

Canadian Square and Round Dance Society  
Delta Regina Hotel and Conference Center  
Regina, SK

**Annual General Meeting**  
**Saturday, July 30<sup>th</sup>, 2016**  
**Minutes**

**1.0: Attendance: 74 attendees recorded their names on a prepared Attendance Sheet.**

**2.0: Call to Order:**

President, **Eric McCormack** "Called the Meeting to Order at 10:00 a.m."

Eric welcomed every one to this Annual General Meeting.

**3.0: Memorial: Paul Burleigh**

Paul read his 'memorial' that was included in the prepared AGM Booklet. Following the reading, Paul asked for a 'Moment of Silence' for our departed dance friends.

**4.0: Acceptance of the July 30<sup>th</sup>, 2016 Agenda:**

**Motion: Barbara Burleigh, Inge Ruohoniemi**

- that the July 30<sup>th</sup>, 2016 Agenda be accepted as presented. **Carried.**

**5.0: Acceptance of the September 6<sup>th</sup>, 2015 Minutes:**

**Motion: Lorraine Kozera, Wayne Stretch**

- that the September 6<sup>th</sup>, 2015 AGM Minutes be accepted as circulated.  
**Carried.**

**6.0: Business Arising from the September 6<sup>th</sup>, 2015 AGM Minutes:**

There was no business arising from the September 6<sup>th</sup>, 2015 AGM Minutes.

**7.0: Treasurer's Report: Beth McGifford**

Income from July 2015 to June 2016:	\$30,196.49
Expenses from July 2015 to June 2016:	\$33,494.15
Net Income to June 2016;	-\$3,297.66

**Motion: Beth McGifford, Bill Treleaven**

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

## **8.0: President's Report:**

**Eric McCormack**

### Highlights:

- \* Gratitude to the CSRDS Board of Directors
- \* Festival 2016: congratulations to the Festival Chair, Bill Treleaven and his whole committee of volunteers for hosting a successful convention.
- \* Festival 2018: Informed the attendees of the July 19, 20, 21, 2018 convention being held once again in London, ON under the capable leadership of Dan and Rhetha Roy. Most of their previous volunteers are volunteering again for the 2018 convention. For information go to: <http://www.squaredance.ca/2018>.
- \* Increasing CSRDS Membership: There is a CSRDS Marketing Committee involved in attempting to halt the declining dancer membership. This committee will present their plans in their report later on in this meeting.

## **9.0: Committee Reports:**

### **9.1: Past President/by-Laws:                      Bob Ruohoniemi**

- \* The Nominating Committee's Terms of Reference was revised to conform to the new By-Laws approved at the May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2016 Meeting.
- \* Prepared a list of nominees to serve as CSRDS Provincial Directors for 2016 – 2018.

### **9.2: Festival 2016:                                      Bill Treleaven**

- \* Floor expectations not up to "snuff"
- \* 875 registrants at this point in time
- \* Ahead of the game in numbers
- \* It's like organizing a special weekend event JUST BIGGER. You have to work on the basics: flooring, callers, dancers
- \* 99.4 % love it; others have complaints so you just smile back at them.

### **9.3: Convention Co-ordinator:                      Norman Demeule**

#### Highlights:

- \* Congratulations to the Festival 2016 Committee and volunteers.
- \* Looking forward to Festival 2018 in London, ON July 19, 20, 21, 2018. Norman encouraged dancers to register for 2018 this weekend.
- \* Federations and Associations across Canada urged to consider hosting a CSRDS National Convention.
- \* Updated responsibilities, duties are contained in Volume One: Procedures on Bidding for a Convention; and, Volume Two: Basic Letter of Agreement. These two volumes can be found on the CSRDS web site.

#### **9.4: Festival 2018:**

**Dan Roy**

##### Highlights:

- \* Located in the London Convention Center
- \* Dates: July 19, 20, 21, 2018
- \* Square Dancing: Basics to C1
- \* Round Dancing: Phase 2 to Phase 6
- \* Contra:
- \* Meetings, Seminars and Vendors
- \* Snaplock flooring
- \* Parking: underground at the London Convention Center, plus 2 parking lots adjacent to the Convention facility; local hotels have underground and covered parking
- \* Registration: As of July 20<sup>th</sup>, 2016 it was 178
- \* Estimated break even: 1200 dancers

#### **9.5: Professional Development:**

**Bill Treleaven**

- \* Application for one grant to hold a Caller's School from Chase, BC
- \* Three applications for bursaries: two from Manitoba – Ernie Hollender and Trevor Grier; and, one from Ontario – Rick Gerris.
- \* No one was turned away.

#### **9.6: Honours and Awards:**

**Darcy McGifford**

##### Highlights:

- \* There were several nominations and they were all favourably accepted. Award winners will be announce at the Closing Ceremonies and one will be presented at a local event.
- \* The updating of the criteria, guidelines, and score sheet will bring them to more modern technology.
- \* Then the two types of awards were listed and explained.

