

BC SQUARE & ROUND DANCE FEDERATION  
PRESIDENT'S REPORT  
AGM October 17, 2020  
Video Meeting

*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.*

In the past year, many changes have taken place within the BC Square & Round Dance Federation. As a result, we have had to make changes to the way we operate and how we support our dancers, callers, cuers and associations.

Of course, the greatest concern is how we work during these times of uncertainty. Covid-19 has had a huge impact on every one of us, not just our every day lives, but also the effects it has on our activities and interests. Many of us have not been able to dance as, one by one, the clubs have had to suspend their dances and special events. As they can maintain social distancing, some round dance and clogging clubs have returned to dancing. We can only hope that this pandemic will soon be at the stage when we can once more renew and enjoy the music and the friendships.

To our advantage, the BC Federation started using zoom video meetings last November and were able to seamlessly move to having virtual meetings, of which we have had a number since the cessation of dancing early in the Spring. Please note that this program is available, free of charge, to clubs, associations, and committees. Please contact me to set up meetings for you. [jeanwood@telus.net](mailto:jeanwood@telus.net).

COVID-19 Plan to Return to Dancing: The Fraser Valley Square & Round Dance Association formed the COVID-19 Return to Dance Committee to research the issues and provide information to clubs on how COVID-19 would impact their ability to restart.

The key advice of the committee is – *“DO NOT DANCE WITHOUT A COVID-19 SAFETY PLAN in place, or you could expose participants to increased risk of catching the virus, contravene public health requirements, and void liability insurance. The plan must comply with all current BC health guidelines and WorksafeBC regulations”*

Recognizing the autonomy of all clubs and acknowledging that the decision to return to dancing rests solely with the clubs and individual dancers, the Board of the BC Square & Round Dance Federation strongly recommends that all clubs follow the COVID-19 Plan to Return to Dancing. The summary and complete document, amended as necessary, can be found on the Region 2 website, <https://region2.squaredance.bc.ca/>.

*The committee provides useful information for developing a plan and the committee is willing to assist you. They may be contacted at [covid-19-rtdc@googlegroups.com](mailto:covid-19-rtdc@googlegroups.com).*

The Bylaws: Since the bylaws were originally rewritten to comply with the new Societies Act, ratified by the membership and registered, they have needed to have revisions to be more specific to our pastime. A committee, consisting of Dennis Sutton (Chair & Region 1) Wendy Krueger (Region 2), Bill Cave (Region 5) and Bill Wood (Region 9) has been working on these revisions. The proposed bylaws and explanation have been posted on the BCSRDF website since August and I hope you have had time to review them before the AGM. You will find them on the website, about halfway down the page. <https://squaredance.bc.ca/>

The Website: We have a newly designed website! For many of you who have previously voiced your concerns about the location of the server, the website is now hosted by a BC Server. If you haven't yet had a chance to, take a look at the new design, <https://squaredance.bc.ca/>. A huge Thank You goes out to Bill Morey and Frank McNeil for all their efforts redesigning and streamlining the website. If you have any comments or suggestions, please direct them to Bill Morey. [Wh\\_morey@telus.net](mailto:Wh_morey@telus.net). Of note: The website is still undergoing work and tweaking.

Festivals: Many of you attended BC Festival 2019. We sincerely hope that you enjoyed your time in Salmon Arm, BC. Due to Covid-19, the Canadian Festival 2020 has been postponed to July 8-10, 2021 at the same location. <https://squaredance.bc.ca/festival-2021/>

As we had not had a secretary since before the 2019 AGM, the Board of the BC Square & Round Dance Federation has appointed Wendy Krueger as secretary until the AGM elections. Wendy has done an exceptional job with the enormous task put before her and she has been of valuable assistance to the BCSRDF. Thank you, Wendy!

Election of Officers: All Executive Positions will be open to election at the AGM 2020. Nominations can be submitted to the Chair of the Nominating Committee, Ken Crisp [kcrisp@telus.net](mailto:kcrisp@telus.net), or accepted from the floor with the consent of the Nominee. If they are not personally present at the meeting, the Nominee must provide written consent which will be submitted to Chair of the Nominating Committee. In an on-line meeting, the hard copy of the consent letter will need to be held up to the camera or screen-shared so it may be read.

As this term as president comes to an end, I would like to thank all the executive and directors who have supported and assisted me over the last two years!

The Directors of the BC Square & Round Dance Federation are here to assist you. If you have any concerns, please feel free to contact us.

Respectfully submitted for the 2020 AGM,

Jean & Bill Wood  
President Couple,  
BC Square & Round Dance Federation.