



BC SQUARE & ROUND DANCE FEDERATION
General Meeting
MINUTES

Held April 27th, 2025, 9:30 AM on Zoom

A.Welcome—Frank McNeil

B.Call to Order 9:38 a.m.

C.Attendance: Was taken, 30 individuals attended. Voting members represented by proxy were 19. See Addendum: Attendees' list

D.Acceptance of the minutes of the last (special) general meeting Oct. 27, 2024: Mae F/Dianne W; carried

E.Additions to the Agenda –

Added to New Business 5: Jim Ellis suggests the Federation assist clubs with advertising with plastic lawn signs

Suggestion of leadership training for the executive—Joe Marcotte—re communication, professionalism—Frank will plan a training session.

Added to New Business 7: Suggestion of funding for developing and maintaining websites—Joe Marcotte—see Square Dance Tech

Approval of the agenda Moved Wendy K/Dennis S; carried.

F.Correspondence – Sharon Lafferty, clogging leader, emailed to let us know she is retiring this summer from Rainbow Stew Cloggers. The secretary replied to ask if another leader was coming up and had no answer yet.

G.Treasurer's Report – Pat Zeeman-- Year End financials will be presented at the AGM on Oct 19th, 2025

Pat presented preliminary financial reports from Jul. 1, 2024 to April 27, 2025

The meeting asked for the registration totals for this year /last year) :

We have 52 clubs /55 last year; the following did not renew membership: Rhythm Rounds (Vernon), Dance for Fun team (Mae F.), Black Sheep Stars (Quesnel);

8 associations/10 last year —Region 5 folded, and Vancouver Island Clogging instructors did not renew;

1193 members this year/1188 last year.

H.New Business

- 1) Amendments to the Bylaws – That Article 8.3 of the Bylaws be amended by i) deleting a typographic error, namely the reference to Article 3.6, and ii) by inserting after the word "given" the words : "together with a summary of the reason(s) for the resolution to the Secretary in sufficient time for inclusion in the proposed meeting agenda". Moved Dennis Sutton/Lyle O'Hara; Carried
- 2) Amendment to the Bylaws 9.1 to use this wording: "An Annual General Meeting is held in each calendar year." Motion to approve the amendment: Dennis Sutton/Connie Ritchie; Carried
See more on page 3 (sorry, the secretary doesn't know how to fix this formatting error)

- 3) Review “Policy for the use of personal information” that Dennis drafted to be presented at the AGM to be added to Policies and Procedures and the Federation Handbook.

Policy for the use of personal Information.

Interpretation:

- a) The word “You” or “you” means
 - i) Any Dancer, Caller, Cuer or Leader who is a member in good standing of any Club which provides membership to the BCSRDF for the uses listed herein and,
 - ii) Any Dancer, Caller, Cuer or Leader who has applied directly to the BCSRDF and has been accepted by it as a member.
- b) “BCSRDF” means the British Columbia Square and Round Dance Federation, a British Columbia Not-for-Profit Society.

Policy:

When you joined a club which reports its membership to the BCSRDF you voluntarily provided such personal information as was required or requested by that Club. Such information or some of it will be provided to the BCSRDF annually or more frequently. If that information has been updated or deleted such change may also be reported to the BCSRDF. Law permits the use of this information by the BCSRDF for specific purposes which are approved by you and your approval is assumed to have been given for its use as hereinafter noted.

USES OF THE INFORMATION

- a) To communicate with you and/or your club on matters relating to dancing and yourself;
- b) For the distribution of information relating to activities sponsored and/or supported by the BCSRDF;
- c) For its own records;
- d) To supply information to the Canadian Square and Round Dance Society for obtaining and maintaining Third Party Liability Insurance and as required for that purpose;
- e) Or as required by law to be disclosed..

Other than for the uses listed, your personal information has not and will not be divulged to any other individual or organization without your consent.

If you have any queries respecting this policy, direct them to the BCSRDF’s Secretary who shall refer them as may be required to the most appropriate person to respond.

