

BC SQUARE & ROUND DANCE FEDERATION  
PRESIDENT'S REPORT  
AGM April 25, 2021  
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.*

It has only been six months since our last AGM in October. This change is a result of our restructuring and bylaw changes. Holding the AGM in the Spring, rather than late summer or fall, puts the meeting within the dance season rather than our summer break or shortly after dancing has resumed. This allows for more members to attend the AGM, as well as making it easier for the treasurer to manage the budget and reports during the dance season.

The greatest concern is still how we work during these times of uncertainty. Covid-19 has had a huge impact on every one of us, not just our everyday lives, but also the effects it has on our activities and interests. Although many have taken advantage of virtual dancing, most have not had a chance to dance in over a year. A few callers and cuers host their own zoom sessions, including new dancer lessons. Most of these are free of charge.

The BC Federation, along with clubs and associations, has made good use of the zoom video account so we are still able to manage the behind-the-scene activities and address concerns as they come up. This format does make it much easier to have more meetings during the year. The use of this account has also provided some other advantages, such as the January meeting of callers and cuers to attend presentations of the different programs available for teaching new dancers. The presentation videos can be found on the YouTube channel, <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCK7iAGys3NKCbC8YNV1svPQ/>. Since then, there has been open zoom meetings on Wednesday afternoons for workshops and general discussion. I encourage newer callers and cuers to attend these sessions. Even though we are unable to attend schools and workshops, more experienced leaders can provide information and assistance.

Brian Elmer, chairperson of SquareUp BC, has been instrumental in providing workshops on marketing and advertising. Everyone is welcome to join the presentations and discussions on Thursday evenings. If you are unable to attend the meetings, the videos may be viewed at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCK7iAGys3NKCbC8YNV1svPQ/>. Questions, comments and suggestions may be directed to Brian Elmer ([brian@squaredance.bc.ca](mailto:brian@squaredance.bc.ca)) or to me ([jeanwood@telus.net](mailto:jeanwood@telus.net)).

Our website ([squaredance.bc.ca](http://squaredance.bc.ca)) now has a calendar which lists meetings, workshops, and virtual dances, including those mentioned above. Most will have the login information for zoom meetings, posters, or posted videos. If you have an event you would like to add to the calendar, please contact me and I'll post it for you. Please note that the video links are found on the date that the session occurred.

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 2021 AGM,

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