



Border Boosters Square and Round Dance Association

Report to CSRDS

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BBS&RDA is currently composed of 6 active clubs in Quebec, 1 in Ontario and 1 in northern NY. All of our clubs are primarily square dance clubs and at this time we do not have any dedicated round dance clubs.

At most clubs, the membership numbers are on a steady and rapid decline. While the recruiting efforts are in full swing, the number of new dancers is relatively low and we are experiencing difficulty with retention of these new dancers as well.

While we are blessed to have a couple excellent callers in our area, we have recently lost some local calling talent and the majority of the clubs now have the same caller. There is a need to train and encourage new callers and help them to improve their skills.

BBS&RDA addresses both the membership and caller issues by providing subsidies from the savings from Convention 2006; however, these funds will not last another decade and the decline in interest in our activities is worrisome for the long-term continuation of dancing in our region.

Thankfully, the few dedicated volunteers we have are actively working to improve the situation and continue to provide wonderful dance opportunities.

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President of BBS&RDA