

BC SQUARE & ROUND DANCE FEDERATION

GENERAL MEETING Minutes

Sunday, April 19, 2026 on Zoom at 8:30 a.m.

Attendance: Attendance opened at 8:05 a.m. Quorum was established with 34 voting members represented. (Secretary's note: at present the Federation's voting members are 49 clubs and 3 leaders' associations. Congratulations on a 65% attendance rate!) Attendees list is ADDENDUM 2.

CALL TO ORDER Frank McNeil 8:33 a.m.

Welcome everyone

Acceptance of the minutes of the AGM of October 19, 2025 , moved—Dianne Wilson/Wendy Krueger; carried.

Agenda--additions / changes to the current agenda- Wendy Trudel wants to discuss a grant proposal for present clubs in need of financial assistance; Dennis Sutton wants to add elections for October 2026 AGM. Moved to accept Agenda with additions—Dianne Wilson/Deb Schmidt; carried

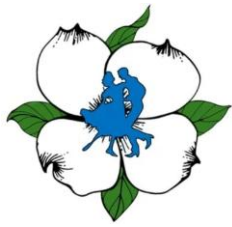
Treasurer's report – Vanda Stocks – shared her screen with the financial statements (see report attached) as of March 31st, 2026. Vanda is in the process of moving the funds to one credit union. We are down 3% overall in numbers from last year. Moved to accept the report --Vanda Stocks/Mae Fawcett; carried

Correspondence--none

OLD BUSINESS

Change in definition of duties of the 2nd Vice President -- Dennis Sutton

(This item was tabled at the January 25, 2026, BOD meeting) The chief change is specific wording for the responsibility of better communication between the clubs and the executive. Secondly is the wording to consent to the two Vice Presidents allocating the duties between themselves. (See ADDENDUM 1) Moved Dennis Sutton/ Connie Ritchie. Discussion about the wording of adjusted or allocated. The decision was made for "allocated"; this change was agreed to by the mover and seconder; Motion carried.



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Caller School report – Garry Dodds – has 22 students registered from BC, AB, SK, and WA state; several are brand-new; their profiles have been sent to the instructors, Barry Clasper and Dottie Welch; Okanagan College is booked for the venue; the graduation dance with 22 callers would be too long of a dance; caller school administrators are considering how that can be accommodated at the 2026 National Festival.

Aside: Gwenda mentioned that Nick Turner is retiring this year from Williams Lake Stampede Whirlaways; the club has a person who wants to learn to call and Gwenda asked for information about the caller school and it was provided.

National Festival 2026 report – Dennis – Registrations of 650 are needed to break even, it is around 530; see the latest newsletter—highlights are: the concession open 9:30 to 5:30 pm Thursday to Saturday; international participants are from China, USA, Germany, Australia; dancing at many levels, SSD up to Advanced, Clogging, Rounds ; PTCC has room for up to 1000 dancers; PTCC is providing us an event manager; hotels are booking up rapidly. Everyone was asked to talk to others, encouraging them to come to the Festival.

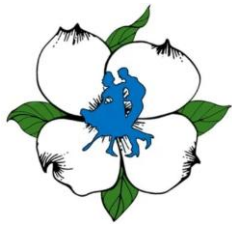
NEW BUSINESS

Grant proposal for new club start up – Dennis Sutton – Dennis drafted some proposed guidelines that were circulated. In the last months the Federation has had 3 new clubs start up, and the thought is to supporting those efforts. Please refer to the circulated guidelines. Acceptance moved Dennis Sutton/Pat Zeeman.

Discussion: the committee hasn't been established yet; the Board will develop the idea and present to the AGM in the fall; each application on its own merits because the context of each start up is individual; The motion is carried.

We will publish these guidelines, create an application form, and establish a committee.

Elections for 2026 AGM in October—Dennis: Frank and Mae are in the 3rd year of their possible 4 years. All positions are up for election. Wendy Krueger has announced she wishes to retire from Secretary; Patrick Aubert is letting his name stand for Secretary; Wendy Krueger is letting her name stand for one of the Vice Presidential positions.



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Grants proposed for current clubs—Wendy Trudel—Wend proposes that there are existing clubs that are facing a financial burden such that they may be about to fold. We have New Dancer Grant, grants for leader training.

Discussion about the possibility of such a grant. Leaders of two of our newer caller-run clubs and of another long-established caller-run club shared their experience. Many important and relevant points were shared. Dennis asks all to email him the comments they have made, which he will use in composing guidelines. An additional context could be for the Canadian Society to look into how they can support clubs, especially due to the high rents clubs have to pay. The difficulty of getting people to get involved to help with the work, like promotion, is limiting what many clubs can do on their own.

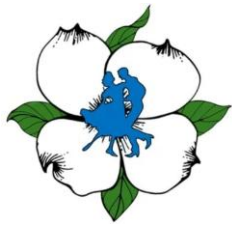
Promotional merchandise—Dennis mentioned the shirts Gary Weeks designed to give us better visibility. Information has been sent out to the clubs and associations about them. Contact Vanda Stocks, treasurer, if you didn't get the information.

GOOD OF THE ORDER –

Garry and Pat are willing to continue as our delegates to the Canadian Society. We assured them we want them, and Dennis will announce them as our delegates on the ballot for our Federation 2026 elections.

