



BC SQUARE & ROUND DANCE FEDERATION

**MINUTES OF THE B.C. FEDERATION AGM
Sunday, April 10, 2022 at 1:30 p.m.
Zoom Video Meeting**

The taking of attendance began at 1:25 p.m.

ATTENDANCE: 25 Voting Members were represented at the meeting by a total of 13 proxy holders. Thirty people attended, including Executive members: Dennis Sutton, David McVige, Pat Zeeman, Wendy Krueger, Norm Cox. Absent with regrets: Peter Tennant

The meeting was called to order at 1:38 pm. Dennis Sutton, chair, welcomed everyone. Quorum was established.

1. Additions to and Acceptance of the Agenda -- Moved Bill Cave, seconded Mae Fawcett, carried
2. Acceptance of the Minutes of the AGM of April 25, 2021 -- Moved Wendy Krueger, seconded Pat Zeeman, carried
3. Reports: Posted to the website and available there for reading

- President Dennis Sutton
- First Vice-President David McVige
- Secretary Wendy Krueger
- Past President Norman Cox
- Canadian Society Reps Pat Zeeman and Garry Dodds
- Round Dance Coordinator Connie Ritchie
- Webmaster Frank McNeil
- 1-800 Number Brian Elmer
- Four Score & More Badges Connie Ritchie
- Sillery Award Committee
- Victoria and District Caller/Teachers Association Region 1
- Lower Vancouver Island Western Square & Round Dance Association Region 1
- Fraser Valley Square and Round Dance Association Region 2
- Okanagan Square and Round Dance Association Region 3
- Caller Cues Dancer Association Region 5
- Upper Vancouver Island Caller/Teachers Association Region 8
- Thompson-Shuswap Square and Round Dance Association Region 9
- Vancouver Island Clogging Instructors Association

4. Motion to Accept Reports -- Moved Pat, seconded Mae, carried
5. Business Arising from the Reports – None. Dennis expressed in his newsletter frustration about Covid-19, and we need to have a lot of fortitude and flexibility to find new dancers and maybe new callers and cues.

6. Treasurer's Report -- Pat presented financial reports by sharing on screen. Pat explained that because our fiscal year ends June 30th, our financial reports will be presented at the fall adjournment of this meeting. Outstanding payables at this moment are approximately: for the Zoom account \$220, for website hosting Trilogy Solutions \$420, stamps \$90, annual reports about \$100. One issue members should be aware of with our financial reports going forward is that the gift from the Building Fund of \$100K had to be included as income in 2019 when received, with a huge surplus that year. The grants being paid out look like a loss, but they are being covered by the gift. We need to keep this in mind when reading the statements.

NOTICE OF MOTION FOR THE AGENDA OF THE FALL ADJOURNMENT: MOVED THAT the British Columbia Square & Round Dance Federation instruct the Treasurer to refund all DANCER / CALLER / CUER / LEADER dues received for the July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021 fiscal year and for the July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022 fiscal year. Refund will be either by way of a cheque for the amount received payable to the organization which paid the dues, or by way of offering a credit for the July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023 fiscal year to the organization which paid the dues, at their option. Any cheque which is not cashed or credit which is not acknowledged by the recipient organization will be deemed to be a donation to the British Columbia Square & Round Dance Federation six months after the approval of this motion. The refund is to be charged to the fiscal year in which the funds were received and any funds that become a donation will be deemed to be received in the fiscal year in which the funds were received. For clarity, dues paid on behalf of an Association or Club are not to be refunded (because the voting members must pay to be registered as a voting member.) Moved Pat, seconded Diane O'Hara.

The total to be refunded is estimated at \$4035 received in 2020-2021 and \$3675 for 2021-2022. Dennis acknowledged Pat and Garry for their work on the financials.

7. Old Business --

- i. CSRDS Fees & Insurance 2022-2023 – Garry and Pat reported these fees will be set at the Society meeting in Fredericton NB.
- ii. BCSRDF Fees 2022-2023 – The Cox/Langtry motion (in New Business) to change the fees was withdrawn from our agenda because of the lack of apparent support, so our fees for all dance leaders, dancers, clubs, and associations remain at \$10 and the fee for teen and wheelchair dancers remains at no charge.
- iii. Website – Frank is asking for clubs to send him their information and he also welcomes anyone who can volunteer time to work on the website with him. Someone with some computer knowledge would be best, but extensive experience is not required. Let people in clubs know that a volunteer is being sought. Email Frank at fmcneil@shaw.ca
- iv. Handbook Revision – Dennis has been unable to get this done. He welcomes help with the project from others. Please contact Dennis dsutton9@telus.net
- v. Caller and Cuer Committee – Garry and Wendy have been joined by Kirk Rockerbie, as Pat Zeeman is unable to continue because of work commitments. This committee has a vision to research and publish information for new callers and cuers on where to find training and also about the funding available to help pay for it. Prospective callers and cuers can register now for the Cascade Callers School running in Cle Elum, WA early this July. Dennis reminded everybody that BC Federation funds are available, and application forms and criteria are on the website.

