

Canadian Square and Round Dance Society
Annual General Meeting Minutes
Lacombe, Alberta
September 6th, 2015

1.0: Attendance: There were forty-nine members in attendance.

2.0: Call the Meeting to Order: **Eric McCormack**

Due to the need for re-arranging the hall for a meeting following the afternoon dance/workshop, the Meeting was "Called to Order at 4:25 p.m. MDT".

3.0: Memorial: **Paul Burleigh**

A year has passed since we stopped to recall the influence dancers have on each other, and pay our respect to those no longer in our midst. We have had to say good-bye to some dear friends this year and think about all those known to us and those known to all the dancers across Canada who are not with us now.

Today we celebrate their lives, their laughter, their joy and their friendship and remember the good times we shared as dancers. Each of us has been touched by these friends – they were the angels who helped us get those first basic moves right, who steered us in the right direction and helped us keep our set tight.

These same characteristics are needed in life – we all need someone who helps us make the right choices, heads us in the right direction and shows us how to live.

We give thanks for all dancers who have passed away this year and we will remember them. "To everything, turn, turn, turn. There is a season, a time to be born, a time to die."

Paul, then, invited us to stand at this time, in love and respect for those people.

4.0: Acceptance of the September 6th, 2015 Agenda:

Motion: Barbara Burleigh, Rachelle Cournoyer
- that the September 6th, 2015 Agenda be accepted as presented. Carried.

5.0: Acceptance of the July 18th, 2014 AGM Minutes:

Motion: Al Ritchie, Wayne Lowther
- that the July 18th, 2014 Annual General Meeting Minutes be accepted.
Carried.

6.0: Business Arising from the July 18th, 2014 Minutes:

6.1: There was no discussion arising from the July 18th, 2014 Minutes.

7.0: Treasurer's Report:

Beth McGifford

Beth reported on the Income and Loss from July 2014 to June 2015.

* Gross Income:	\$33,147.74
* Total Expenses:	\$20,379.03
* Net Income:	\$12,768.71

Motion: Beth McGifford, Wayne Stretch

- that the Treasurer's Report be accepted as presented. Carried.

8.0: President's Report:

Eric McCormack

Eric identified two changes to his written report.

In paragraph #1, Eric asked for the removal of Paul and Barbara Burleigh's name because they are present for the meeting.

In paragraph #3, Eric drew attention to the CSRDS Marketing Team and Claudia Littlefair's presentation on the ARTS-Dance Organization.

Highlights of Eric's report:

- * Norman Demeule's work on making revisions to the Convention Guidelines: Bidding Volume 1 and the Basic Letter of Agreement;
- * as of May 15th, 2015, the CSRDS became an Auxiliary Member of the Alliance of Round, Traditional, and Square Dance (ARTS-Dance) with Claudia Littlefair is the CSRDS Representative;
- * Bob Ruohoniemi's work on developing new By-Laws (which were approved at the 2014 AGM) in compliance with the New Corporations Canada Not-for-Profit Act; and, additional changes were required for the Rules and Regulations, which approved at the recent Board of Directors' Meeting;
- * Festival 2016 in Regina is on track and on budget; all signs that it will be a great festival;
- * The South Western Ontario Square Dance Association (SWOSDA) has submitted a bid to host the 2018 Canadian National Convention in London, ON;
- * Dianne McCormack's work on re-formatting the Director's Manual so that it is fully interactive and printable, including all of the recent changes made to the Convention Guidelines, the By-Laws, the Rules and Regulations, etc.;
- * the CSRDS Web Site is up to date with all of the changes. Check www.squaredance.ca regarding all of the changes and updated information. Suggestions for improving the look and feel of the web page can be forwarded to the Director responsible for the web page: Peter Piazza peterpiazza1948@gmail.com.

9.0: Committee Reports:

9.1: Past President:

Bob Ruohoemi

Bob read his written report informing the attendees that Corporations Canada accepted the Society's Articles of Continuance and new By-Laws that were required by the New Not-for-Profit Act. These were approved in July 2014 AGM.

