



**BC SQUARE & ROUND DANCE FEDERATION**

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**

**SUNDAY, April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024.**

Present were thirty-two individuals on Zoom; twenty-two individuals were proxy holders for 30 voting members. The President therefore declared quorum and the meeting was properly constituted.

Call to Order and Welcome 9:40 a.m. by Dennis Sutton, President.

1. Additions to and Acceptance of the Agenda –
  - a. Three additional motions came from Pat Zeeman’s Treasurer report. See them in item 6.
  - b. Two motions passed at an Executive meeting on Feb. 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023, overlooked at last year’s AGM, come forward for ratification. See them in item 7 vi.
  - c. Change to item 7 vii to talk about Region Chatter, not the Virtual Calendar.
  - d. Motion to waive the required notice for motions eligible for consideration at the meeting and accept the amended agenda. Peter Tennant / Mae Fawcett. – **Motion is carried.** One (Wendy Trudel) opposed because the proxy has no way to know what the club wants to vote on the motions.

2. Acceptance of the Minutes of the AGM of April 30, 2023 and October 22, 2023. Norm Cox/Pat Zeeman. – **Motion is carried.**

3. Reports: The following reports have been received and are posted on the website.

President Dennis Sutton

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Mae Fawcett

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Lyle O’Hara

Treasurer Pat Zeeman

Secretary Wendy Krueger

Webmaster Frank McNeil

Sillery Award Committee Alex Wotherspoon

Round Dance Chair Connie Ritchie

CSRDS representative Garry Dodds

Region 1 Dancer Association (Lower Vancouver Island) Gary Weeks/Carol Young

Victoria and District Caller/Teachers Association Kirk Rockerbie

Region 2 Dancer Association (Fraser Valley) Sandi Poje

Vancouver and District Caller/Teachers Association Wendy Krueger

Region 3 Dancer/Caller Association (Okanagan)

Region 5 Dancer/Caller Association  
Four Score and More Club Connie Ritchie

4. Motion to Accept Reports – Mae Fawcett/Diane O’Hara. – **Motion is carried.**

Dennis expressed his thanks to all who submitted their reports. He also conveyed his appreciation to everyone he has worked with since 2016.

5. Business Arising from the Reports – motion by Connie Ritchie to make up 25 more Four Score and More and 1 Five Score and More badges, seconded Wendy Krueger. -- **Motion is carried.**

6. Treasurer’s Report – Pat Zeeman –Pat read her report.

- a. Motion Pat: THAT production of the Canadian Square & Round Dance Society membership cards is made optional at the sole discretion of the Treasurer. Seconded by Norm Cox - **Motion is tabled.**
- b. Motion Pat: THAT the Treasurer be authorized as the sole signatory on any cheques up to and including the amount of \$2,500.00; any cheques greater than that amount will still require two signatures with the authorized signatories being any two of the President, the 1st Vice President and the Treasurer; and that the Bylaws and/or Policies and Procedures of the Federation be amended if necessary to reflect these changes. Seconded by Norm Cox. –**Motion is tabled.**
- c. Motion Pat: THAT the Treasurer be authorized to enquire whether the Community Account held at the Bank of Montreal can be permitted to accept and send e-transfers up to and including the amount of \$2,500.00, and e-deposits, and to make the above changes to the Account; and that the Bylaws and/or Policies and Procedures of the Federation be amended if necessary to reflect these changes. Seconded by Lyle O’Hara. – **Motion is carried.**
- d. Motion to accept the report. Pat Zeeman/ Mae Fawcett.-- **Motion is carried.**

7. Old Business –

a. CSRDS Fees & Insurance 2024/2025 – Garry and Pat –Sad news that our past CSRDS president Eric McCormack passed away April 27, 2024, in New Brunswick.

Next meeting of the CSRDS is next week Saturday for the Board of Directors. Planning for the National Convention in Calgary is going well. The Canadian Society AGM will be at the convention in Calgary, July 19, 2024 at 11:30 a.m.

b. SOCAN, Entandem, Resound agreement – Garry: Some leaders have had their accounts corrected, others are still a mess. Anyone with issues should contact Serge directly. Serge Cassano [serge.cassano@entandemlicensing.com](mailto:serge.cassano@entandemlicensing.com) 647.264.5672 | 647.760.6755

c. BCSRDF Fees 2024-2025—Pat has not proposed any increase—fees will stay the same.

d. Website improvements, security for dance leaders -- Frank has moved some things around to streamline things, changed the home page. Alexandra Lamb is helping with the graphics and layout. On the question why there is no caller/cuer list on the website, it was removed because one leader objected to all listed with addresses and phone numbers. Decision to edit the list and repost it; Frank will remove addresses and put their region and email address.

e. Sillery Award Committee -- Alex Wotherspoon – one change on the committee is with Norm Cox retiring and Dr. Blair Wallace taking his place. They should have a decision on the recipient for this year by the middle of May at the latest.

f. Grants and Bursaries – Mae and Pat – both of their reports have explained how the Federation has taken care of members who applied for financial resources.

