

Canadian Square and Round Dance Society
Annual General Meeting
Friday, August 25th, 2017
Cornwall, Ontario

Minutes

1.0 Attendance:

BC – Darcy & Beth McGifford AB – Norm Demeule
SK – Bill & Shirley Treleaven ON – Peter & Bev Piazza
NS – Laurie & Wilma Illsley NB – Eric & Dianne McCormack
QC – Peter Grondin & Rachelle Cournoyer
Webmaster – Dan & Retha Roy

2.0

Regrets from MB directors, John and Lorraine Kozera (John is having some serious health issues) and PE directors, Paul and Barbara Burleigh (Barbara's father passed away this past week. Our thoughts and prayers go out to them. It was disappointing that there were no other attendees despite signage, prior notification to the provinces and a reminder in weekend packages of dancers.

3.0 Meeting was called to Order by President Eric McCormack at 1:52 P.M.

4.0 The Memorial, prepared by Paul Burleigh, was read by President Eric McCormack. A moment of silence to remember those dancers whom we've lost followed.

5.0 M/S Laurie Illsley/Norm Demeule to accept the agenda of the Friday, August 25th, 2017 Annual General Meeting. **Carried.**

6.0 M/S Dianne McCormack/Peter Piazza to accept the minutes of last Annual General Meeting held July 30th, 2016. **Carried.**

7.0 **Business Arising from the July 30th, 2016 Minutes:** none

8.0 **Treasurer's Report:** Beth McGifford shared copies of the Profit and Loss Statement and Balance Sheet. She reported that for the fiscal year ending June 30th, 2017, the Society realized a profit of \$13,136.88, largely as a result of the very successful 2016 Festival held in Regina. The current balance sheet shows total assets of \$197,964.64. M/S Beth McGifford/Peter Piazza to accept this report. **Carried.**

9.0 **President's Report:** Eric McCormack shared some of the highlights of the year, namely: 2016 Festival was very successful; 2018 Festival looks like it is on track to be successful; and 2020 Festival plans are underway. Past President and NL director, Roy Church, is retiring from the Board immediately. It may be awhile before there is another as there are no dancers in NL to our knowledge. On behalf of the Board, Eric extended his thanks to Roy for all his work over the years. Eric also thanked the rest of the board for all the work they have done this past year and thanked everyone for attending.

10.0 **Committee Reports:**

10.1 **Past President's Report:** No report. The Board can operate without a Past President but need someone to volunteer to chair the nominating committee. Darcy McGifford volunteered to take on this task.

10.2 **By-Laws:** Paul Burleigh confirmed that the by-laws are all current and are included in the updated Director's Manuals as provided by Dianne McCormack on memory stick to each Province's Directors.

10.3 **Membership:** Peter Piazza reported a drop of 4.3% across the board. Appears to be everywhere. Peter Grondin pointed out that SK took advantage of the Festival in 2016 as their membership had increased.

10.4 **Marketing:** Rachelle Cornoyer read the Publicity Committee report. The biggest project this year has been the new CSRDS website. The committee has set up a closed Facebook group for sharing between the marketing committee and executives. It has also set up a Facebook account for CSRDS. It has 225 followers currently. However, it is supported by few clubs across the country. Hopefully it will continue to grow. The CSRDS Pinterest account is followed by 143 followers and is slowly growing. Rachelle circulated copies of promotional materials for by the Pinterest account and Facebook page and will be sharing these at the Summer Magic weekend and asked all the directors to take some home to share in their provinces. Plans are underway for marketing topics to be presented at Festival 2018.

Beth thanked Rachelle for the Pinterest and FB presentation she made earlier in the day. It was most informative and helpful.

10.5 **Convention Coordinator:** Norm Demeule advised that all Convention rules and regulations are being followed closely to avoid having any issues in the future. The 2018 and 2020 Festivals both show the 15% of registrations

payable on their budgets. Regular budgets are to be submitted to the Board for review.

Rachelle pointed out that our national conventions are generally focused on square dancing and that we should be looking at the needs of other dance forms supported by the Society and entice them to come to Festivals (i.e. live music for contra dancing). Much discussion followed.

