

Canadian Square and Round Dance Society
Friday, July 29th, 2016
Board of Directors' Meeting (Pre-AGM) Summary
Cellini Room, Delta Regina Hotel
Regina, SK

There were seventeen Board members plus two observers present at this meeting.

The July 29th, 2016 Agenda and the May 15th, 2016 Minutes were accepted. The revision of the Honours and Awards Criteria, Guidelines and Score Sheet was not ready at this time. Board Members were encouraged to make suggestions.

The Tabled Motion made by the CSRDS Vice President was brought forward for discussion. Reasonable expenses was discussed regarding CSRDS Board members making special CSRDS presentations in their own province. After some discussion, reasonable expenses were accepted, which are similar to the expenses Board Members can claim for attending a CSRDS AGM in an off-convention year.

Our Treasurer provided us with the details of our financial situation.

At this time, a discussion arose regarding some of the CSRDS assets, namely: the CSRDS buttons. It was determined that these buttons should be sold for \$1.00 each.

Our CSRDS President expressed sincere appreciation for the Board members' support and work. The President congratulated the Chair and volunteers of Festival 2016. He announced the upcoming convention in 2018 to be held in London, ON with the same Chair and mostly the same volunteers in the same positions that they held in 2008. Our President expressed extreme concern regarding our declining membership. He is hopeful that the CSRDS Marketing Committee will be able to reverse this trend.

Our Past President reported on the revisions to the Nominations Committee and provided the list of nominees for the 2016 – 2018 Board of Directors.

The Chair of Festival 2016 was encouraged to provide observations and recommendations in their final report

Our Convention Co-ordinator expressed gratitude to the Festival 2016 Committee and all of their volunteers for their commitment and many hours of work spent in hosting this convention. He, also, reported that 2018 Festival Committee is well on its way with their organizing. The Convention Co-ordinator asked us to encourage federations/associations to host a convention for 2020 and beyond.

Festival 2018 Treasurer reported that there were 179 registrants as of this date. The facility and committee members were in place. There was one concern

expressed, and that is, the flooring required to cover approximately 24,000 square feet of space.

Our Professional Development Chair reported that there were three applicants for bursaries and one applicant for a Caller's School.

Our Honours and Awards' Chair reported that there were several nominations this year. Most of these awards would be presented at the Closing Ceremonies and one would be presented locally.

The Editor of the Director's Manual has updated all of the content of the printed version of the Director's Manual. Cross-referencing needs to be updated to match the new version of this document. The Editor provided the provincial directors with the updated version on a CD. Much gratitude was expressed for this very challenging task.

Our Historian provided input for the Manual by obtaining the latest status and contact information of Past Society Presidents and Past Convention/Festival Chairs. Again, much gratitude was expressed for this work.

Our Web Site Chair had requested a budget for the purpose of updating our present CSRDS Web Site. A budget of \$3,000.00 was budgeted for this purpose.

The Toll Free Line manager has been doing well and will continue, at least, for another year. Sincere appreciation was extended to her for the work of responding to the telephone callers requiring information.

Our Membership Chair expressed concern regarding our declining membership. He clarified the confusion as to free memberships. The insurance coverage is for registered CSRDS members only. At this time, our Membership Chair recommended that we continue with the present fee of \$3.00 per annum for dancers, callers, and leaders; and, \$5.00 per annum for federations, associations and clubs for 2017 and 2018.

Our CSRDS Marketing Committee Chair discussed the work of the first phase (re-design of the CSRDS Web site) of the Marketing Committee's tasks and all the plans for the second phase (focus on promotion).

The Chair of the Nominating Committee presented the list of the provincial nominees. At this time, he, also, identified the four executive positions. These would be voted on during the Annual General Meeting.

The two Notices of Motions were acknowledged. The Secretary identified that the date of this NOTICE was made sixty days in advance of the 2016 CSRDS Annual General Meeting as identified in the CSRDS By-Laws.

The CSRDS Board Members were informed of the AGM for July 30th, 2016 in the Lombardy Room at the Delta Regina Hotel to begin at 10:30 a.m. The Board was, also, informed of the next Board Meeting to be held on Saturday, July 30th, 2016 at 1:30 p.m. in the Cellini Room at the Delta Regina Hotel.

This summary was prepared by Lorraine Kozera, CSRDS Secretary.