



***BC SQUARE & ROUND DANCE FEDERATION***

**MINUTES OF THE B.C. FEDERATION AGM  
Sunday, April 30, 2023 at 1:00 p.m.  
Zoom Video Meeting**

The taking of attendance commenced at 12:48 p.m.

Members of the Board

Executive members: Dennis Sutton President, Mae Fawcett 1st Vice President, Pat Zeeman Treasurer, Wendy Krueger Secretary, Directors at Large: Kirk Rockerbie, Alex Wotherspoon, Lyle O'Hara, Dianne Wilson, Brian Elmer, Bill and Jan Cave, Norm Hopland, Gordon Ruedig, Wendy Trudel

Voting Members represented by proxy were 34.

Region 1 - 8 members

Region 2 - 9 members

Region 3 - 4 members

Region 5 - 2 members

Region 8 - 7 members

Region 9 - 4 members

Regrets from Norm Cox, Past President

Welcome from Dennis Sutton at 1:00 p.m. Everyone introduced themselves by name and town.

1. Additions to and Acceptance of the Agenda – add agenda item New Business to adopt the recently edited Leadership Grant page, add resignation 2<sup>nd</sup> VP Russell Storry, and note the friendly amendment to the motion from Wendy Krueger and Bob Simpson. Acceptance moved Mae Fawcett, Wendy Trudel, carried.

2. Acceptance of the Minutes of the AGM of April 10, 2022 and October 16, 2022 . Moved Bill Cave, Connie Ritchie, carried .

3. Reports: Frank, webmaster, has posted them all on the website. The chair called for any verbal additions to reports. Dennis added that Square Dance Awareness Week will be Aug. 27<sup>th</sup> to September 2<sup>nd</sup> 2023, to have it in advance of classes starting, hoping it will spark some new dancers to join. Wendy Trudel pointed out that in the report from INFOLINE the details of names, phone numbers, email addresses are privacy concerns but it is posted on the website; there was agreement from the meeting and the webmaster immediately removed it from the website for that reason. Dennis suggested using index cards for contacts with interested parties instead of a notebook. He also referred people to the Vancouver and District Caller/Teachers report to find out about the use of community Facebook pages for advertising. Lyle reported a year end dance was held in Region 2 on April 29 for new dancers, the program was calls up to SSD Lesson 9, and there were 5 or 6 squares dancing.

4. Motion to Accept Reports -- Connie /Pat, carried

5. Business Arising from the Report-- The Secretary was asked to forward the dates of the Square, Round and Clog Dance Awareness week notices to the Valley Circle and Cross Trail News.

6. Treasurer's Report – Pat Zeeman – Pat gave her preliminary report; the final reports for the year will be presented at the fall AGM session.

7. Old Business --

- i. CSRDS Fees & Insurance 2023-2024 – Garry and Pat ; CSRDS has not yet proposed any increase to fees; CSRDS AGM 2023 will be in Lacombe AB in September for the Alberta annual Provincial Festival. All are welcome to the festival and the meeting.
- ii. SOCAN, Entandem, Resound agreement – Garry—there is now an agreement in place between the CSRDS and Entandem. The SOCAN fee is a flat fee of about \$74 a year. As long as there is a licensed caller or cuer playing the music on the program, there is no special license needed for special dances. The ReSound agreement says there needs to be a report made and the licensed leader will pay \$0.47 per dance. We cannot yet rely on these three bodies' accounts to be correct. Some dance leaders have been promised refunds that haven't been processed. Garry will look into the discrepancies he is told about. Contact for Garry [garryd@dz-dancing.com](mailto:garryd@dz-dancing.com)
- iii. BCSRDF Fees 2023-2024—Pat as Treasurer sees no reason to change the annual fees. Moved Pat that the BCSRDF fees remain unchanged /seconded Mae Fawcett. Carried.
- iv. Website improvements-- Frank –has been working on making things easier to find, redesigning some of the pages. He accepts suggestions of ways to improve pages. He's had a suggestion of calling equipment for sale to be posted there. Where individuals are identified on the webpage, for security for members and dance leaders, he puts emails and phone numbers only. For additional security, some may set up a separate email account to keep square dance business separate from personal. Contact for Frank [fmcneil@shaw.ca](mailto:fmcneil@shaw.ca)
- v. Sillery Award Committee -- Alex Wotherspoon –Merv Meyer has retired from the committee and Connie Ritchie has accepted the appointment to that committee. Our thanks to both Merv and Connie. The Federation website has all the details under the "Home" listing for the Sillery Award. Nominations are sought for this award yearly by the end of March. Here is the link to this page: [squaredance.bc.ca/sillery-award/](http://squaredance.bc.ca/sillery-award/)
- vi. Grants and Bursaries – Mae and Pat – Just under \$27,000 in grants were distributed. The Treasurer proposes the following motions A and B. Because these motions were not presented to the membership with the required 21 days' notice, the meeting entertained motions to waive that notice.

Motion to waive the 21-day notice necessary to present a motion to this meeting—Wendy T/Connie.  
Carried

A. WHEREAS the three grants intended to assist with returning to dancing post-COVID-19 have now expired (as of March 31, 2023); and

WHEREAS not all clubs in British Columbia were able to take advantage of the Class Advertising Grant;

MOVED by PAT ZEEMAN, Treasurer; Seconded by NORM COX, Past President, THAT the Class Advertising Grant remain available for one further year, to March 31, 2024.

