and who submit an application for the Grant.
2. A Committee be struck, chaired by the First Vice-President of the Federation, to review the ReStart Grant applications, with emphasis on the following criteria:

- a. The member club must have a restart plan to meet the directives outlined by the B.C. Public Health Office, and the plan must have been approved by the owner/operator of the hall where the member club dances, and the member club must have agreed to any additional conditions required by the owner/operator.
 - b. The member club must provide a listing of anticipated restart expenses.
 - c. The member club must advise whether it is Executive run, or Caller/Cuer/Leader run, and must provide justification for its need, for example, financial statements.
 - d. The member club must advise whether it will be eligible for re-start funding from any other source, and if so, how much?
 - e. If funding is being received from another source, the Committee may, at its sole discretion, provide additional funding in an amount to be determined by the Committee, but not exceeding the amount in Paragraph 3. below.
 - f. Additional criteria may be added at the direction of the Executive of the Federation.
3. The amount of the ReStart Grant to be given to each member club which submits a successful application is to be determined by the Committee, up to the maximum allowed.

Motion to Amend is Carried.

The Chair called the question on Motion 8 as amended: Carried

Discussion about the fate of the last 3 paragraphs of the original motion: a motion about the social media funding for advertising needs to be drafted with a plan to the spending. A Special General Meeting to deal with that item could be called.

[Secretary's note: At 1 p.m. there were 30 participants on the Zoom meeting and 19 Voting Members were still represented. *Quorum was still met.*]

11. New Business

- 1) Financial Review Pat Zeeman -- The current year's Financials will be sent for review shortly. Two previous years' worth are in progress – Bob Primeau is reviewing them.
- 2) Election of Officers Ken Crisp shared his compliments and appreciation for the Executive we have had for the last 2 years. Nominations from the floor are open, with consent of the nominee, either in person or in writing.
Position of President: Jean Wood's name is standing. Nominations from the floor called three times: no further nominations were given. Jean declared as President
Position of First Vice President: Dennis Sutton has allowed his name to stand.
Nomination from the floor called three times: no further nominations were given.
Dennis Sutton declared for First Vice President.
Position of Second Vice President: Peter Tennant has accepted a nomination.
Nomination from the floor called three times: no further nominations were given.
Peter Tennant is elected by acclamation.

Position of Secretary: Wendy Krueger has accepted a nomination. Nomination from the floor called three times: no further nominations were given. Wendy Krueger is elected by acclamation.

Position of Treasurer: Pat Zeeman has allowed her name to stand. Nomination from the floor called three times: no further nominations were given. Pat Zeeman is declared Treasurer by acclamation.

That concluded the Election of Officers.

12. Budget 2020-2021 Pat Zeeman reviewed the budget she prepared. It goes without saying that in the upcoming year, the uncertainties for our recreation continue under the pandemic. Motion to approve: Dennis Sutton/Mae Fawcett. Carried
13. Next General Meeting: the date is up in the air with the pandemic and the new guidelines
14. Next AGM: scheduling one may be left to the discretion of the board because there are so many unknowns

Moved Dennis Sutton/Peter Tennant THAT the scheduling of future General Meetings be left to the discretion of the Board. Carried.

15. Announcements: Pat Zeeman and Garry Dodds as Directors for the Canadian Society mention to all that for the Canadian Society's AGM, they are putting together an information package and will be forwarding it to the Secretary to forward to all the Directors at Large to send out to all clubs and associations for this meeting. Every single individual member of all Federations in Canada is welcome to attend. The date is Sunday, Nov. 29th, 2020.
Applications for Convention 2022 are attached to the report.
16. Motion to adjourn Bill Wood at 1:37 p.m.

APPENDIX – MOTION 8 The ReStart Grant

[Secretary's note: Due only to it being lengthy, the full text of Motion 8, the ReStart Grant, is appended here. The reader is advised that this motion was amended before the question was called. Please see page 6 of these minutes.]

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 - f. Additional criteria may be added at the direction of the Executive of the Federation.
3. The amount of the ReStart Grant to be given to each member club which submits a successful application is to be determined by the Committee, up to the maximum allowed.
4. In addition to the funding for Club Restart Grants, funding be made available to the Square Up BC Chairperson to be used for paid promotions as set out in Paragraph 6.
5. When considering a Restart Grant Application in accordance with the preceding Paragraphs, the Committee may, at its sole discretion, choose to provide funding, not to exceed \$500 per member club, to the Square Up BC Chairperson to be used as set out in Paragraph 6.
6. The Square Up BC Chairperson shall allocate 75% of the funds received to advertising square and contra dancing, and 25% to advertising round and clog dancing, with ½ of each fund to be allocated to raising awareness of our dance forms, and ½ allocated to promoting individual member clubs and classes.

EXPLANATION:

The B.C. Square and Round Dance Federation received a very generous gift of funds from the “Building Fund” at the Board of Directors Meeting held in Victoria in March 2019, with the direction that the funds given were to be used for the good of the Federation and for the promotion of the purposes of the Federation. The current COVID Pandemic has had a detrimental effect on Square, Round, Clog and Contra Dancing in British Columbia as clubs have not been able to continue dancing, and the Executive of the Federation is recommending that a “ReStart Grant” be offered to clubs to assist with extra expenses involved in restarting.

The Executive of the B.C. Square and Round Dance Federation feels that an important component of successfully restarting dancing in B.C. will be raising awareness that our activity still exists, that we are active, and that we are a healthy way of reconnecting with the “outside world”.

From Brian Elmer, Square Up BC Chairperson:

“Frankly, we could have an unprecedented opportunity to market our activity by the fact we offer a social recreation that the quarantined public will probably seek intensely following the pandemic. Not only will we offer "social re-connecting," active living and great fun but we offer a generally economical activity. Due to layoffs and the loss of jobs, there will be many, many "working people" who won't have the discretionary dollars to participate in the more expensive recreations.

Furthermore, the period of coronavirus isolation has forced families to renew their social interaction. We might find great interest in our activity by moms, dads and their kids in selecting something that they can do together--perhaps grandparents too.”

