

**MINUTES OF B.C. FEDERATION RESUMED AGM**  
**Sunday, October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 1:00 p.m.**  
**Zoom Video Meeting**

**Attendance and Quorum:**

The taking of attendance began at 12:58 p.m.

ATTENDANCE: 21 Voting Members were represented at the meeting by a total of 12 proxy holders. 18 people attended in person, including Executive members: Dennis Sutton, Mae Fawcett, Pat Zeeman, Wendy Krueger, Norm Cox.

Regrets were received from Russell Storry, Wendy Trudel, Barb Guenette

The meeting was called to order at 1:02 pm. Dennis Sutton, chair, welcomed everyone. Quorum was established.

Welcome & Opening Remarks – Dennis Sutton

1. Additions to and Acceptance of the Agenda

2. Acceptance of the Minutes of the AGM of April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Moved Pat Zeeman/ Connie Ritchie; carried.

3. Correspondence: BC Government regarding the proclamation—See Other Business, item ii.

Penticton Peach Festival –correspondence with Susan Boyd who received some responses to the recent Peachfest questionnaire. See Other Business, item v.

4.. Treasurer’s Report, Financial Review and Budget—Pat Zeeman

Please see financials attached.

Treasurer’s comments: Income and Expense comparisons July 2021 to June 2022—of particular interest is the increase in the expense for the 1-800 number. We hope that means increased interest in our activity. These documents are not final because we have yet to vote on the motion to refund dues received in 2020-2021 and 2021-2022. Bob Primeau has offered to review our financial statements (Bob is former CRA employee experienced in reviewing books for non-profits). Motion to accept these documents as presented Pat Zeeman/ Wayne Townsend; carried.

As at year end June 30, 2022 \$152, 616.51 on hand

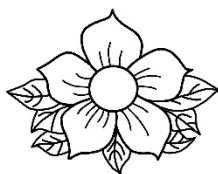
Budget for July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023. Based on Pat’s estimates, the budget is projecting a loss of \$42,859 most of which will come out of the building fund gift.

Caller/cuer grants are missing from the special expenditures list.

Suggestion to edit the budget to add a line to the income and expense statement (at the bottom) showing the cost of grant items that come out of the building gift or interest from another fund thus giving a truer picture of our actual operating expenses.

Pat accepted and will make amendments suggested.

Motion to accept the budget subject to the verbal amendments suggested—Pat Zeeman/Norm Cox, carried



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The restart grants are available until March 31, 2023 per April 10, 2022 AGM minutes item 7.vii. Members should send applications to Mae Fawcett, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, who chairs the committee with Norm Cox and Wendy Trudel as members.

5. Motion: Pat Zeeman, Treasurer

**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. Moved Pat Zeeman (treasurer), seconded Diane O’Hara (Region 2). Carried**

Context and Details of this Motion: 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 today’s date, the date of approval of this motion, which makes it 16<sup>th</sup> April, 2023.

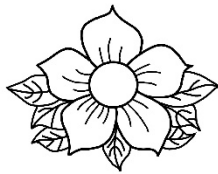
The refund is to be charged in our financials to the fiscal year in which the funds were received and any funds that become a donation will be deemed to be received in the fiscal year in which the funds were received.

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).

The total to be refunded for dues received for 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 is about \$4000 per year.

6. Other Business --

- i. Caller and Cuer Grant Process—Garry Dodds, Kirk Rockerbie, Wendy Krueger are the Caller/Cuer Committee. Mae Fawcett volunteered to join. The committee will select a chairperson and work on the committee goals to provide current information to prospective callers and cuers for training schools and will make recommendations on changes (if thought necessary) to new caller/cuer grants for attending approved training course.
- ii. BC Proclamation of Square, Round, and Clog Dance Awareness Week—Wendy This year our application was impacted by the passing of Queen Elizabeth II. The province would only approve a single day, and it had to be after the official mourning period. So instead of September 18 – 24, it was September 24<sup>th</sup>. The Board of Directors has authorized the Secretary to request that the Lieutenant-Governor approve changing the Proclamation Date to the final week of August or first week of September. The President requested Brian Elmer draft a document of recommendations on how to use the Proclamation in a social media awareness campaign, as physical events are not viable for many clubs or associations. The Secretary will publish Brian’s suggestions to the members. The Secretary noted a



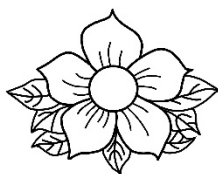
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message from a member in the chat on Zoom that September is recognized as Square Dance Month Internationally.