#### **9.7: Director's Manual Editor:**

**Dianne McCormack**

Dianne distributed electronic versions (CD's) of the Director's Manual to each of the province's Directors in attendance. All revised documents and amendments have been included in this electronic version of the Manual. Thanks for a huge task in reformatting the original multi-formatted and multi-fonted version of the printed document, Dianne.

#### **9.8: Historian:**

**Inge Ruohoniemi**

##### Highlights:

- \* Provided a list of Past Society Presidents and their latest status and contact information.
- \* Provided a list of Past Convention/Festival Chairs and their latest status and contact information.

Thanks, Inge, for researching this information that is being inserted into our Director's Manual.

**9.9: Web Site:**

**Peter Piazza**

Highlights:

- \* There was a huge learning curve in updating the Ontario Square and Round Dance Federation's Web Site.
- \* Web Master, Dan Roy updated the OSRDF's Web Site and will also be instrumental in updating the CSRDS Web site.
- \* Links to provincial sites will make future updating much simpler.
- \* Suggest that provincial sites need to be updated on a regular basis.
- \* Co-ordinating with the CSRDS Marketing Committee will be necessary.

**9.10: Toll Free Line:**

**Lorraine Kozera**

Highlights:

- \* Monthly communication with the Toll Free Line manager.
- \* Toll Free Line manager, Janet Mills volunteered to continue for another year.

Our THANKS to Janet Mills for doing this task for the CSRDS Board.

**9.11: CSRDS Marketing:**

**Rachelle Cournoyer**

Highlights:

- \* Most provinces have a representative on this committee.
- \* A closed FaceBook page has been set up for the Marketing Committee.
- \* Phase One: Re-design CSRDS web site to make it more assessable to the membership
- \* Phase Two: Next year focus on promotional material.
- \* In the future, set up a FaceBook page where members can post links to their own FaceBook pages featuring news, photos and videos.
- \* As Callerlab has developed a clearing house, we can now link to their clearing house.
- \* A draft of Terms of Reference for the CSRDS Marketing Committee.
- \* A list of CSRDS Marketing Committee Members.

**9.12: Membership:**

**Eric McCormack**

Highlights:

- \* Membership provided for each province
- \* A slight decline in membership for 2016.
- \* Membership Fees: You must pay a membership fee to be covered by the Liability Insurer.
- \* Two categories of dancers omitted from paying membership fees: (1) the age of 19 and under; and, (2) new dancers who register in September (they are covered **only** for the remainder of that year until December 31<sup>st</sup>).

**Motion: Norman Cox, Paul Burleigh**

- that we maintain the cost of membership at \$3.00 per annum for dancers, callers, and leaders; and, \$5.00 per annum for Clubs, Associations, and Federations for 2017 and 2018. Carried.

**9.13: Nominations: Bob Ruohoniemi**

Bob read the list of provincial nominations for each of the provinces.

**Motion: Bob Ruohoniemi, Wayne Stretch**

- that we accept the nominations for each of the provinces for 2016 – 2018. Carried.

Nomination of the Executive Officers for 2016 – 2018:

**Motion: Bob Ruohoniemi, Wendy Vandermeulen**

- that Eric McCormack be nominated as President of the CSRDS. Bob asked for further nominations three times. There were no further nominations.

\*Eric McCormack was declared the CSRDS President for 2016 – 2018.

**Motion: Bob Ruohoniemi, Wayne Lowther**

- that Barbara Burleigh be nominated as Vice President of the CSRDS. Bob asked for further nominations three times. There were no further nominations.

\* Barbara Burleigh was declared the CSRDS Vice President for 2016 – 2018.

**Motion: Bob Rouhoniemi, Norman Cox**

- that Lorraine Kozera be nominated as Secretary of the CSRDS. Bob asked for further nominations three times. There were no further nominations.

\* Lorraine Kozera was declared the CSRDS Secretary for 2016 – 2018.

**Motion: Bob Rouhoniemi, Inge Rouhoniemi**

- that Beth McGifford be nominated as Treasurer of the CSRDS. Bob asked for further nominations three times. There were no further nominations.

\* Beth McGifford was declared the CSRDS Treasurer for 2016 – 2018.

Wendy Vandermeulen THANKED Bob and Inge Ruohoniemi for all of their contributions to the CSRDS. Applause.

Eric McCormack, also, THANKED Bob and Inge Ruohoniemi for their dedication to the work of the CSRDS. Applause.

#### **9.14: Provincial Federation Reports:**

Eric invited provincial presidents to provide points of interest for their own province.

NS: Bob Ruohoniemi reported on the increase in contra dancing in their province. Bob reported that the dancers attending the contra dances are mostly thirty years and under. Information regarding contra dancing was gleaned from the United States.

