

British Columbia Square and Round Dance Federation

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting

Sunday, October 19th, 2025 on Zoom

Starts at 9:30 a.m.

1. Call to Order 9:31 a.m. Frank McNeil, President
2. Attendance opened at 9:00 a.m. Quorum is established with 31 voting members represented.
3. Approval of Minutes of last meetings:
Minutes of the AGM held on Sunday, April 28, 2024—moved Dennis/Wendy K.; carried.
Minutes of the adjourned AGM held on October 27, 2024—moved Wendy K/Diane O'Hara; carried.
Minutes of the General Meeting held on April 27, 2025—moved Dennis/Dianne W; carried.
4. Additions to the Agenda and Approval of the Agenda—added 2026 National Festival—moved Dennis/Connie; carried. (Section 8 of the agenda was edited during the meeting to include the missing wording of Motion 1)
5. Correspondence and Business Arising from Correspondence
 - a. Notification was received earlier this year from Nick and Mary Anne Turner of Williams Lake that our Region 5 Square and Round Association has dissolved.
 - b. Communication from Patrick Aubert, caller for Cariboo Squares, expressing interest in serving as Director at Large for Region 5. Wendy advised Patrick to reach out to other clubs in the region and update the Federation accordingly—Patrick advised in the meeting he declines the position.
 - c. Response from retiring Nanoose/Qualicum clogging leader Sharon Lafferty, confirming that she has no successor and, consequently, the Rainbow Stew club has also folded.
 - d. Notification from Barb Guenette that the Vancouver Island Clogging Instructors Association has dissolved, with her club remaining the only active clogging group on Vancouver Island.
 - e. Feedback from BC Festival 2025 stating that attendance at the Federation's informal meet and greet was low due to scheduling conflicts with leader recognition.
 - f. Reports submitted to the Annual General Meeting are posted on the website for all to read: President, 1st Vice President, Secretary, Round Dance Chair, Four Score and More, Region 1, Region 2, Region 3, Region 9, Vancouver and District Caller/Teachers Association, Upper Vancouver Island Caller/Teachers Association
6. Treasurer's Report – Presented by Pat Zeeman (see report attached)—Pat shared her screen with her financial statements for the complete fiscal year, July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025. In addition, she shared her financial statements for the beginning of this fiscal year, July 1, 2025 to October 15th, 2025. Last, Pat shared the budget developed for the fiscal year July 1,

2025 through June 30, 2026. Motion to accept proposed budget and financial statements Pat/Diane; carried.

7. Elections – Conducted by Dennis

- a. Executive member positions are up for re-election: Dennis presented nominations for Frank McNeil as President, Mae Fawcett as 1st Vice President; Wendy Krueger as Secretary; Vanda Stocks for Treasurer. Moved Dennis/Pat; carried
- b. 2nd Vice President—position is vacant; Dennis called for the nomination of 2nd Vice President three times, no one was nominated—the position remains open.
- c. The following is the draft revision of the duties of the 2nd Vice President.

- 1) In the absence or disability of the President and 1st Vice-President preside over Meetings and shall perform such duties as may be directed by the Board of Directors:
- 2) Assist the Treasurer with the preparation of the budget and, as requested, with other financial matters and policies:
- 3) Maintain an overview of the Federation's Constitution, Bylaws and Policy Documents to ensure they are up to date with changes in Legislation, Regulations and the Federation's operations and requirements:
- 4) Be responsible to ensure the Federation's Executive and Board of Directors has an effective liaison with all Associations, Clubs and members who have registered directly with the Federation to ensure a two way flow of information, requirements and ideas.
- 5) Be the liaison with the organizer of Caller, Cuer, Clogger teaching or training classes and ensuring the Executive is aware of and can provide assistance as needed and approved.