Vernon Sock Hop weekend by Star Country Squares, May 22-24 with Steve Edlund, Gord Ruedig, Peter and Stella Tennant and Ray and Deb Schmidt—see the region 3 website for a fillable registration form. They want to send their poster to all the clubs. Contact Wendy Krueger

Brian Elmer about public attendance at the 2026 National Festival—thanks the secretary for information about the Try-It Sessions on Saturday, and to watch Aquaducks Saturday 12:30 to 1:30 p.m., and to come as spectators Thursday to Saturday 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.



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Invermere Mainstream Weekend—June 12 and 13, 2026 Callers Gary Winter & Brent Mawdsley; Deb Schmidt and Arlene McLafferty Ph 2 / 3 dance on Saturday.

Chase the Fun in June 19-21, 2026—will be the 11th year. Inviting everyone. Caller Steve Edlund, cuer Sandy Meyer.

Castlegar has a Trail Out Dance following 2026 National, Sunday July 19, 2026 dancing 7 to 9:30 p.m.. Contact Ray and Deb Schmidt. See the Festival website.

Other Trail Out Dances would be welcome in another direction for people traveling in other directions. Castlegar is on Highway 3 in southeast BC.

Sillery Award—Blair Wallace—looking for nominations for the Sillery Award. Suggestion that the application could be fillable, and the signatures to be collected digitally or in an email chain. Frank, Blair, Vanda will work on that idea.

BC Federation AGM: Sunday, October 25, 2026 @ 9 am on Zoom

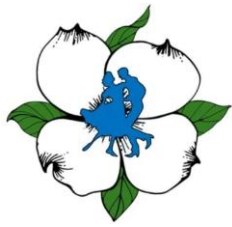
Motion to Adjourn Dennis Sutton

ADDENDUM 1. Motion on the duties of second vice president

It is hereby resolved that Clause 5.2 c) of the Federations Policies and Procedures be deleted in its entirety and the following shall replace it:

5.2 c) The Second Vice- President shall:

- 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:**



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- 4) Be responsible to ensure the Federation's Executive and Board of Directors have 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 ensure the Executive is aware of and can provide assistance as needed and approved.
- 6) Duties of the 1st and 2nd Vice Presidents may be allocated to reflect the interests and expertise of each

This motion was carried in the meeting.

ADDENDUM 2. Attendees list

Executive members:

President Frank McNeil

1st Vice President Mae Fawcett

Treasurer 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

Region 3—Okanagan-- Rosalyn Garnet, Brian Elmer

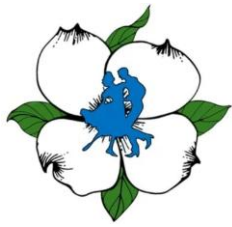
Region 4—Kootenays—Deb and Ray Schmidt

Region 9—Thompson Shuswap--Wendy Trudel, Steve Stent

Region 5 independent clubs—Patrick Aubert

Absent was Region 2 – Director at Large John Corrigan

Canadian Society Reps



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Garry Dodds and Pat Zeeman

Four Score and More

Round Dance Chair

Connie Ritchie

Sillery Award Chair

Blair Wallace

Voting members represented by proxy were 34

Region 1 Lower Vancouver Island

Victoria and District Caller/Teachers Association

Country Cousins

Rainbow Rounders

Sooke Squares

Star Twirlers

(5)

Region 2 Fraser Valley

Vancouver and District Caller/Teachers Association

Abbotsford Grand Squares

Brent's Bunch

Century House

Chilliwack Rhythm Reelers

Chuckwagon 8's

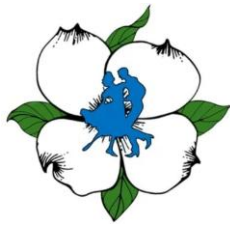
Guys 'n' Gals

Surrey Square Wheelers

Swinging Hubs

Town N Country Dancers

Valley Promenaders



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Wheeling Eights

White Rockers

(13)

Region 3 Okanagan Valley

Lumby Squares

Okanagan Clogging

Star Country Squares

Westside Youth

Westsyde Squares

(5)

Region 4 Kootenays

Kootenay Corners Square Dance Club

(1)

Region 5 Cariboo and Northern

Northern Twisters

Vanderhoof Drifting Squares

Williams Lake Stampede Whirlaways

(3)

Region 8 Upper Vancouver Island

Upper Vancouver Island Caller/Teachers Association

Bastion City Cloggers

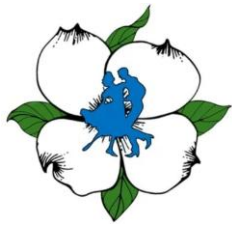
Island Gems

Star Dusters

(4)

Region 9 Thompson/Shuswap

Salmon Arm Squares



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Thompson Valley Stars—Plus and Rounds

Thompson Valley Stars—SSD and Mainstream

Wheel Arounds

(4)

Individuals in attendance:

Region 1: Richard Sharman, Mark Dumonceau

Region 2: Daphne Green, Mark Garstin, Diane and Lyle O'Hara, Sandi Poje, Yvonne Hebein, Norma Ridler, Betty Klassen, Marion Freeman, Don Allan, Judy Remenda

Region 3: John Fawcett, Joe Marcotte, Dianne Richardson

Region 5: Lee Aubert, Lorna Beatty, Gwenda Woodbury

Region 8: Stacey Ruegg, Bob Simpson

Region 9: Nancy Alison, Merv Meyer

Bernie Onderwater