M/S Rachelle Cornoyer to form a committee to look into how we can better support the 5 dance forms that we support to have them participate at our national conventions. **Carried.**

President Eric McCormack appointed Rachelle Cornoyer as Chair of said committee and to find committee members from within the Board or without. There were no volunteers from the Board.

- 10.6 Convention 2018: Dan Roy reported that there are 430 registrations to date, quite a bit lower than this time prior to the 2008 convention. They are advertising as much as possible and attending other dance events to promote it. There have been border crossing questions. There have been lots of registration forms going out. They plan to use snaplock flooring. Have danced on hard floors in Michigan recently and are looking into that. The US \$ is currently not in our favour. Cloggers have not registered although they have been specifically contacted but there has been no reply. Full time contra program is planned.
- 10.7 Convention 2020: Norm Demeule reported that he has received their budget based on 800 dancers. Break even is 700. The festival is not allowed to advertise yet but can do so in BC in January and then fully at Festival 2018. Does 2020 wish to do a promotional display at opening or closing ceremonies at 2018? Beth & Darcy to follow up on that and report.
- 10.8 Professional Development: Bill Treleaven reported that there were 14 accepted applications for bursaries and he is just waiting for claims for reimbursement to come in following completion of the training. He has had to remind applicants to obtain signature/endorsement of federations/associations on their applications.
- 10.9 Honours and Awards: Darcy McGifford reported there has only been one nomination received this year. The Board supported this nomination and it will be announced and presented in the future by Eric and Dianne

McCormack.

- 10.10 Website: Dan Roy reported that the redesign is well underway and the designer is looking for items of interest to place on the site. They plan to use the graphics from the Dancing Across Canada provincial dangles as pointers to the provinces and information.
- 10.11 Directors' Manual: Dianne McCormack reported that the manual is currently up-to-date and no changes are required at this time.
- 10.12 Historian: No report at this time
- 10.13 Outreach: Laurie Illsley reported that he and Wilma had been sending cards and would like to encourage other Board members to let them know of any past or present directors and their families who may need a word of support.
- 10.14 Toll Free Line: Lorraine Kozera's report advised that the line was used less and less each year but the cost is extremely low.
- 10.15 Federation Reports:
AB – emailed report from Wayne Lowther read by Beth McGifford
NS – Laurie Illsley provided the highlights of Dottie Welch's report. Dottie is now on the board of CallerLab.
NB – Highlights of the report were read by Eric McCormack.
QC – Peter Grondin read his report.

Discussed on how provinces were informed to submit their reports. Lorraine Kozera had sent an initial email to the provincial presidents as well as a reminder email.

- 10.16 **M/S** Bill Treleaven, Dan Roy to accept all reports including the President's Report. **Carried.**

11.0 **New Business:**

- 11.1 Budget for 2017 – 2018: Beth McGifford estimated revenues of \$27,984 and expenses of \$38,550 for a projected loss of \$10,566 for the fiscal 2017 – 2018. **M/S** Beth McGifford/Dianne McCormack acceptance of this proposed budget. **Carried.**
- 11.2 Appointment of Auditor for 2017 – 2018: **M/S** Beth McGifford/Laurie Illsley to appoint Richard Calkins, Accountant, of Penticton, BC as auditor

for this fiscal year. **Carried.**

11.3 Hotels for Festival 2018 can now be booked on-line through the link on the convention website.

12.0 Announcements:

12.1 The next AGM will be held on Friday, July 20th, 2018 in London, Ontario commencing at 10:00 AM. Peter Piazza will be coordinating this and the convention luncheon that follows. Eric McCormack will be doing the invitations to the luncheon.

12.2 The next Board meeting will commence 20 minutes following the conclusion of this 2017 Annual General Meeting in the same meeting room.

13.0 **M/S Darcy McGifford/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 (July 2016) 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.

14.0 Eric McCormack thanked the board of directors and the hosts of the meeting.

15.0 Meeting adjournment was moved by Bev Piazza at 3:20 PM. **Adjourned.**

These Minutes were prepared by Beth McGifford.