

Canadian Square and Round Dance Society
Annual General Meeting Minutes
Saturday, September 7th, 2019
Surrey, BC

1.0: Attendance: There were thirty-three members in attendance. Attendance is recorded on a separate sheet.

2.0: President Eric McCormack “Called the Meeting to Order at 1:35 P.M. PDT.

Eric thanked everyone for attending the meeting. Eric thanked Pat Zeeman, Garry Dodds, and Norm Cox for organizing the weekend of meetings, presentations and dances. As well as providing transportation for most of the Board of Directors from the airport to the hotel; and, then to our meeting location, dance hall and restaurants.

3.0: Memorial:

Pat Zeeman read a poem (Gone from my Sight) about a ship going out to sea which is comparable to the dancers that passed since the last AGM, followed by a moment of silence.

4.0: Acceptance of the September 7th, 2019 Agenda:

Motion: Laurie Illsley, Peter Grondin

- that the September 7th, 2019 Agenda be accepted as presented. Carried.

5.0: Acceptance of the July 20th, 2018 AGM Minutes:

Motion: Lorraine Kozera, Dianne McCormack

- that the July 20th, 2018 AGM Minutes be accepted as presented. Carried.

6.0: Business Arising from the July 20th, 2018 Minutes:

There was no business arising from the July 20th, 2018 Minutes.

7.0: Treasurer’s Report:

Peter Piazza

Total INCOME for July 1st, 2018 to June 30th, 2019: \$41,391

Total EXPENSES for July 1st, 2018 to June 30th, 2019: \$21,860

NET REVENUE..... \$19,530

Motion: Peter Piazza, Peter Grondin

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

8.0: President:

Eric McCormack

Eric thanked each of the Provincial Directors for the work accomplished this past year. Special mention was made for the Demeule's who had to withdraw from the Board due to health reasons. The new Directors for Alberta, Lorne and Barb Smith, were welcomed to our Board of Directors.

Highlights throughout the year:

- * A new CSRDS web site which included the items that were brought to our attention is constantly being updated by our Web Master, Dan Roy, when information is provided.
- * A few changes have been made to our "Letter of Agreement for hosting Canadian National Conventions" to make it a little easier for the provinces to hold a convention.
- * A new more modern logo has been developed.
- * The CSRDS Marketing Committee is continually working on entries to the Face Book page and Pinterest.
- * "Festival 2020, under the direction of Norm Cox and Steve Edlund, is looking great!"

9.0: Committee Reports: (See full reports on the CSRDS Web Site.)

9.1: By-Laws and Regulations and 9.10 Director's Manual:

Dianne McCormack

- * By-Laws are up to date.
- * Incentives for hosting.
- * Letter of Agreement adjusted to reflect the hosting incentives.
- * Director's list updated.

9.2: Membership:

Christine Belanger

- * A spreadsheet provided the membership for each of the provinces. Some adjustments need to be made.

9.3: Convention Co-ordinator:

Eric McCormack

- * Promotion of 2020 CSRDS Convention July 29, 30, 31 and August 1, 2020 at the Sheraton Hotel in Surrey, BC. Check information at www.squaredamce.bc.ca/2020.
- * Budget break even point adjusted based on the registrations received thus far.
- * No inquiries to host the 2022 CSRDS Convention at this point in time.
- * Updated Basic Letter of agreement regarding the Society's share of the registration income down to 10% from 15%.

9.4: Convention 2020:**Norm Cox**

- * More registrations required before Programs can be set in place. Presently there are 491 registrations. There are 8 wheel-chair dancers from Hamilton, ON registered.
- * Book hotel rooms directly by phoning 1-604-582-9288 and definitely mention the CSRDS Convention to receive convention rates.
- * Flooring is a challenge. Planning on plywood on the main floor rooms and slip on over the shoes for the second floor rooms.
- * Only Regional and Federation banners for the banner parade. There is no room to display them.
- * Hotel is near a large shopping mall with lots of eating places along the streets near by.
- * Underground parking for one car is included with each hotel room.
- * Trail In Dance at the hotel on Wednesday, July 29th, 2020 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

9.5: CSRDS Marketing/Publicity:**Rachelle Cournoyer**

- * The CSRDS Face Book page following is growing.
- * Promotion of convention postings are required to stimulate interest.
- * The CSRDS Face Book page is followed by clubs all over North America.
- * Input from all regions in Canada is required.
- * Presently, there is a lack of regional collaborators and generators of content which prevents the page from reaching its full potential.
- * People are going to the CSRDS Pinterest account to get ideas.
- * More than one person can be pinning to the Pinterest account.
- * There are 38 boards with 4,203 pins covering the various forms of dance that the CSRDS supports.

9.6: Professional Development:**Bill Treleaven**

- * There are 8 individuals requesting bursaries for a caller's/cuer's school.
- * There is one request to hold a school in Alberta.
- * Requests for bursaries can be made up to June 15th of the year of the session.

9.7: Honours and Awards:**Laurie Illsley**

- * Laurie encourages nominations from each of the provinces.
- * Laurie thanked Dan Roy for designing the new Award of Excellence medallions.
- * Laurie passed around a copy of the newly minted Award of Excellence medallion for the dancers in attendance to view.

9.8: CSRDS Web Site:**Dan Roy**

Peter Piazza read Dan Roy's report.