9.2: Festival 2016:

Bill Treleaven

Bill read his written report. Some of the highlights are as follows:

- * registration at this point in time (Sept. 6th, 2015) is at 300 plus
- * accommodation: blocks of rooms at the Delta, Windgate, Doubletree, and Radisson
- * camping is being looked at: wanting to provide shuttle service to/from the campsite
- * promotion: websites and publications
- * grants: City of Regina, and, others to come
- * Delta Hotel Parking: \$3.00 per day
- * special dance is being planned
- * souvenir book will be published
- * programs will be available

9.3: Convention Co-ordinator:

Norman Demeule

Norman read his report. Some of the highlights are as follows:

- * revisions have been made to the Convention Guideline, Volume 1 and Volume 2 and Letter of Agreement;
- * Festival 2016 (July 28 to 30, 2016 is progressing well. Dancers are urged to register early;
- * the Basic Letter of Agreement has been signed giving London, ON the responsibility of hosting Convention 2018;
- * Federations and Associations across Canada are asked to consider hosting a CSRDS Nation Convention in 2020 and beyond.

9.4: Professional Development:

Bill Treleaven

Bill reported that two schools and seven leaders forwarded applications that were approved. The two schools and three leaders have fulfilled their obligations to receive the bursaries at this time.

9.5: Honours and Awards:

Darcy McGifford

Darcy read his report. Several nominations were received and two of them have been approved. One nomination requires a provincial endorsement. And one nomination needs to be distributed to the Board Members for scoring.

9.6: Director's Manual:

Dianne McCormack

Dianne reviewed her report. The Director's Manual is being restructured which is taking more time to complete than originally anticipated. This is a very time consuming project as Dianne is attempting to complete the document in one font and one format.

(Sec. Note: Good Luck, Dianne!)

9.7: Historian:

Inge Ruohoniemi

Inge read her report. Inge updated several sections for the Director's Manual. The updated pages are as follows: List of Presidents, List of Board Members, Annual General Meetings and meetings of Board Members. Inge, also, added a page entitled: Volunteers Service summaries.

9.8: By-Laws and Regulations:

Bob Ruohoniemi

Bob reported that he had been revising the Society Rules and Regulations to conform to the new NFP Corporations Act and the new Society By-Laws. The Society Rules and Regulations were approved by the CSRDS Board Members at the September 5th, 2015 Board Meeting. The Rules and Regulations include the following sections: Definition of our five dance categories; Membership Eligibility; Conditions of Membership; National Objectives; National Conventions; National Voice of Square and Round Dancing in Canada; International Voice of Square and Round Dancing in Canada; Membership Dues and Conventions: including normal dance date, non-interest forgivable loan, the agreement between hosting organization and CSRDS, a portion of the registration fees to the CSRDS, the sharing of deficit shall be negotiated by the Board and the hosting organization, convention refunds and convention dress code.

9.9: Web Site:

Peter Piazza

Peter reported that the Web Master has been kept busy keeping our web site up to date. One concern that is facing the CSRDS Board of Directors is the revamping of our web site. Costs have been estimated to be from \$2,500.00 to \$8,000.00 for a major rewrite of the site.

9.10: Toll Free Line:

Lorraine Kozera

Lorraine reported that our volunteer “toll free line” operator is being kept busy. One major concern has arisen for our operator. That concern is the number of calls that are not related to our dance organization.

9.11: Membership:

Eric McCormack

Eric summarized his written report. Some highlights of the report are as follows:

* Membership for each province: NL – 2, NE – 70, NS – 442, NB – 404. QC – 398, ON – 2956, MB – 725, SK – 734, AB – 1913, BC – 2341

* Membership attrition in 2015: 361 members (3.5%); the smallest overall attrition in six years.

* 2016 Membership Application Forms and Instructions had been forwarded to each province on July 27th, 2015.

9.12: CSRDS Marketing Team:

Cathy Langille

As this report arrived too late for printing for this meeting, our President reported that Cathy had put in her resignation as the Team Leader.

Following a meeting with several members of this committee, two members had agreed to Co-Chair this Committee under the new name CSRDS Marketing Committee.

