Minutes THE B.C. FEDERATION AGM

Must be retyped or scanned from the printed copy, because I made an error and put the minutes of the Oc. 10 meeting on top of them, and of course they save automatically now—still not used to that.

Sunday, April 28, 2024 at 9:30 a.m. Zoom Video Meeting Join Zoom Meeting

Called to order 9:41 a.m.

The taking of attendance will commence at 9:15 a.m.

Motion to waive the required notice for motions eligible for consideration at the meeting. Peter Tennant Mae Fawcett, carried. 1 E=Wendy Trudel.opposed because the proxy has no way to know what the club wants to vote on the motions.

- 1. Additions to and Acceptance of the Agenda
 - a. Three motions came from Pat Zeeman, Treasurer. See them in item 6. Two motions passed at Executive meeting Feb. 2023:
 - b. Wendy asks to add Region Chatter Mae
- 2. Acceptance of the Minutes of the AGM of April 30, 2023 and October 22, 2023 Norm Cox/Pat Zeeman, carried.
- 3. Reports: The following reports have been received and are posted on the website

President Dennis Sutton

1st Vice President Mae Fawcett

2nd 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 – Dennis expressed his thanks to all he has worked with since 2016.

Mae Fawcett/Diane O'Hara, carried.

- 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.
- 6. Treasurer's Report Pat Zeeman –Pat read her report, see attached.
 - 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 etransfers up to and including the amount of \$2,500.00, and eDeposits, 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 –

- i. CSRDS Fees & Insurance 2024/2025 Garry and Pat –Sad news that our past 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.
- ii. SOCAN, Entandem, Resound agreement -- Garry Some leaders have had their accounts corrected, others are still a mess. Anyone with issues should contact Serge directly, see the contact in Garry's report.
- iii. BCSRDF Fees 2024-2025—Pat has not proposed any increase—fees will stay the same.
- iv. Website improvements, security for members and dance leaders -- Frank has moved some things around to stream line 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.

- v. Sillery Award Committee -- Alex Wotherspoon one change on the committee 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.
- vi. Grants and Bursaries Mae and Pat both of their reports have explained how the Federation has taken care of their members.

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

- a. Moved Pat Zeeman (amended from the original meeting): 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 accumulative 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.**
- b. 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.
- vii. Region Chatter Mae talked 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. Send your news to Frank McNeil, webmaster, and read each other's news there.

8. New Business

- i. Moved Lyle O'Hara, seconded Wendy Krueger that the reimbursement per kilometre for BC Federation authorized travel be increased from \$0.40 to \$0.50. **Motion is 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, 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 and Pat expects to hear back from Bob Primeau in about a week.
 - iii. Fall adjourned AGM a date of Sunday, October 27th, 2024 at 9:30 a.m. on Zoom. CREATURE COMFORT BREAK 11:03 11:13 a.m.

10.Elections – Norm Cox presiding

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

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

1st Vice President – Norm asked if she will let her name stand for a second term and she accepts, and hearing no further nominations –Mae is elected as 1st Vice President

2nd Vice President – Lyle O'Hara will let his name stand to continue in the position; hearing no further nominations, Lyle is elected at 2nd Vice President

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

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

Norm/Mae moved to cease the elections. Carried.

Each nominee must 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, Frank McNeil took over the Chair of the Meeting.

- 11. Any Other Business –
- a. motion Lyle O'Hara/Wendy Krueger: Moved by Lyle O'Hara, 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. Certificates for Joe will be requested.
- c. Connie will represent the Federation going to Powell River for their 60th Anniversary.
- c. Agreement to have a presentation on the CSRDS liability insurance at the fall adjournment of the AGM.
- 12. Next Director's Meeting –
- 13. Motion to adjourn Moved Dennis Sutton 11:42 a.m.