

BCSRDF

Annual General Meeting 2022

President's Report

This has been an anything but “normal” year. It began, shortly before the AGM with the regretted resignation of our President. This was followed, not long after, by the passing of Ken Crisp, our much-respected and appreciated Immediate Past President and the longest serving Executive in the history of the Federation.

As First-Vice President, I automatically assumed the role of Acting President and was subsequently appointed by the Board, as provided in our Bylaws, as President to hold office until the 2022 Annual General Meeting. Other changes which followed from the events were that David McVige (of Region 2) replaced me as First Vice-President and Norm Cox assumed the role of Past- President.

Since taking office, I have prepared and published several Newsletters which have covered events up to the date of their publication. These have kept members up-to-date on relevant events and circumstances. I see no merit in repeating that material here.

Since the last Newsletter, the COVID situation and restrictions have changed dramatically permitting a resumption of dancing, although many clubs are both tentative and experimental with their presentation of the activity. We do not know yet how many dancers, callers, cuers and clubs have fallen victim to the circumstances COVID has caused and probably shall not have an accurate picture before September.

What is clear is that there have been losses and if we are to restore our dancing to previous levels much work has to be done, Marketing, in whatever form, shall be key. Experience suggests that clubs are the best equipped to carry this out as they are in immediate and close contact with their local area, available locations and demographics. The role of the BCSRDF will be assist to the best of its knowledge and resources. We shall need to know what clubs expect from us and shall try to design our activities to meet those needs. We need you to communicate, preferably through your Directors-at-Large, with your ideas, comments or suggestions.

It goes without saying that I have appreciated the support of all of the Executive Members and the advice and assistance they have offered. The members of the Board have taken an active role in its meetings having, individually and collectively, been keen participants at meetings and have helped to keep the Executive grounded in its responsibilities.

Learning from this year, I shall not try to speculate on what next year might bring, but hope that it goes well for all of us.

Submitted by:

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