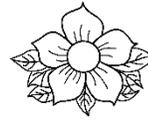


B.C.S. & R.D.FEDERATION



B.C. FEDERATION AGM MINUTES

Sunday, April 25, 2021

Zoom Video Meeting

The taking of attendance began at 1:00 p.m. ATTENDANCE: 34 Voting Members were represented at the meeting by a total of 22 proxy holders. Fifty people attended, including Executive members: Jean Wood, Dennis Sutton, Peter Tennant, Pat Zeeman, Wendy Krueger, Norm Cox

The meeting was called to order at 1:10 pm.

First order of business: 2020 SILLERY AWARD WINNER ANNOUNCEMENT—Jean read the nomination in full and announced the award for Dr. Blair Wallace of Region 2. Congratulations to you, Blair! This is a well-deserved award!

Welcome & Opening Remarks – Jean Wood

1. Motion to accept late distribution of documents:

Moved Dennis Sutton/Peter Tennant: Noting that unforeseen circumstances resulted in the Agenda for this meeting, some documents and notices of motion being circulated later than the prescribed notice date, we move THAT all shall be deemed to have complied with notice requirements and are hereby accepted as having notice duly given for this meeting only.

Carried

2. Additions to and Acceptance of the Agenda

Added under old business #2 will be an update on Covid 19 and Returning to Dancing from Blair Wallace and #8 will be Square Dance Awareness week. Acceptance Dennis Sutton/Bill Cave, Carried

3. Acceptance of the Minutes of the AGM of October 17, 2020 – Moved Wendy Krueger/Lyle O’Hara. Carried

4. Correspondence and Business arising from Correspondence. None

5. Reports received: *Reports were not read out. Please read the reports from the BC Federation website (squaredance.bc.ca)*

- President Jean Wood
- First Vice-President Dennis Sutton
- Second Vice-President Peter Tennant
- Secretary Wendy Krueger
- Past President Ken Crisp or Norm Cox (in lieu of)
- 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
- Regional Reports Directors At Large

6. Motion to Accept Reports Dennis Sutton/Connie Ritchie. Carried

7. Business Arising from the Reports: No business arose from the reports.

8. Treasurer's Report – Pat Zeeman did a screen share of her documents (see attached) and read the Balance Sheet. Due to the loan to Canadian Festival 2020/21 being forgiven, the Festival account needed to be topped up to the required \$20,000. This money is to come from the operating funds. She confirmed she is sending the refunds to people who paid fees not required. Not showing are 2 cheques, undeposited funds of \$40. Income and Expense report – shows all income and expenses for the fiscal year, and the Festival 2020-2021 loss shows there.
Pat has not prepared any of the comparison reports and even the budget comparison because it is not meaningful in a year when we had no operations. Acceptance moved Pat Zeeman/Bill Cave. Carried
9. Old Business
 - 1) Constitution and Bylaws – Dennis Sutton - Not a great deal has happened in the last year; the changes to the Bylaws and Constitution were duly filed and we received the certificate recognizing our status under the Act. The Policies and Procedures were revised. The same committee will be involved in revising the Handbook. Question from Linda Townsend—asked if we have a charity number that we can give out if we are receiving donations and they ask for that. We do not have that. We can provide our registration number as a not-for-profit, but we are not able to issue a receipt for a donation for income tax purposes. To get that status from CRA is a very cumbersome application and requires stringent record keeping and reporting.
 - 2) COVID 19 Provincial Update – Dr. Blair Wallace shared updates to the Covid 19 situation. He gave his background and involvement with provincial, industry, and international issues. March 31st 2021 is the last order given to British Columbia, and those restrictions are in effect till May 25th, 2021, which include the cancellation of all indoor group high and low intensity exercise; no person may permit a place to be used for an event. He commented on the answer Dwight Fry got on our low intensity activity under a previous order of the PHO. That has all been restricted now and asking for a variance is no longer being entertained. Bad news: 1.5 million have been vaccinated, about 30%. We need to get 80% of the population vaccinated with both doses, the amount needed for “herd immunity.” The government does not have the purchase of enough doses scheduled to get enough of us vaccinated to meet the Phase 4 timeline. Blair says a September start for dance is unlikely. He suggests we start targeting for January 2022. Frances Bryan commented that the risk will never be completely eliminated. Blair concurred that the risk of contracting a circulating virus will never be completely eradicated. By January 2022, he feels the risk will be manageable. Gary Weeks asked for data on what is manageable risk. Blair said the concept of manageable risk is what each person decides they can tolerate. He has no idea how the Federal Government can pull this off. We hear in the news that deals are being signed for more vaccine, but no one can say if these will fill the need. Patti Coburn asked about dancing outdoors in the fall. Blair confirmed the limits are 10 people socially distanced outdoors, but that group cannot change participants. Anne McCarthy asked about the incidence of reinfection being seen among seniors and reported in the media. Blair confirmed this is happening at a low rate. He invited any questions at any time from any of us. (Email jbw.wallace@gmail.com Canada Post 18644 - 80th Avenue, Surrey, BC V4N 4J1 Telephone 604-897-0876)
 - 3) RESTART committee – Dennis has begun the application form for the ReStart Grant but got sidelined by more changes within the province. Dennis asks for clubs to tell us what they need and to share their ideas and initiatives.
 - 4) Social Media & SquareUp BC – Brian Elmer – Brian gave an overview of the Social Media side of his work and shared from his report to the AGM on SquareUp BC. He mentioned the online sessions on programming and marketing hosted by the BC Federation this calendar year. He showed some images clubs could be using in their advertising. He mentioned various ways he assisted clubs with advertising. He said the big question is IF we have this promise of a groundswell of interest in our recreation, like after WW II in the 1950's, Brian said he will certainly support clubs with their

