

Motion #1

Motion #1 requires a 2/3 majority vote to pass

Moved Dennis Sutton, seconded Wendy Krueger THAT Section 2 of the Constitution be deleted in its entirety and that it be replaced by the Section 2 which is attached.*

Who is presenting this motion: Dennis Sutton of Region 1 and Wendy Krueger of Region 2 are members of the Bylaw Revision Committee along with Bill Cave of Region 5 and Bill Wood of Region 9.

Explanation: This motion is asking for a change in the **Purposes** section in our Constitution.

The **Purposes** section used to say that, as a Federation, we are teaching and giving practice opportunities to learn *the traditional dance forms that our modern forms are derived from*. None of our member clubs do that and no one is talking about doing that. We believe teaching the old-time dances, barn dances and folk dances no longer needs to be written up as part of our purpose. But we still COULD do that if we wish to. We have also added reference to our affiliation with the Canadian Square and Round Dance Society.

Attachment* If this motion passes, here is what Section 2 of our Constitution will say—

The purposes of the Society shall be:

- a) to preserve, perpetuate, support, encourage and promote participation in Square, Round, Contra and Clog Dancing and similar forms of dancing in the Province of British Columbia, understanding and recognizing their role in the promotion of health (both physical and mental) and pursuit of an active life style through physical activity, and recognizing their historical role in Canadian Culture and Recreation, and
- b) to support The Canadian Square and Round Dance Society in its pursuit of similar objectives.

Motion #2

Motion #2 requires a 2/3 majority vote to pass

Moved Dennis Sutton, seconded Wendy Krueger THAT the Bylaws be removed in their entirety and that they be replaced by an entirely new set of Bylaws which are attached.*

Who is presenting this motion: Dennis Sutton of Region 1 and Wendy Krueger of Region 2 are members of the Bylaw Revision Committee along with Bill Cave of Region 5 and Bill Wood of Region 9.

Explanation: This motion is seeking approval to replace the set of Bylaws which were filed with the Registrar in 2018 on re-incorporation under the new Societies Act. In the short time since re-incorporation, the Executive have found better ways to operate, and we need our Bylaws to reflect those improvements in order to serve us and future members well.

The proposed Bylaws incorporate a few minor corrections which do not change the meaning of the original in any way. Also, several sections are now in a different order.

More importantly, several items that were previously written as bylaws have been moved to *Policies and Procedures*. These are items which are appropriate for more frequent review and amendment than are bylaws. They support the efficient functioning of the BCSRDF but are not as rigid as the underlying structure of bylaws. Examples are meeting agendas and the order of business, rules for reimbursement of approved expenses, definition of the duties of officers, etc. These are all items not required by the Societies Act or Regulations to be included in Bylaws. We will be able to change them if needed without the effort and expense of filing a new set of Bylaws.

There are also several substantive changes which are actually new.

The major substantive changes are:

- a) Making Clubs our only Voting Members. Removing the Associations as voters leaves our Clubs as direct representatives of all members. This saves everyone the potential of conflict they would be in if they agreed with their club vote but disagreed with the position of the Association, or vice versa.
- b) Deciding to have two Directors at Large per Region. Going from one Director at Large to two is thought to accommodate those Regions who have only a single Association and place them on the same platform as those with two Associations.
- c) Stating that meetings may be in person or electronic and may, if it works, be hybrid – as, for example, the Federal Parliamentary Meetings are. As an FYI, your Executive has adopted the concept of electronic meetings. It improves the ability to meet more frequently despite the geographic difference of location and saves considerable expenses.

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- d) Adding an Indemnification Clause to protect officers and directors from legal actions (if any) brought against them where they are not at fault. The cost of defending such actions is eligible for coverage under the Directors Liability section of the insurance policy.

Attachment* If this motion passes, our Bylaws will be those attached to the email which accompanies this document. Look for the “Bylaw Document.”

Motion #3

Motion #3 requires a 2/3 majority vote to pass

Moved Dennis Sutton, seconded Wendy Krueger 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.

Who is presenting this motion: Dennis Sutton of Region 1 and Wendy Krueger of Region 2 are members of the Bylaw Revision Committee along with Bill Cave of Region 5 and Bill Wood of Region 9.

Explanation: If Motions #1 and 2 pass, then we will need to pass Motion #3. The new Constitution and Bylaws will officially take effect at the time their motions are passed, but the documents must be properly filed with the Provincial Government for ours to remain a registered Society in good standing.

Motion #4

Motion #4 requires a simple majority vote to pass (greater than 50%)

Moved Dennis Sutton, seconded Wendy Krueger That all existing Standing Orders of the Society be and are hereby cancelled with immediate effect.

Who is presenting this motion: Dennis Sutton of Region 1 and Wendy Krueger of Region 2 are members of the Bylaw Revision Committee along with Bill Cave of Region 5 and Bill Wood of Region 9.

Explanation: A collection of various motions dating back to 2003 became known as Standing Orders of the Society. The purpose of the Standing Orders has been served. Our committee has reviewed them thoroughly and found that each has become redundant for one of three reasons: i. because they are now incorporated in the Society's proposed revised Bylaws or Policies and Procedures, or ii. because the circumstances governed by them have ceased to exist, or iii. because the actions they require have been completed.

Motion #5

Motion #5 requires a simple majority vote to pass (greater than 50%)

Moved Dennis Sutton, seconded Wendy Krueger 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, which are attached.*

Who is presenting this motion: Dennis Sutton of Region 1 and Wendy Krueger of Region 2 are members of the Bylaw Revision Committee along with Bill Cave of Region 5 and Bill Wood of Region 9.

Explanation: What were formerly known as Rules and Policies are now going by the name Policies and Procedures. Policies and Procedures support the efficient functioning of the BCSRDF but are not as rigid as the underlying structure of our bylaws. When we revised our bylaws, we found many things included there that the Societies Act did not require to be bylaws. Policies and Procedures are practices which are appropriate for more frequent review and amendment. They need a simple majority vote to be adopted.

Attachment* If this motion passes, our Policies and Procedures will be those attached to the email which accompanies this document.

Motion #6

Motion #6 requires a simple majority vote to pass (greater than 50%)

Moved Dennis Sutton, seconded Wendy Krueger 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.

Who is presenting this motion: Dennis Sutton of Region 1 and Wendy Krueger of Region 2 are members of the Bylaw Revision Committee along with Bill Cave of Region 5 and Bill Wood of Region 9.

Explanation: The intent of this motion is to allow our Society to have its meetings at the most convenient times of the year for the majority of our members to participate in the business at hand. If this motion passes, our two meetings a year will be held during the usual dancing year. Clubs will be dancing in the fall and spring. The voting members, who are the clubs, will receive the agendas and motions of the meetings when it will be most convenient for all individuals to discuss and vote on the motions.

Motion #7

Motion #7 requires a simple majority vote to pass (greater than 50%)

MOVED by Connie Ritchie, Seconded by Pat Zeeman, 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. Rounds which have already been chosen (October 2020, chosen by Region 3 and November 2020, chosen by Region 8) shall be held until the Program resumes. After the October 2020 and November 2020 Rounds have been presented, the Program will resume with a choice from Region 9, and then from Region 1. Any Certificates (for Choreographers from British Columbia) will be held and presented after the Program resumes.

Who is presenting this motion: Connie Ritchie of Region 1 is the chair of our Federation's Round Dance committee. Pat Zeeman, also in Region 1, is the Treasurer.

Explanation: The Round of the Month Program was devised to provide round dances that would be danced at all square dance clubs in the Province, and there is currently no regular square dancing taking place in the Province of British Columbia.

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.
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

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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.”