For clarity, the terms of the Class Advertising Grant are as follows:

1. A one-time **Class Advertising Grant** of up to a maximum of \$500 per member club be made available to all current member clubs of the B.C. Square and Round Dance Federation who re-register with the Federation, who are planning a class to attract new dancers, and who submit an Application for the Class Advertising Grant.
2. A Committee be struck, chaired by the First Vice President of the Federation, to review the Class Advertising Grant applications, with emphasis on the following criteria:
  - a. The member club must have an approved restart plan to meet the directives outlined by the B.C. Public Health Office, and the plan must have been approved by the owner/operator of the hall where the member club is going to hold the classes, and the member club must have agreed to any additional conditions required by the owner/operator.
  - b. The class must be only for the purpose of attracting new dancers to our activity.
  - c. The member club must submit an advertising plan and budget.
  - d. The member club must advise whether it is Executive run, or Caller/Cuer/Leader run, and must provide justification for its need, for example, financial statements.
  - e. Additional criteria may be added at the direction of the Executive of the Federation.
3. The amount of the Class Advertising Grant to be given to each member club which submits a successful application is to be determined by the Committee, up to the maximum allowed.

For additional clarity, the Class Advertising Grant is only available to those clubs who have not already received the Class Advertising Grant.

For further clarity, the Restart Grant and Association Promotion Grant are not being extended.

Motion Carried.

Motion to waive the 21 day notice necessary to present a motion to this meeting--Connie/Wendy K. Carried

- B. WHEREAS the Guidelines for the New Dancer Class Funding Grants state that these Grants may be applied for once every two years; and

WHEREAS our activity is in need of new dancers;

MOVED by PAT ZEEMAN, Treasurer; SECONDED by Norm Cox, Past President, THAT the limitation of one application in a two-year period be suspended for the 2023-2024 fiscal year, and all clubs who have new dancer classes in the 2023-2024 be eligible to apply for the New Dancer Class Funding Grant.

Motion Carried

- vii. Related to Grants and Bursaries, Garry informs the meeting there is money offered by organizations in the United States for caller and cuer training. Contact Garry for more information. [garryd@dz-dancing.com](mailto:garryd@dz-dancing.com)
- viii. Virtual Dance Calendar – Mae suggested a name change to the calendar to increase the incentive of using it. Frank puts things into it himself that he knows about, but everyone is invited to please send your club and association events to Frank at [fmcneil@shaw.ca](mailto:fmcneil@shaw.ca)

## 8. New Business

- i. AMENDED MOTION: Moved Wendy Krueger, seconded Robert Simpson THAT: the BCSRDF strike a committee to plan and, if feasible, run, a caller (and possibly cuer and clogging leader) school

FYI: In preparation for this notice of motion, the movers have contacted the Alberta Square and Round Dance Federation who regularly have run schools for years. They are happy to plan together and alternate their Caller and Cuer schools with ours going forward. New information: the CSRDS is planning a caller school around the time of the National Convention in Calgary in July 2024.

Bob spoke to the motion. He mentioned how important it is that the BC Federation let everyone know how to get caller training to make learning accessible. Garry spoke in favour of the motion and brought up aspects of a caller school that the committee would have to consider; he referred to work being done towards caller training by others. Brian spoke in favour of the motion and brought up a request to inquire with Barb Bizovie about the needs of the clogging community to train new leaders; he also emphasized that callers, cuers and dance leaders should put out the call and the invitation at every dance for people to try calling/cueing/leading. Mae spoke in favour of the motion and mentioned the success of Nick Turner's Zoom caller training group as an example that new interested people can make a start with some on-line presentations. Dennis summed up that this is a new step for the Federation, and he would like permission of the group to set this up.

Motion Carried

- 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, 2023. Financial statements and reports will be prepared following that date.
- iii. Nomination that the Existing Executive term be extended a further year, except for the second vice president. Moved Dennis/Mae. Carried
- iv. Fall adjourned AGM – is Sunday October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. on Zoom.
- v. Motion to waive the 21 day notice necessary to present a motion to this meeting--Wendy K. / Mae; Carried

A. WHEREAS the British Columbia Square and Round Dance Federation currently makes a loan available to groups wishing to sponsor a provincial Festival; and

WHEREAS it is felt that the current amount of \$2,000.00 is no longer sufficient;

MOVED by Pat Zeeman, Treasurer; SECONDED by Mae Fawcett, First Vice-President, THAT the British Columbia Square and Round Dance Federation increase the amount of the loan available for provincial Festival seed money to \$5,000.00.

Motion Carried

10. Any Other Business –

i. new Leadership Grant application—the Secretary has edited the application information for the Leadership Grant so it will be similar to the other current grant application procedures. Wendy will present the new format to members of the board for approval.

ii. BC Festival 2025 – Wendy is on a committee in Region 2 looking at putting on a BC Festival in July of 2025 on the weekend of Thurs to Saturday July 17 to 19<sup>th</sup> most likely to be in Langley BC.

iii. Canadian Society AGM will be in Lacombe AB Sept 1, 2023

iv. Canadian National festival will be in Calgary in 2024. Visit the website. Register to dance, call, cue, instruct! <https://squaredance.ab.ca/festival-2024-canadian-square-and-round-dance-society/>

v. In Spokane WA there is an Aug 24-27<sup>th</sup> 2023 square and round dance event called the Salmon Barbecue, and Tony Oxendine will be the featured caller; Tony also will be putting on a Caller school there.

vi. Bob offers thanks to Alex Wotherspoon for keeping our Zoom meetings going, making it possible for all to easily come to meetings, and says let's encourage our club members to come to these meetings.

vii. This Zoom platform can be used for any club, association or committee, with the limitation that the BC Federation has first priority on times. Contact Alex Wotherspoon [ajwotherspoon@shaw.ca](mailto:ajwotherspoon@shaw.ca)

11. Motion to adjourn – 3:10 p.m. made by Bill Cave



*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*