CSRDS Web Chair, Peter Piazza, will be communicating to the Co-Chairs in regard to the updating of the CSRDS Web Site.

The accepted new logo with the outline of dancers and the slogan wording “Live Lively – Dance” can be used with the CSRDS Logo.

9.13: Nominations:

Bob Ruohoniemi

Bob reported that there are no changes to the Board for this year, so there is no need for any nominations to the Board at this time. Bob informed the members that he would be forwarding documents to the provincial contacts in September requesting nominations for two people from each of the ten provinces and the three territories. The nominations from each of the provinces and territories need to be forwarded to Bob by April 30th, 2016.

Motion: Bob Ruohoniemi, Al Ritchie

- that Rachelle Cournoyer and Claudia Littlefair be accepted as Co-Chairs of the CSRDS Marketing Committee for the CSRDS Board. Carried.

9.14: Acceptance of all reports including the President’s Report:

Motion: Bernie Borlee, David Gilchrist
- that all the committee reports and the President's Report be accepted as presented. Carried.

10.0: Federation Reports:

Provincial Presidents

All of the Federation Reports are on the CSRDS Web Site.

11.0: New Business:

11.1: Budget for 2015 – 2016:

Beth McGifford

Beth provided the revisions for the Budget Report that was presented in the AGM Booklet. The Budget Report will be added to the CSRDS Web Site.

Motion: Beth McGifford, Wayne Stretch
- that the CSRDS Budget for 2015- 2016 be accepted as presented. Carried.

11.2: Appointment of the Auditor for 2015 – 2016:

Beth McGifford

Motion: Beth McGifford, Glen Eliasson
- that Richard Calkins, 202A – 3115 Skaha Lake Road, Penticton, BC V2A 6G5 continue as the Auditor for the year 2015 – 2016. Carried.

11.3: ARTS-Dance Organization Brief Introduction:

Claudia Littlefair

In May of 2015, the ARTS approved CSRDS as an Auxiliary Board Member. Claudia had volunteered to be the contact person for the CSRDS. (Thanks, Claudia.) ARTS stands for the Alliance of Round, Traditional and Square Dance.

Claudia presented a brief introduction regarding the purpose of the ARTS-Dance Organization. The highlights of the presentation are as follows:

- * ARTS web site: promotional material and information that can be downloaded and used by dancers;
- * ARTS electronic mailing tree: to publicize and distribute information to the dance community in Canada and the United States;
- * ARTS special project: Re-image Square Dancing e.g. a new modernized Square Dance Logo created for the British Columbia Federation; it is available on the BC Federation Web Site; also, a new slogan has been created: Live Lively – Square Dance;
- * ARTS has been approved to receive donations through the Amazon Smile website. Amazon donates 0.5% of the price of eligible Amazon Smile purchases to a charity of the shopper's choice.

12.0: Announcements:

12.1: The next AGM will be held during Festival 2016 in July in Regina, SK.

12.2: The next Board of Directors' Meeting will be held immediately following this AGM.

13.0: Motion to ratify all acts, proceedings, appointments, etc. made by the Board of Directors since the last AGM: July 18th, 2014:

Motion: Bob Ruohoniemi, Peter Piazza

- that all acts, contracts, Rules and Regulations, proceedings, appointments, elections and payments enacted, made, done and taken by the Board of Directors and Officers of the Society since the last Annual General Meeting of the Society to the date thereof, as the same are set out or referred to in the Minutes of the Board, or in the financial statements and reports submitted to this Meeting, be and the same are hereby ratified, approved, sanctioned and confirmed.

Carried.

14.0: Thank the Host:

Eric THANKED Norman and Loretta Demeule, the co-ordinators for this convention and the Alberta Square and Round Dance Federation for being such gracious hosts. A special 'thanks' to Norman and Loretta for arranging rides for the CSRDS Board Members who needed transportation from Calgary to Lacombe. And, also, special THANKS to Wayne and Helen Lowther, President of the Alberta Square and Round Dance Federation.

15.0: Adjournment:

Bernie Borlee adjourned the meeting at 5:25 p.m. MDT.