The General Meeting recommends this policy to the 2025 AGM to be adopted as our privacy policy, and will include it in a Notice of Motion. This policy can be used by any clubs or associations. It can be amended to suit each group.

Dennis Sutton offers assistance to any club or association which has difficulty in drafting or redrafting its Privacy Policy. Dennis advises such a policy should be based on this one being brought to the Federation.

A question: who is liable if something goes awry with privacy of information? The executive. Also to note that our insurance provides coverage for this.

- 4) An informal informational meeting for BC Federation will be held at BC Festival 2025, to be scheduled. Face to face, meet the executive and everyone, serve refreshments; Mae is working on a brochure to be printed for that.
- 5) A member suggests the Federation assist clubs with advertising with plastic lawn signs with a website URL/email address —good to have this decided before August so it can help with beginner class—Frank will follow up on this idea.
- 6) Frank introduced a discussion about helping out clubs with advertising. Mae says to not create a grant for advertising, but to provide money as “club start ups”.
New club start ups have come in the interior in Lumby (Will Cullen, caller, January 2025), Kootenays (Deb and Ray Schmidt, callers and cuer, 2024), 100 Mile House (Patrick Aubert, started Sept.2024). New caller Yvonne Hebein, Region 2. Ray and Deb left a void in Nanaimo; Denise is learning to call on the island. Liz Ellis works with Allan Peterson, covers the club when Allan is away.
Brian reported that the 1-800 number still is active and the phone rings in their home. Brian responds and records the nature and result of each call.
Lyle mentioned there were 14 people at that Callers school June 2024. The new callers may not all be starting new clubs yet, have to wait and see. BC Federation can provide the courses. For clubs that exist without a caller, we can give contact information but cannot dictate who calls/cues at what clubs.
- 7) Suggestion of funding for developing and maintaining websites—Joe Marcotte—Mae shared her goal as Vice President of BC Federation is to get people going to the websites and accessing information, and working with association and club leaders to update their pages—make sure links to all clubs are current and active and working. Local, regional and provincial websites—how do we localize and how do we unify the sites? The whole umbrella of connection needs to be cohesive. In Region 2, we find there are 2 sides—getting the information and keeping it up-to-date. Clubs are very poor at giving information to the web masters. Even hiring companies to work on it won’t help this. See webpages of Region 1 and Region 8, who have newly developed websites that look nice; they used WordPress with some help from Frank. Lyle pointed out that it is in the Directors at Large responsibilities to keep the information current on all the websites and lists, but he suggests having an additional person on the BC Federation Executive whose job it is to go seeking those updates. Gary Weeks asks for the BC Federation to be the one to reach out to clubs and let them know the things we do and the things they need to do. Brian says that in Region 3, the main issue is volunteers and who has the skills to help with websites; Brian asks Frank to think about doing a session to teach a group. Frank will look into it.

8) Suggestion of leadership training for the executive—Joe Marcotte—re communication, professionalism—Frank will look into it.

9. Replacement for our long-time treasurer, Pat Zeeman (who is irreplaceable)—Vanda Stocks, treasurer for Country Cousins, has met with Pat and they have gone over the BC Federation Treasurer's job—Pat endorses Vanda as a nominee. She has 45 years' accounting experience, has been treasurer and membership secretary for many groups, and she accepts the nomination. Hurray!

10. General discussion/Good of the order.

a.2025 Cuers's School: Lyle needs 12 to break even for the cuer's school coming this July before the BC Festival 2025; The total school cost is about \$9,000. He has 3 confirmed, 1 more possible. Lyle has set the fee of \$650 based on the costs; suggest asking the Federation help with the costs. Noted that BC Federation has BC dance leader grants and FVSRDA is offering financial support for people from Region 2. BC Federation paid out \$13,000 to caller students last year; suggest that the BC Federation cover up to \$4000 of the school.

