

Canadian Square and Round Dance Society
Summary of the March 22nd, 2015 Board of Directors' Meeting

Attendance: All ten provinces were represented on line.

The meeting began at 4:00 p.m. CDT.

Auxiliary Membership in the Alliance of Round, Traditional and Square-Dance Inc. (ARTS-Dance organization): At first the CSRDS Marketing Team did not seem interested in participating in this organization. At the second meeting when a little more was known about this organization, there was interest shown. The Marketing Team wanted to know a little more about this organization before a firm commitment would be made for one member of the team to be the CSRDS representative on the ARTS-Dance organization. The CSRDS Board of Directors supported a one year trial period to this organization to determine whether or not it would be beneficial to continue as an Auxiliary member.

The reporting obligations under the new Not-for-Profit Act were reviewed for inclusion in the CSRDS Directors' Manual and placement on the web page.

The report of Festival 2014 that was distributed to the CSRDS Board of Directors earlier had some entries that were questioned. All Directors agreed, following further research, that no further action be taken regarding entries in Festival 2014's Financial Statement.

Revisions are being made to the Convention Guidelines: BASIC LETTER OF AGREEMENT. Suggestions were given. These suggestions will be incorporated into the working document.

Festival 2016 is searching for sponsors. The various rooms that will be required for the festival are being arranged with the hotel management. A budget will be prepared at their April 2015 Festival 2016 Committee Meeting. Registration as of the date of this meeting was 180 registrants.

The registration forms for Festival 2016 are on their web site.
<http://www.saskfestival2016.ca/>

One application had been made for a bursary. Some clarification would be needed.

There was only one nomination for Honours and Awards at this time.

The Director's Manual is being revamped. The Manual will be in two formats when it is completed. The Board was provided with a revised sample of one section of the Manual.

Revision of the By-Laws and the Regulations has been prepared. The Board members were asked to make suggestions or approve the document.

One sample of a re-development plan of the CSRDS Web Site was provided by our webmaster. Further research with quotes need to be done.

Since the beginning of January 2015, there have been fewer Toll Free Line calls.

Our membership is declining by about 6.5%. Perhaps the CSRDS Marketing Team can reverse the flow and develop methods to entice new dancers. The Membership Chair plans to prepare a clear explanation of the new rule for the new dancers that start in September.

At this point in time the CSRDS Marketing Team has not presented a budget.

The Ontario Representatives shared a document prepared by EOSARDA showing a plan, together with approximate finances required, to increase the youth dancer population into our activity.

The "Dance Across Canada Badges" are available for purchase. Contact our Treasurer at csrdsdarcybeth@hotmail.com.

The Board of Directors agreed to hold the 2015 AGM in Lacombe, AB on the weekend of September 5, 6, 7, 2015. The specific date, time and location had not been established as of this meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m. CDT.

This summary was prepared by Lorraine Kozera, Secretary.