- vi. Sillery Award Committee -- Alex Wotherspoon chairs that committee. No nominations were received for 2022. March 31, 2023 is the next due date for nominations. Nomination forms are on the website.
- vii. Grants and Bursaries – David reported on the grant applications that were received and paid out. Grants by category were: Class Advertising 4, Restart 7, and New Dancer Class 1. We heard from a Voting Member club that spent money on advertising and had their money wasted when Covid-19 restrictions shut them down. Executive members encouraged them to send in a special request for help with the full amount of those lost funds. Dennis encourages the Directors at Large to let their regions know that for the purposes of applying for the grants approved at last year’s AGM, dancing will be deemed to have been allowed to restart as of April 1, 2022. Grants are available for one full year, until March 31, 2023. It was not part of the original motion, but mention is made that if funds were received and not used, the Federation would appreciate receiving the money back.
- viii. Marketing Initiatives – no volunteers have come forward to form committee. Brian explained a problem and requested the BCSRDF restore the web location DancingKeepsYouYoung.ca which is essential to be able to send people to the video on YouTube. Confirmed the cost of the domain www.dancingkeepsyouyoung.ca would cost about \$15 per year so the executive decided to restore it. Frank will contact Trilogy Solutions to do this. Google offers a grant opportunity that Brian has found, for not-for-profits to receive search engine optimization for their ads on Google. Brian will prepare a recommendation for consideration of the executive committee regarding this marketing initiative.
- ix. Virtual Dance Calendar – Frank can set clubs up with their events on the calendar. Please send him an email at fmcneil@shaw.ca.

8. New Business

- i. Norm and Betty withdrew this motion.
~~Motion: "Whereas the Cost of Holding Regular Meetings has been reduced due to Zoom meetings and whereas we are a Not For Profit Organization, therefore I, Norm Cox, move that the B.C. Federation Annual Fees for the year 2022-2023 be set at \$5.00 per Member and club and association fees for the same period be set at \$5.00 per Club and Association." Seconded Betty Langtry~~
- ii. Financial Review and Budget – this item will be covered in detail at the fall adjournment of the AGM. The fiscal year end is June 30, 2022. Financial statements and reports will be prepared following that date.
- iii. Fall adjourned AGM – a date in October 2022 is anticipated.
- iv. Election of Officers – Chaired by Norm Cox
The president, secretary, and treasurer have offered to continue and no others were nominated, so Dennis Sutton, Wendy Krueger, and Pat Zeeman are declared elected to their

positions for the next term. Nominated for 1st Vice President is Mae Fawcett of Region 3. Hearing no other names on 3 requests, Mae Fawcett is declared 1st Vice President. Nominated for 2nd Vice President is Russell Storry of Region 8. Hearing no other names on 3 requests, Russell Storry is declared 2nd Vice President.

10. Any Other Business –

- i. Garry reports that dance leaders, who need to be licensed in Canada to play music at dances, are waiting for current negotiations to be concluded on the fees. A committee of callers and dance leaders are working on this with Entandem, which administers the billing for Re-Sound and SOCAN. There is a recent letter posted on the Federation website explaining what has happened so far. Please mention to associations to make sure your callers, cuers, and dance leaders know about this. The degree of confidence with Entandem is low, because every time one talks to them, they are completely disorganized for one, and they consistently ask for names and numbers of other people the caller knows who are dance leaders. Our dance leaders have not had to report on our dance attendance, but in the future, we will have to report to Re-Sound and pay their fee based on those reports. On our website we have a listing of our dance leaders available to anyone visiting the site which for personal security should be behind a password. Frank will look into this.
- ii. Brian asked for clarification on the purposes stipulated for the use of the money in the gift received from the Building Fund Committee of Region 2 in March of 2019. The Secretary could not quote from materials she had at hand. Dennis reported that he and Jean Wood discussed this with members of the Building Fund Committee who gave the gift, and they left the use broadly stated as for the good of square and round dancing in BC.

11. Next Director's Meeting – will be at the call of the executive

12. Motion to adjourn – Norm Cox at 2:58 p.m.

Secretary's note: On Mon, April 11, 2022 confirmation was received from the webmaster, Frank McNeil, regarding the Federation's "Dancing Keeps You Young" promotional video on YouTube. He advises that the "referral" address DancingKeepsYouYoung.ca is now active and it redirects people to the actual location of the 10-minute video at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=my8Ckx0bGG4>

A search for dancingkeepsyouyoung.ca all in lower case text (no capital letters) will also on-connect to the YouTube video. This video was commissioned by the Federation and is a good link to send non-dancing friends and family. Sincerest appreciation goes out to Frank for expediting the referral address activation.



The Purpose of the Federation 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