

BC FESTIVAL 2025 Meeting Minutes February 26, 2023

Location : Zoom

Attendance: Ray Maureen Alex Jean Garnet Frank Sandi Wendy

Absent: John Corrigan and Blair Wallace, Yvonne Hebein

10 AM – Welcome and Recognition of Guests (no guests). Ray opened the meeting

1. Approval of Agenda - additions/corrections; moved acceptance Wendy, Garnet, carried
2. Minutes of last meeting as circulated: Wendy read the minutes;
 - a. Acceptance of Minutes moved Maureen, Garnet, carried
3. Venue Availabilities

a. Ray - Kwantlen College Cloverdale—no facilities; Cloverdale Rodeo grounds—he contacted online and by phone to Surrey; has not spoken to anyone yet-- rodeo grounds have large spaces, Cloverdale Rec centre has 2 gyms, multipurpose rooms.

b. Dianne and David A - Abbotsford Exhibition Park - visited 4 different halls and found 3 to be satisfactory

1) Ag Rec Main Building No AC The floor is polished concrete so would need wooden flooring and large fans! There are tables and chairs and an office with a fridge

2). Ag Rec Upstairs. Elevator. AC. Great large room; sound system tables chairs with kitchen

3). Legacy Building. Upstairs AC beautiful large room. Kitchen chairs tables

4). Cadet Hall. Lg NO AC could be a very hot building in July!

DRY CAMPING. 40 - 45 units. (\$60/night?)

3 Abbotsford hotels: The Sandman, Best Western, The Clarion at Whatcom,

B) Chilliwack locations: Heritage Park is very expensive and has huge areas! Chilliwack also has the new Curling Rink and Evergreen Hall! From looking online I didn't feel it could accommodate what is needed but maybe!

c. Wendy – LSS – can't visit there till March 11th

d. Garnet – 1—Have been in contact with the Mission Recreation. They look after booking of schools. Not a productive conversation at this point. But was not rejected.

2---Talked with the Best Western in Mission re---conference rooms---Big rooms but all carpet.

3---Looked into the Agri-Rec in Abbotsford---best potential out here so far. But I see that's being looked at by others. Happy to support their views.

4---Looked at potential at Heritage Valley---Thought this would be a good potential initially With 3 large Banquet rooms with full facilities---however the venue was sold during pandemic and Is now health and wellness facility. They have on site accommodations and used to have a campsites To. No more

5---Inquired at St Mary's in Mission. They have a large gym and other areas big enough for what I believe we need. Including 2 large Dance Studios that my daughter has there. But not able to get a commitment from them at this point. Lots of parking and areas for camping as well.

6---I have been wondering about Harrison Hotel. They have many conference rooms. Also A community hall just up the street. People may be interested in staying in hotel. Lots of camping

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nearby, some with in walking distance.

7---George Preston Rec Centre in Langley—vinyl flooring, very large parking area, will accept RVs, have a steak house and Horse and Rider Pub, ice arena and curling area available in summer; talked about \$55 an hour.—is a 5 minute drive from Brookwood Senior Assoc we could get as well if needed. 20699 42nd Av. Maureen knows this facility. Set up a day and time to visit: Garnet, Ray and Wendy will visit tomorrow 1:30 p.m., get details on rates.

4. Correspondence/Communication Secretary recalled after the meeting: BC Federation president Dennis Sutton very supportive of this plan.

5. New Business

a. Frank – Web page: squaredance.bc.ca/bcfestival2025 is set up; Frank is posting our minutes and agendas for the committee

b. Maureen – email is set up bcfestival2025reg@gmail.com Maureen will work on getting an online registration form set up. Will also work on a spread sheet for data as registrations come in

c. Discussion of Schedule of festival: in our first meeting, we were talking about same schedule as 2017 with Trail in Wednesday night, Dancing 1:30 – 10 p.m Thursday, 10 till 10 Friday and Saturday. Trail out Sunday at another location.

This meeting we considered Trail in Thursday night, dancing 10 – 10 Fri. and Sat. , Trail out Sunday morning at same venue. This is a common schedule Ray sees at festivals.

6. Forming of Committees

a. Theme—ideas: 1. music by decades, Trail in 50's, Sat. 60-80s, Sun. 90s and forward

2. Train theme 3. Beautiful BC theme -- Jean and Sandi also liked the BC theme

b. Set goals and time lines, square footage needed for facilities: Ray, Wendy, Garnet will go through the time lines of the 2017 festival and put goals on a timeline for July 2025.

c. Ray will continue to try to talk with Surrey. Ray, Garnet, Wendy will look at George Preston,

Frank will put links throughout the Fed website for people to be aware of the upcoming festival and a call for volunteers. Jean will put together a draft for awareness advertising. Will use the dogwood with dancers symbol on our advertising (BC Federation symbol).

We favour the 3rd weekend of July 2025, the 17 to 20th dependent on venue availability.

7. Good of the Order: none this time

8. Next meeting will be Saturday, April 29th 2023, 9 a.m.

9 Adjournment – Garnet, Sandi 11:12 a.m.