- * The new web site went into service January 2018.
- * The web site is functioning well.
- * Regular updates are being made.
- * Membership/Insurance Certificate Request forms were updated.
- * New MENU picks have been added.

9.9: Privacy Officer:

Eric McCormack

- * Several dancers have voiced their concerns over the sharing of their photos on social media.
- * Various systems have been tried with limited success.
- * Suggestion, QUOTE: "The most effective means of handling the photograph privacy problem is for Federations, Associations, and clubs to include a disclaimer in the registration forms, or, on the dance sign-in sheets, stating that: "**Photographs may be taken and shared on Social Media.**" This leaves the decision in the hands of dance attendees."

9.11: Historian:

Pat Zeeman

No report at this time.

9.12: Outreach:

Wilma Illsley

One card was sent out since the last report. It was sent to a Past Board Member.

9.13: Nominations:

Peter Grondin

A letter will be going out to the Federation President of each province by the end of September.

9.14: Federation Reports:

BC: Jean Wood - There were 54 callers and cuers at the Festival 2019 in Salmon Arm, BC. There is a shortage of volunteers at the Festival. Two regions worked together to put on that Festival. 254 dancers attended.

Flooring in the dance locations at the 2020 Festival can be a problem.

AB: Lorne Smith read Bud Sedman's Report.

- * declining membership
- * the ASRDF usually meets 3 times a year
- * adjustments being made to the Hopkin's Fund, basically, for round dancing
- * Jerry Justin, a long time caller retiring at the end of 2019

SK: Bill Treleaven read Dwayne and Donna Barber's Report.

- * 25 clubs and 24 callers and cuers
- * 718 dancers
- * Amazing Race Canada on television: Some Saskatoon dancers participated with Eldon and Carolyn Neudorf calling
- * challenge to get new and young callers

MB: Lorraine Kozera read Del and Yvonne Mark's Report.

- * Paws N Taws Square Dance club (Wpg.) celebrated its 65th anniversary
- * Grand Squares, Wpg., will be celebrating its 60th anniversary in October
- * Circle 8's Square Dance club, Brandon, will be celebrating its 65th anniversary in November
- * annual provincial "Come Together Jamboree"
- * declining membership

ON: Peter Piazza -

- * a number of new callers
- * SWOSDA - 60th Anniversary in October

QC: Peter Grondin -

- * 4 clubs
- * difficulty in recruiting callers and dancers
- * membership dropping each year

NB: Dianne McCormack -

- * membership slowly declining
- * lost one club but a new club has been formed
- * Ron Lowe has called for 50 years – a celebration was held
- * one club seeking funding from the province to teach square dancing in schools
Grades 1 to 5 or 6

NS: Laurie Illsley read Dottie Welch's Report.

- * 416 registered dancers
- * 19 clubs
- * 2 caller and cuer organizations
- * 15 active callers, cuers and contra prompters
- * Ron Rowe called at the first MCCA convention & MCCA is celebrating its 50th anniversary this October 25 – 28, 2019
- * Dottie Welch attained CALLERLAB Accredited Caller-Coach status in June 2019

PE: Christine Belanger -

- * 1 club (no federation and no association)

- * 2 callers
- * Work with NB and NS Callers Association
- * Association with callers in NB and PE Callers

At this time, Eric introduced the Board Members.

9.15: Acceptance of all Reports including the President's Report:

Motion: Bev Piazza, Pat Zeeman

- that all the reported be accepted as presented. Carried.

10.0: New Business:

10.1: Budget for 2019 – 2020: Peter Piazza

The anticipated Total Income: \$32,965.00

The anticipated Total Expenses: \$32,213.00

Motion: Peter Piazza, Bill Treleaven

- that the 2019 – 2020 Budget be accepted as presented. Carried.

10.2: Appointment of the Reviewer: Peter Piazza

Motion: Peter Piazza, Pat Zeeman

- that Andrea Ruth be accepted as the Reviewer for the year 2019 – 2020. Carried.

10.3: Informed the members of the revision of the term of **Membership Fee to Membership / Insurance Fee .**

10.4: SOCAN combining with Re-Sound to become ENTANDEM:

SOCAN is the license for the music, and, Re-Sound is the license for the Manufacturers and Performers.

Lorne Smith provided us with some information directly from a SOCAN Licensing Agent that stated there would be no major change in fees for the 2020 season.

11.0: Announcements:

11.1: Next Board of Director's Board Meeting:

To follow this AGM in about 15 minutes.

11.2: Next AGM; During Festival 2020 in Surrey, BC. Time and location TBD.

11.3: Evening dance location and time:

Location: the Kennedy Community Hall, Surrey, BC (Same place as this meeting.)

Time: Round Dance Program begins at 7:00 p.m. PDT

11.4: Garry Dodds informed the AGM meeting of last night's meeting regarding the Youth dance program presentation conducted by Ray and Christine Brendzy and their family. Garry thanked them for their time and information. Applause.

12.0: Motion to ratify all acts, etc.

Motion: Lorraine Kozera, Garry Dodds

- 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 (July 20th, 2018) 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.

13.0: Thank the Hosts:

Eric McCormack thanked the movers and shakers for organizing this weekend, namely: Pat Zeeman, Garry Dodds, Norm Cox, Mary Cox, and the members of the Fraser Valley Square Dance Association.

14.0: Adjournment:

Dianne McCormack adjourned the meeting at 3:30 p.m. PDT.

These Minutes were prepared by Lorraine Kozera, CSRDS Secretary.