Motion: THAT BC Federation provide \$4,000 to the Cuers school so the administrator, Lyle O'Hara, can reduce the tuition to \$350 for all, and reduce the amount of the grant available to BC attendees by \$300 (which will make that grant \$1,200 available to new cuers). Moved by Lyle O'Hara/Garry Dodds; carried.

b.New BC Federation newsletter from Frank will be posted later today, and sent to Wendy to go out via the Directors at Large, Valley Circle, Cross Trail News (on line)

c.Guys 'n' Gals New Dancer class is starting today April 27, contact Tyler for details 604-817-9350.

d.May 4th Spring Roundup, LVIWSDA and Victoria & DCTA joint dance at Colwood Community Hall--panel of cuers and callers; see Cross Trail News online for details.

e.65th Anniversary of the Fraser Valley and the Valley Circle to be celebrated at Kennedy Hall May 25th; see Region2.squaredance.bc.ca for details "The Valley Circle On line"

f.May 25th Star Country Squares, Vernon, is having their 2nd annual Sock Hop, d May 24, Plus Dance with Nelson Reeme noon -3
May 25 Sock Hop with Gord Ruedig 2:30- 4:30
Pre-rounds Peter and Stella Tennant 2:00 - 2:30

g.May 28 Colwood Hall benefit dance, 8 p.m. All proceeds donated to the hall. Details in Cross Trail News online.

h. June 1st dance with Brent Mawdsley at Nanoose Bay. Details in Cross Trail News online.

i. Chase the Fun weekend with Steve Edlund is on Father's Day Weekend June. Search Chase the Fun online.

j. Free advertising for all events on the Cross Trail News – Region 1 website

k. Summer dancing Fraser Valley—Sunday afternoons in Aldergrove and Sunday evenings at Kennedy Hall, every Sunday except Aug. 3rd. More details will be on Region 2 calendar, the Valley Circle Online.

l. Summer dancing in Region 1--starting June 4th, every Wednesday evening except July 30, 8 p.m. alternating between Colwood Community Hall and Cordova Bay United church hall; see the Cross Trail News for details

m. Notice of the loss of caller/cuer Dwight Fry—with sorrow we pass on the news the caller/cuer Dwight Fry of Trailblazers, Victoria, passed away from cancer this month.

11. Next Board of Directors meeting: September 21, 2025, 9:30 am on Zoom

12. 2025 Federation AGM: October 19, 2025, 9:30 am on Zoom

13. Motion to adjourn: Connie Ritchie 11:13 a.m.

Addendum: Attendees' list

Executive members:

President Frank McNeil

1st Vice President Mae Fawcett

2nd Vice President Lyle and Diane O'Hara

Treasurer Pat Zeeman

Secretary Wendy Krueger

Past President Dennis Sutton

Directors at Large:

Region 1 –Lower Vancouver Island-- Gary Weeks, Kirk Rockerbie

Region 2—Fraser Valley-- Dianne Wilson (absent—John Corrigan)

Region 3—Okanagan-- Rosalyn Garnet, Brian Elmer

Region 9—Thompson Shuswap--Wendy Trudel (absent—Steve Stent)

Absent: Region 4—Kootenays—Deb and Ray Schmidt

Region 8—Upper Vancouver Island—Gordon Ruedig, Norman Hopland

Canadian Society Rep

Garry Dodds

Voting members represented by proxy were 19

Region 1 Lower Vancouver Island

Victoria and District Caller/Teachers Association

Mavericks

Rainbow Rounders

Star Twirlers

Region 2 Fraser Valley

Vancouver and District Caller/Teachers Association

Surrey Square Wheelers

Stardowners

White Rockers

Circle 8's

Valley Promenaders

Abbotsford Grand Squares

Chilliwack Rhythm Reelers

Town 'N' Country Dancers

Chuckwagon 8's

Region 3 Central Okanagan

Westside Youth

Westsyde Squares

Star Country Squares

Region 8 Upper Vancouver Island

Island Gems

Region 9 Thompson Shuswap

Salmon Arm Squares

Proxies registered but absent

Upper Vancouver Island Caller/Teachers Association

Bastion City Cloggers