NB: Eric McCormack reported that NB has 15 clubs. There was a membership loss of about 18 dancers. The new dancers have been mostly young people.

QC: Peter Grondin reported that QC has lost one square dance club and two round dance clubs. QC is lacking round dance leaders, hence, the loss of two round dance clubs.

ON: Peter Piazza reported that one of their associations celebrated a fiftieth anniversary this year. One club increased by 24 new members. ON Federation is finishing off their updated Web Site.

MB: Anne Wiebe read the MB report written by Rosalie Beamish, MB President.

SK: Earl Campbell gave THANKS to the CSRDS for the opportunity to host a national convention.

AB: Wayne Lowther reported that they had one new teen club start up this past year. Wayne reported that two of their clubs celebrated fiftieth anniversaries. AB is updating their web site.

BC: Ken Crisp reported that BC is reviewing their web site. Ken reported that they have a Proclamation declaring September (second week) as Square and Round Dance Awareness Week. Ken, also, reported that festival weekends are very popular and well attended. Ken reported that BC has developed a new square dance program similar to the ten-week caller's program.

#### **9.15: Acceptance of all reports:**

**Motion: Wayne Stretch, John Godsman**

**- that all reports be accepted as presented. Carried.**

#### **10.0: New Business:**

10.1: 2016 – 2017 Budget: Beth McGifford

Beth went through the 2016 – 2017 Budget step by step.

The budgeted Revenue: \$38,463.00

The budgeted Expenses: \$29,866.00

Projected Income/Loss: \$08,597.00

**Motion: Beth McGifford, Norm Cox**

**- that the 2016 – 2017 CSRDS Budget be accepted as presented. Carried.**

**10.2: Appointment of the Auditor for 2016 – 2017:**

**Motion: Beth McGifford, Bob Ruohoniemi**

**- that Richard G.Calkins, Penticton, BC be appointed as the CSRDS Auditor for 2016 – 2017. Carried.**

**10.3: Notice of Motions:**

10.3.1: Paragraph 1.0: Definition of the Canadian Square and Round Dance Society Rules and Regulations currently reads:

1.0: Definition: For the purpose of these Rules and Regulations, “included dance categories” shall include modern square dancing, round dancing (choreographed ballroom dancing), clogging, line dancing, and contra dancing.

***We (Peter Grondin and Rachelle Cournoyer, QC Reps to the CSRDS Board) move that Paragraph 1.0: Definition of the Canadian Square and Round Dance Society Rules and Regulations be amended to read:***

***1.0: Definition: For the purpose of these Rules and Regulations, “included dance categories” shall include Modern Western Square Dancing, Traditional Square Dancing, Native American Inuit and Metis forms of square dancing, Barn Dancing, French Canadian Square Dancing (les veillies de danse), Round Dancing (choreographed ballroom dancing) Clogging, Line Dancing, and Contra Dancing.***

***Norm Cox seconded this motion.***

***After several comments from the floor, a vote of the members present defeated the motion.***

***10.3.2: We (Peter Grondin and Rachelle Cournoyer, QC Reps. to the CSRDS Board) move that a new paragraph be added to the By-Law to read:***

***17.2: The use of the terms “in writing” or “mail” shall include the sending of paper copies, or E-mail. Attachments to an E-mail shall all be provided in PDF format. Other formats for attachments may also be provided as needed for the purpose at hand.***

***This motion was seconded by Beth McGifford.***

***This motion was determined to not be a part of the By-Laws, instead, it was further determined that this was not a motion for an AGM, but, that it is a Board decision for administrative purposes.***

**Amendment: Bob Ruohomiemi, Wayne Stretch**

**- that attachments to an E-mail shall be established by the Board. Carried.**

**11.0: Announcements:**

11.1: Next AGM date: To be determined during a Board of Directors' meeting.

11.2: The next Board Meeting will be held today, Saturday, July 30<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at 1:30 p.m. in the Cellini Room on the main floor of the Delta Regina Hotel.

**12.0: Motion to ratify all acts, proceedings, appointments, etc. made by the Board of Directors since the last AGM: September 6<sup>th</sup>, 2015:**

**Motion: Darcy McGifford, Peter Piazza**

**- that all acts, contracts, Rules and Regulations, proceedings, appointments, elections and payment enacted, made, done and taken by the Board of Directors and Officers of the Society since that last Annual General Meeting of the Society to the date hereof, 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.**

**13.0: Thank the Hosts:**

Eric expressed sincere thanks and gratitude to Bill and Shirley Treleaven, Festival 2016 Chair, Earl and Pat Campbell, President of the Saskatchewan Federation and the many organizing volunteers from all parts of Saskatchewan for the wonderful hospitality and great job of setting up a wonderful program of events. Applause of appreciation was heard from the members present.

**14.0: Adjournment:**

Norm Cox adjourned the meeting at 11:52 a.m.

These Minutes were prepared by Lorraine Kozera, CSRDS Secretary.