Two motions were passed at an executive meeting on February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023 but were inadvertently left off the agenda for a General Meeting for ratification.

- i. Moved Pat Zeeman (amended from the original motion): THAT the British Columbia Square & Round Dance Federation Training Bursary be increased to a cumulative maximum of \$1,500 extended over two years for new leaders (less than 5 years' experience) and up to an cumulative maximum over two years of \$1,000 for experienced leaders in order to help dance leaders attend a recognized caller/cuer/clog dance program. Seconded Lyle O'Hara. – **Motion is carried.**
- ii. Moved by Pat Zeeman THAT a new Grant be created of up to \$500.00 for new dance leaders (less than 5 years' experience) to assist in obtaining equipment, software and/or music. This grant to be paid one time only per person. Seconded by Mae Fawcett. – **Motion is carried.**

g. Region Chatter – Mae – advised about a new space just created on the landing page of the website giving a little bit of news, like a kitchen table chat. It will make the website more interactive and supportive. Items should be submitted to the Webmaster who, after editing them for content if needed, will post them in the region's section of the website.

## 8. New Business

a. Moved Lyle O'Hara, seconded Wendy Krueger that the reimbursement per kilometer for BC Federation authorized travel be increased from \$0.40 to \$0.50. – **Motion is carried.**

b. 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, 2024. Financial statements and reports

will be prepared following that date. The books from the past 3 years are in the hands of the reviewer Bob Primeau and Pat expects to hear back from him in about a week.

CREATURE COMFORT BREAK 11:03 to 11:13 a.m.

c. Fall adjourned AGM – the date was selected: Sunday, October 27<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at 9:30 a.m. on Zoom.

#### 10. Elections – Norm Cox presiding

Nominations for President – Frank McNeil—Frank has accepted the nomination. Hearing no further nominations, Frank was elected as President.

Past President is now Dennis Sutton—Norm gave his thanks to Dennis for all his work as President.

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President – Norm asked if Mae Fawcett will let her name stand for a second term and she accepted, and hearing no further nominations, Mae was elected as 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President.

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President – Lyle O’Hara will let his name stand to continue in the position; hearing no further nominations, Lyle was elected at 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President.

Treasurer – Pat Zeeman allows her name to stand for a further year as Treasurer and hearing no objections, she was elected.

Secretary – Wendy Krueger allows her name to stand for a further term as Secretary and hearing no objections, she was elected.

Norm/Mae moved to cease the elections. --**The motion is carried.**

At this time, with the thanks of those assembled, Norm Cox left the meeting, now fully retired from his BC Federation responsibilities of the last many years.

A recent change to the Society Act requires that each nominee either provide their consent in writing or NOT object to the nomination at a general meeting. This was achieved in the meeting.

**At this time, President elect Frank McNeil took over the Chair of the Meeting.**

#### 11. Any Other Business –

- a. Motion Lyle O’Hara/Wendy Krueger: Moved THAT the BC Square and Round Dance Federation support the BC Callers School, to be held in Salmon Arm BC in June of 2024, with a monetary grant should the School not be able to achieve the required number of students to cover its expected costs as submitted in the preliminary budget of February, 2024. **Motion is carried.**

b. BC Federation recognition of Joe Witiuk, dancer in Region 2 with the Stardowners A1 club, who turned 100. Joe received his Five Score and More badge. Certificates for Joe will be requested.

c. Connie will represent the CSRDS and BC Federation to make presentations in Powell River for the 60th Anniversary celebration of Star Dusters, August 15 – 17, 2024.

d. A decision was made to have a presentation on the CSRDS liability insurance at the fall adjournment of the AGM.

12. Next Director's Meeting – called for Wednesday, May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. on Zoom.

13. Motion to adjourn – Moved Dennis Sutton 11:42 a.m.

#### ADDENDUM

##### Members of the Board in attendance

Executive members:

Dennis Sutton President

Mae Fawcett 1st Vice President

Lyle O'Hara 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President

Pat Zeeman Treasurer

Wendy Krueger Secretary

Past President Norman Cox

##### Committee Chairs

Connie Ritchie Round dance

Alex Wotherspoon Sillery Award

Frank McNeil Webmaster

Garry Dodds CSRDS rep

##### Directors at Large:

Kirk Rockerbie

Gary Weeks

Lyle O'Hara

Dianne Wilson

Brian Elmer

Bill Cave

Norm Hopland

Gordon Ruedig

Wendy Trudel

Voting Members represented by proxy were

30.

Region 1 - 8 members

Region 2 - 11 members

Region 3 - 4 members

Region 5 - 1 member

Region 8 - 3 members

Region 9 - 3 members