8. Business from the General Meeting of April 27, 2025

- a. Motion 1 to amend bylaw article 8.3 (b) to correct a typographical error and add language to make the resolutions we bring forward better explained and more timely, as presented by Dennis Sutton (See Addendum 1.) Dennis/Lyle/Wendy; carried.
- b. Motion 2 to amend bylaw article 9.1 to hold one AGM per year instead of separate Spring and Fall meetings. Dennis/Lyle/Daphne Green; carried.
- c. Presentation of the Privacy Policy for the use of personal information. (See Addendum 1 Resolutions.) Dennis/Pat; carried.
- d. 2026 National Festival—Wendy—current registration 214; have been able to accept credit card payments since the beginning of October. Early registration goes till December 31, 2025, the price increases January 1st, 2026; we have eight hotels offering rates somewhat reduced from the 2026 rates and please note the cut off dates for those room blocks; décor is around the history of square dancing in Penticton. The colours are the blue and peach that is in our advertising posters and website. We are looking for someone to head up getting a pattern for an apron for

ladies and a necktie for men and sourcing fabric in our colours that we can publish on the website. One dry camping site at the Okanagan Falls Royal Canadian Legion is offered which can accommodate between 12 and 18 rigs with special price of \$10 a night for Legion members, \$20 a night for others.

Slogan “BC’ing U in Penticton” —Dennis, Vanda, Wendy like it.

More members are welcome, please email Dennis or Wendy to join the committee.

9. Discussion of the Caller School scheduled in Penticton prior to Festival 2026. Support for the Caller School was approved in principle at the Board of Directors meeting on September 21, 2025, with Garry Dodds agreeing to serve as Coordinator.

Barry Clasper and Dottie Welch are the instructors— Students of all levels are welcome to register. Barry and Dottie are “not worried about” remuneration as long as their accommodations and food are covered; Lorne Smith and Garry will be there as assistants. A suitable venue within the budget is being sought. The Sandman Inn has put aside a room block at 2024 rates for the hotel rooms for attendees. Garry makes a request for someone in Penticton to check out venues.

Other venues suggested by Brian Elmer: The Penticton Seniors Drop In Centre on South Main Street in Penticton and the Harold Simpson Memorial Youth Centre in Summerland

There are 11 expressions of interest for students already. They want an enrollment of 20 -24 students.

Mae offered assistance with food at the school. The Federation Executive was asked by Garry and Pat for the acceptance of the plan to keep the finances all separate from the Federation until the books are closed, and then to provide some seed money if needed; acceptance was granted, and seed money is available if needed.

10. Update on Region 5: The Federation currently has no association representing the Cariboo/North area (formerly Region 5). Clubs remain active in Dawson Creek, Prince George, Vanderhoof, Williams Lake, and 100 Mile House. Consideration of reaching out to these clubs regarding re-establishing the Region 5 Association.

Ask the secretary to send information to all the northern clubs describing activities of associations;

Lorna Beatty at Vanderhoof Drifting Squares reported she is lucky to get a square and they are families with children as young as five years old. Other northern clubs are also small; it depends on the make up of the club to know whether people would even want to meet. Gary Weeks spoke about what is an association’s purpose and mentioned in Region 1 at the association they work out their local scheduling to keep dances on separate nights; have association dances, celebration dances. From 100 Mile House the nearest clubs are an hour away and 4 hours away.

Diane reported on her and Lyle’s trip to the North—2 squares in 100 Mile House, 3 squares in Williams Lake, 2 squares in Prince George, Dawson Creek had almost 3 squares. Clubs

told them weather and distance are always factors in their travel. They love to have visitors and share their experiences.

11. Assistance is available for advertising, starting new clubs, and developing or maintaining websites. Contact the executive for more information. The \$250 new dancer class grant is meant to assist, not meant to pay the whole bill. Brian Elmer talked about the need to raise awareness about our activity and asked what the Federation can do to build awareness, which is the top of the marketing funnel. We need much more awareness. Region 2 promotion committee recently ran advertising in the Coffee News for awareness and spent about \$6,000. Patrick and Lee have called at a dude ranch over the summer multiple times and saw people gain a new awareness; we need to be visible in parades and out in the public.
12. Announcements / Good of the Order
 - a. 2025 BC Festival final report—is pending, waiting for the School District of Langley to sort out their financial dealings with the high school. The profit at the end should be about \$11,000.
 - b. Reminder from the Canadian Society, that if a caller, a cuer, a dance leader, or a club or association is celebrating a milestone the CSRDS recognizes every 5 years after 25 years. Pat and Garry attend these celebrations on behalf of the Society where possible.
 - c. Membership cards for the CSRDS were sent out to the clubs mid-year this year; we've heard that some provinces don't print the cards. Third party liability limit is \$5 Million, \$2 Million limit for Directors and Officers legal liability, and \$2 million for Tenants Legal Liability
 - d. Secretary's note added following the meeting: apologies for the inconvenience caused by her using the waiting room on Zoom. In future, the waiting room will be disabled so attendees can enter the meeting without delay.