- iii. SOCAN/Entandem/Resound Fees—Garry Dodds advises dance leaders to pay the flat fee to SOCAN of \$74.72 plus taxes, in January. Resound then wants a report of the number of dance sessions held, and it should be under Tariff 6b. It appears the fee works out to about \$ .50 per dance. If a dance leader pays to SOCAN more than what the ReSound report generates as a fee, they can expect to get a refund from SOCAN. It appears under this new agreement that our dance leaders will be paying less than expected. Garry confirmed that novice, unlicensed dance leaders, whilst still learning, are under the main leader's licensing when they perform. Questions remain about having more than one caller in the dance.
- iv. Clubs and associations are encouraged to post their events and meetings on the BC Federation on-line calendar -- The President encourages all to email their events to Frank McNeil, the webmaster (fmcneil@shaw.ca). The BC Federation calendar is accessed by a tab right at the top of the landing page.  
A reminder, all clubs and associations can use the BC Federation Zoom account to hold meetings at no charge to them; contact Alex Wotherspoon to set those up (ajwotherspoon@shaw.ca).
- v. Penticton PeachFest Square and Round Dance Festival—Susan Boyd, long time Penticton resident and committee member of many past Peachfests is volunteer spokesperson for the event following the passing on September 17 of Bill Morey. Susan, who was unable to attend this meeting, shared her conclusion of the Festival no longer being viable by email to the Secretary. The President noted that with this time slot now available, other regions might be interested in holding an event to fill the space.

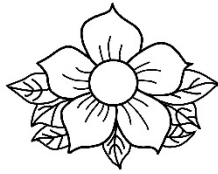
10. Next Meetings—planning ahead for the Spring BC Federation AGM April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2023 1:00 p.m. and the Fall AGM October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2023 (time to be decided). If these dates are especially inconvenient to any region, association, club, please let us know right away.

11. Good of the Order: i. CALLERLAB April 24 -26, 2023 the convention will be in Sparks, Nevada. This convention is open to dance leaders and dancers.



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- ii. The BCSRDF is looking for a Region to host the next BC Square and Round Dance Festival. Wendy Krueger is making inquiries around Region 2 to form a committee to develop this idea for summer of 2025.
- iii. The CSRDS is looking for a province/region to hold the next national convention.  
Note: The CSRDS wishes to recognize the work of the committee for the 2020 National Convention planned for Surrey BC, which was cancelled due to Covid 19. The CSRDS has invited them to get a banner and doll made to commemorate their work – these are displayed at every National Convention.
- iv. There is a caller's school and a cuer's school approved by the CSRDS for Alberta to host in 2023.
- v. Celebration of anniversaries—Norm has crests of congratulation from the BC Federation that need to be requested for celebrations of club or association anniversaries.  
When an anniversary celebration is being planned, with 3 to 5 weeks lead time, contact the First Vice President, Mae Fawcett ([maefawcettsqd@gmail.com](mailto:maefawcettsqd@gmail.com) or phone 250-547-9006) with the name of the club or association, the year being celebrated, the date, time and location of the celebration. The first is for a 5<sup>th</sup> anniversary and they go by 5-year increments.  
The CSRDS recognizes club, association, and dance leader anniversaries. The CSRDS also recognizes wedding anniversaries of 50 years.
- vi. Vancouver Islanders will really miss caller/cuer couple Ray and Deb Schmidt, who are moving to Castlegar in November. Ray and Deb are planning to start a square and round dance club in Castlegar ASAP. Congratulations and best wishes to Ray and Deb!
- vii. Discussion is needed about the possible dilemma caused by using the SSD (Social Square Dance) program. It creates another list of calls and another potential division or confusion among our numbers. At dances where the SSD dancers are being included with Mainstream dancers it reduces the calls that may be used at a dance, possibly leaving Mainstream dancers unsatisfied. If SSD dancers are not to be included at bigger dances, we need to provide more SSD dances to include them. This concern needs consideration and a decision as to the guidance the Federation might provide to the clubs. (It is understood that each club has the right to decide how it will deal with this concern within their own club. It is when clubs get together for dances or when dancers visit other clubs or attend festivals, etc. that the concerns might arise.)  
Region 3 is finding SSD is helping get more dancers out, and it is important to have dances for those dancers. Mid-Island reports that mainly Mainstream dancers are returning and most West Coast dancers are not. Other areas are finding only the



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experienced dancers are coming back. This may also be a reason to have simpler dancing. An example is in Victoria where Contra dancers get only 30 minutes of instruction at each session, and they have big dances regularly.

Garry, Bill , Mae, Bob will work on getting this discussion organized for all interested members.

- viii. Happy Birthday today to Rosalyn Garnett, Region 3. Thank you for being at the meeting on your birthday, Rosalyn!
  - ix. Region 3 has a dancer turning 100 this year, celebrating in December. Will be presented the 5 Score Badge.
12. Motion to adjourn Norm Cox 2:13 p.m.