advertising. He made mention of budgeting a large amount of money for Facebook advertising, for its cost effectiveness, and said that the low level of money put to this in the past has not been effective. He made a motion for \$50,000 to be allocated to Facebook advertising. Dennis raised a point of order. This motion cannot be put to this meeting for a vote. The executive, the board and the membership need the time to consider this, and Bill Cave asked for a budget to be included with that motion. Brian withdrew the motion but said he does not want to wait too long. 50 clubs with new dancer classes at \$1000 each is what it would be for. Jean mentioned the videos of these presentations are all available online. The link for these videos appears here: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCK7iAGys3NKCbC8YNV1svPO/videos>

- 5) Canadian Festival 2020 – Norm Cox –He confirmed they got the money back from the hotel and issued \$21,000 in refunds. He hopes everyone cashed their cheques; it affects their bank fees. He thanked the BC Federation for forgiving the \$2000 loan. Jean asked if once the dust is settled, what will be the distribution should there be a positive balance. Norm said it will go back to the Canadian Society because they gave the Festival a redeemable loan of \$5000 to begin with. Brian offered his sincerest thanks to Norm and his committee for their efforts and our understanding of their disappointment with it. Norm gave a brief mention of committee members: Joyce Lucas who worked so hard on promotions, and now sadly has ALS; Mary Cox who wrote all the refund cheques; Steve Edlund, the other co-chair for the program and sound; Blair doing the souvenir book and ads; Sylvia French was the secretary; Gloria Dyer in charge of decorations, photo booth, etc. They worked for 5 years; it was hard to take, seeing it all go down the drain. A big round of applause and appreciation to the committee. Norm said he thought there would be 800 in attendance if Covid had not hit.

15 Minute break 2:15 – 2:30 p.m.

- 6) Website – Frank McNeil –he reported everything is going along smoothly. He is seeing how to do the changes we need. Some of it is in various formats, ie. HTML etc. and he has worked through those issues. He is waiting for changes or additions. None of the clubs has made requests for changes. Blair also offered his help to Frank with any of that programming. Jean reiterated her request for photos and videos that can be used on the website.
- 7) Librarian/Historian – Jean still has the interest of an individual who will consider taking on this job. The centralizing of our provincial records and resources to one spot and conversion to electronic versions is still a need but is on the backburner.
- 8) Square Dance Awareness – Brian – We have traditionally had the third week of September declared Square and Round Dance Awareness Week in the Province of BC. This year it would be Sun. Sep 19 to Sat. Sep. 25th. Topic 1, it was discussed whether this year we should not put it forward because we can't get back to dancing yet. Several members spoke in favour of keeping with our usual practice of advocating for our dance form with Square and Round Dance Awareness Week in September. We should still do some awareness activities in this week. Keeping our activity in front of people just for awareness is a key to marketing. We don't want some other group to scoop that week. Brian described for us the Facebook posts he placed last fall every day of the Awareness week. Topic 2, we discussed that the naming of the Awareness week does not acknowledge all the dance forms we include, such as Handicapable, Clogging, and Contra. But other terms suggested are also not suited to our form or the umbrella encompassing our forms. Jean said the discussion will be put to the directors, as the application has to go in shortly.

10. Business Arising from Director's Meeting since October 17, 2020

- 1) Motion #1 - THAT current positions of the BC Federation executive be extended for one year or until the AGM of 2022. Moved by Norm Cox. Dennis spoke of editing the motion for clarity. Norm agreed to remove the words “for one year or”. Norm accepted this change. The motion now reads: THAT current positions of the BC Federation executive be extended until the AGM of 2022. Lyle O’Hara seconded it. Carried.
- 2) Motion #2 – After discussion, Norm Cox, along with seconder, Betty Langtry, withdrew the motion.

11. New Business

- 1) Financial Review – Pat Zeeman – She presented the results of the Financial Review done by Bob Primeau, showing that our financial records are in order with no errors or omissions. Please see the document attached. Motion Pat Zeeman/Dennis Sutton that we ask Bob Primeau to do our financial review again. Carried.
- 2) Election of Officers – under item 9 above, in Motion 1, the need to elect officers for a new term was removed when the motion carried.

12. Budget 2021-2022 – Please see Pat Zeeman’s report attached. Moved acceptance Dennis Sutton/Pat Zeeman. Carried.

13 and 14 Next General Meeting and Next AGM – Motion: THAT the executive be authorized to set the date for the next general meeting in the fall of 2021 in the months of October or November, and the next AGM which shall be no later than 15 months from the present AGM. Dennis Sutton/Wayne Townsend. Carried.

15. Announcements—

Dennis Sutton thanks everyone for participating in the process of implementing the new bylaws and constitution.

Diane O’Hara announced that at the end of March 2021 the White Rockers had a Five Score Badge presented to Mas Nabata. Mas drove from West Vancouver every Sunday to dance with the club. We so look forward to dancing with him again.

Pat Zeeman announced regarding Convention 2022 in Fredericton, New Brunswick – they had a special promotion for the first 222 registered dancers – and they completed registration of those 222 dancers before the cut-off date! Garry and I are members of “Club 2022”, and we are hoping to drive cross-Canada to New Brunswick and see some of our lovely country as part of attending the National Convention. Hope to see all of you there!

16. Motion to adjourn—Wayne Townsend