13. Next Board of Directors meeting: To be announced early in the new year.

14. Motion to adjourn 10:55 a.m.—Mae Fawcett

Addendum 1: Resolutions

1. Resolution #1: Amendment to Article 8.3 (b) was carried

Article 8.3 (b) is to be amended by removing the reference to Article 3.6 and inserting the following language after the word “given”: “together with a summary of the reason(s) for the resolution to the Secretary in sufficient time for inclusion in the proposed meeting agenda.”

Explanation: This corrects a typographical error and ensures that voting members have sufficient time to review the reason for the resolution, seek clarification, or consider proposing amendments.

2. Resolution #2: Amendment to Article 9.1 was carried

The wording of Article 9.1 is to be deleted entirely and replaced with: "The directors of this Federation must call annual general meetings so that an annual general meeting is held in each calendar year."

Explanation: The Societies Act of BC has changed the requirements for annual general meetings. This amendment aligns the Federation's bylaws with the updated Act. The new wording is closely based on the statute. In practice, this amendment does not affect how the Federation operates, but non-compliance could result in the Federation being removed from the registry.

3. Resolution to adopt the Policy for the Use of Personal Information was carried.

"Policy for the use of personal information" is 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, C-uer 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, C-uer 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.

- 4) This policy can be used by any clubs or associations. It can be amended to suit each group.
- 5) 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.
- 6) 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.

Addendum 2 Attendees List

Executive members:

President Frank McNeil

1st Vice President Mae Fawcett

2nd Vice President Lyle and Diane O'Hara

Treasurer Pat Zeeman

Treasurer-elect Vanda Stocks

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, John Corrigan

Region 3—Okanagan-- Rosalyn Garnet, Brian Elmer

Region 4—Kootenays—Deb and Ray Schmidt

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

Absent was Region 8—Upper Vancouver Island—Denise Jensen

Canadian Society Rep

Garry Dodds

Four Score and More

Round Dance Chair

Connie Ritchie

Voting members represented by proxy were 31

Region 1 Lower Vancouver Island

Victoria and District Caller/Teachers Association

Country Cousins

Mavericks

Rainbow Rounders

Saanich Squares

Sooke Squares

Star Twirlers

(7)

Region 2 Fraser Valley

Vancouver and District Caller/Teachers Association

Abbotsford Grand Squares

Brent's Bunch

Century House

Chilliwack Rhythm Reelers

Chuckwagon 8's

Circle 8's

Guys 'n' Gals

Surrey Square Wheelers

Swinging Hubs

Town N Country Dancers

Valley Promenaders

Wesburn Wranglers

Wheeling Eights

White Rockers

(15)

Region 3 Okanagan Valley

Westside Youth

Westsyde Squares

(2)

Region 8 Upper Vancouver Island

Upper Vancouver Island Caller/Teachers Association

Bastion City Cloggers

Island Gems

(3)

Region 9 Thompson/Shuswap

Gold Classic Dancers
Salmon Arm Squares
Thompson Valley Stars—Plus and Rounds
Thompson Valley Stars—SSD and Mainstream
(4)

Individuals in attendance:

Region 1: Lynne Severance, Richard Sharman, Dale Parkin

Region 2: Connie Bryce, Daphne Green, Mark Garstin, Diane O'Hara, Pat Gerbrandt, Sandi Poje, Yvonne Hebein, Norma Ridler, Betty Klassen, Marion Freeman

Region 3: John Fawcett, Joe Marcotte

Region 5: Patrick Aubert, Lee Aubert, Lorna Beatty, Brian Johnston

Region 9: Nancy Alison