

Treasurer's Report for the B.C. Square and Round Dance Federation Annual General Meeting (October 17, 2020)

I am sooooo ready for this year to be over, and hoping for a much better year in 2021 – one where we can get together face to face with old friends, and make some new ones. In the meantime ...

Financial Statements – The financial statements for the fiscal year of July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020 will be presented during the Annual General Meeting using “screen share”.

Budget – The budget for the fiscal year of July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021 will also be presented during the Annual General Meeting using “screen share”.

Following the Annual General Meeting, any member of the B.C. Square & Round Dance Federation may request digital copies of the Financial Statements and/or the Budget by sending an email request to the Treasurer at BCFedTreasurer@gmail.com.

Membership Dues – First of all, let me start by saying there is no change in the amount of membership dues for the coming year. The membership dues that you submit to me, either through your Regional Association or directly, have two components.

Canadian Square & Round Dance Society (“CSRDS”) – The CSRDS has decided to delay collecting member dues until such time as Clubs are able to start dancing again. For some round dance and clogging Clubs, that time may be now; for others, such as square and contra, that time is in the future.

The CSRDS will be renewing the third party liability insurance coverage based on the membership numbers for 2020 – so if we are able to dance in 2021, all dancers who paid dues for 2020 will have third party liability insurance coverage.

B.C. Square and Round Dance Federation (“BC Fed”) – The BC Fed also feels that membership dues should not be collected until such time as the Clubs are able to start dancing again (unless the Club wishes to do so) – with some important exceptions.

Under our new Constitution, Bylaws, Policies and Procedures (“Governing Documents”), the Clubs are the voting members of the BC Fed. In order to vote at a General Meeting, they must be members in good standing – ie their dues must be paid. The same applies to Regional Associations, who nominate and send Directors to represent them at Directors Meetings.

The second exception is for Officers – Federation, Association and Club Officers. As part of the third party liability insurance provided by the CSRDS, Officers are covered by “Errors and Exceptions” Insurance. This basically means that they cannot be held personally liable for decisions that are made in good faith on behalf of the organization that they represent. In order for their coverage to continue, I need to know who they are.

So, in summary, you will still be expected to remit Membership Dues along with lists of names by November 15, 2020 for the following:

1. Federation - \$5.00 CSRDS Dues only
2. Regional Associations - \$5.00 CSRDS Dues + \$10.00 BC Fed Dues = \$15.00 per Regional Association
3. Clubs - \$5.00 CSRDS Dues + \$10.00 BC Fed Dues = \$15.00 per Club
4. Federation, Association and Club Officers - \$3.00 CSRDS Dues + \$10.00 BC Fed Dues = \$13.00 per person, to be paid through your Association or Club (but only once per person)
5. Dancers in Clubs that have restarted - \$3.00 CSRDS Dues + \$10.00 BC Fed Dues = \$13.00 per person, to be paid through your Primary Club (if you belong to more than one, but only once per person)
6. Teens in Clubs that have restarted – no charge for either CSRDS or BC Fed
7. Wheelchair Dancers in Clubs that have restarted - \$3.00 CSRDS Dues + no charge for BC Fed Dues = \$3.00 per person

As Clubs restart, they will be expected to remit Membership Dues as soon as possible so that the CSRDS and BC Fed can continue to function.

It would be helpful to me (and to your Regional Association and the CSRDS) if each club could canvass their members to see how many will be returning to dancing when it restarts.

Remittance Forms will be posted on the BC Fed website shortly, and will also be sent the Association and Club Treasurers and Presidents on the contact list that I maintain.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to email or phone any of the Officers of the Federation.

Thank you.

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