

BC Square and Round Federation
Annual General Meeting, April 2023

President's Report

This report is short because I have already discussed the major progress and problems we have faced for the last year in my newsletters. These were not only circulated, but may be found on our website.

The support I have received from the executive has been outstanding considering the hurdles we have faced from COVID and its side effects on everything. Although it may be invidious to name individuals, I wish to particularly acknowledge the two members of the executive whose terms in office do not have an automatic expiry date. Both the secretary, Wendy Krueger, and the treasurer, Pat Zeeman, have continued to work unceasingly to ensure that we were able to operate smoothly as they each have through their lengthy Board membership.

Also outstanding has been the enthusiasm shown by those clubs who have made major efforts in restarting. Many have used the grants which were available to supplement their finances and costs involved with restarting. They have also received great cooperation from members returning to dancing. I am convinced that if the same enthusiasm in recruiting new dancers is shown for the new season starting in September, that we shall gradually be able to rebuild our favorite activity.

It has become clear within the last year that we have one more major problem to face. That is the loss whether through retirement, moving, health or other personal factors, of callers, cuers and leaders. Without them, square dancing in its varying forms will cease to exist. We expect to be able to make proposals to associations and clubs to assist their members coming forward and showing a desire to fulfill this essential role.

Finally, a reminder. The Zoom membership purchased by the BCSRDF is available free of charge to all clubs and associations but has not been used to its potential. We have saved both time and money, particularly travel time to and from meetings, and believe that greater advantage could be taken of this facility.

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