

Canadian Square and Round Dance Society
Annual General Meeting
Sunday, November 29th, 2020
Virtual Meeting on ZOOM

1.0: Attendance: There were 54 members in attendance on our virtual meeting.

2.0: Welcome and Call to Order: Eric McCormack

Eric called the meeting to order at 2:10 p.m. CST. Then, Eric welcomed everyone to our very different Annual General Meeting.

3.0: Memorial: Pat Zeeman

Pat read two poems: Miss Me But Let Me Go and How to Find Peace of Mind.
A moment of Silence was called following the readings.

4.0: Acceptance of the November 29th, 2020 Agenda:

Moved by Lorraine Kozera, Seconded by Arlo Speer

- That the agenda for the 2020 Annual General Meeting be adopted as presented.
- Motion CARRIED.

5.0: Acceptance of the September 7th, 2019 AGM Minutes:

Moved by Lorraine Kozera, Seconded by Dan Roy

- That there being no errors or omissions, that the Minutes of the 2019 Annual General Meeting to be adopted as presented.
- Motion Carried.

5.1: Business arising from the September 7th, 2019 Minutes:

There was no business arising from the September 7th, 2019 AGM Minutes.

6.0: Treasurer's Report: Peter Piazza

This past year has been difficult for all of our CSRDS dance members. The Covid-19 virus has affected all of us in one way or another.

Our major sources of income are from our conventions that are held every second year and the CSRDS membership/insurance fees. The CSRDS is paying for the cost of the liability insurance for 2021 in order for it to be available when we get back to dancing. Although, there won't be any income for 2021, the CSRDS should have approximately \$188,000.00 in assets as at the end of the next fiscal year.

Moved by Peter Piazza, Seconded by Rachelle Cournoyer

- That the Treasurer's Report be accepted as presented.
- Motion CARRIED.

6.1: Budget Report:

Peter Piazza

The budget would be the same as last year as there will be no income during the 2020-2021 dance year.

Moved by Pat Zeeman, Seconded by Dianne McCormack

- That the estimated budget report be accepted as presented. Motion CARRIED.

7 .0: President's Report:

Eric McCormack

Highlights of the President's Report:

- Expressed deepest gratitude to the CSRDS Board of Directors, Federations, Associations, Clubs and Dancers for their continuous support.
- Will be passing the gavel over to a new President, but Eric and Dianne will remain on the CSRDS Board for another two-year term: Eric as Past President and Eric and Dianne as N.B. Representatives on the CSRDS Board of Directors.
- Covid-19 has dealt our CSRDS members a severe blow since March of 2020. Convention 2020 had to be postponed until 2021 due to the pandemic.
- A bright light in this dark time may be seen in the selfless efforts of Callers, Cuers, and Leaders across Canada who are offering dances and dance classes, virtually, to our entire membership.
- Convention 2020 was forced to re-schedule the July 2020 convention to July 2021. Many kudos to the BC Festival Committee for their continued efforts to overcome the many difficulties imposed by this dread disease. Hope is that there will be a viable Covid-19 vaccine developed in time for Convention 2021.
- Convention 2022 delayed their advertising period to accommodate the organizers of 2021 time to revise their advertising for the 2021 convention. In late 2020, Convention launched their advertising with a special early bird campaign.
- All pertinent information concerning CSRDS Liability Insurance and the member's responsibility may be found on the Website www.csrds.ca. Members are not specifically entitled to negotiate with the insurance company in any manner except through the Society Board of Directors.

8.0: Vice President's Report:

Laurie Illsley

There is one Award of Excellence to be presented at the next convention.

9.0: Committee Reports:

9.1: By-Laws: Dianne McCormack

By-Laws are up to date.

9.2: Regulations: Dianne McCormack

Rules and Regulations are up to date as of this meeting.

9.3: Membership: Christine Belanger

The membership is steadily declining. As there has not been any dancing since mid-March 2020, the CSRDS is covering the 2021 membership/insurance fees for the federations, associations, clubs and dancers that had been registered for the 2020 dance season.

9.4: Convention Co-ordinator: Lorne Smith

Convention 2020 had to be postponed due to a worldwide pandemic. Organizers of convention 2020 had decided to postpone the convention to 2021. We hope that a vaccine will be in production before that time. The organizers will make a decision whether to go forward with the postponement date early in 2021.

Convention 2022 is moving forward with advertising and have their committee moving forward at good speed.

9.5: Convention 2020 (2021): Norm Cox

Although there have been many cancellations there still are 445 dancers registered. At present their only expense is for postage.

The organizing committee is planning for an early 2021 decision to determine if the convention will go forward.

9.6: Convention 2022: Terry Hebert

Highlights:

- Convention committees are moving along at a quick pace.
- The Convention 2022 committee is spread over two provinces and one state.
- Meetings (which are frequent) are held on ZOOM.
- Covid-19 has interfered with various tasks.
- As the convention centre is being used as the Law Courts, the committee is unable to have a Bubble visit.

- Club 2022 has been launched. The first 222 registered dancers for the convention will receive several perks befitting a VIP. Check their New Brunswick Federation's web site for more information.

9.7: Marketing/Publicity:

Rachelle Cournoyer

Highlights:

- The memes for Convention 2014 were replaced with the CSRDS Logo. CSRDS Facebook page has 639 followers.
- Analytics: 65% are women and 33% are men, and the largest group of followers are in the 65+ age range followed by 55 – 64 year olds.
- There is an International following from United States of America, Taiwan, Australia, and Germany.
- Followers find the CSRDS via our Facebook page, google, yahoo, and the CSRDS website.
- The Pinterest account has made some format changes that have affected our account. It is no longer easy to search for and find what we are looking for on Pinterest.

Comments from the attending members:

- Would we be able to get government support to get people active again?
- Is Participaction able to support our dance activity? Comments: They could make a commercial for us. Participaction is more interested in the younger people.
- Would Recreation Centre Directors' organizations be willing to get a variety of activities into their centres? Would they like to have callers into the centres to have a celebration?
- Would the callers and cuers have a ZOOM session to come up with ideas of how to return to dancing after Covid-19.
- Federal Government assistance through Clogging, Contra and Line Dancing so that Square and Round Dancing could be dove-tailed onto those forms of dance.

9.8: Professional Development:

Bill Treleaven

There was one bursary application for a round dance cuer's school, but, it had to be cancelled due to Covid-19. There has been some activity in virtual teaching for caller and cuer schools but as yet no bursary requests.

9.9: Honours and Awards:

Laurie Illsley

Two Long Service Awards were presented to two dancers in Prince Edward Island. There is one Award of Excellence to be presented at the next convention.

9.10: CSRDS Web Site: Dan Roy

Highlights:

- The web site continues to function well.
- Regular program updates are made.
- Content updates are made upon requests.
- Links have been corrected for Convention 2020 (2021).
- A new web page created for Convention 2022.
- Webmaster Dan Roy's new E-mail address is: dan.roy1950@gmail.com.
- Early in 2022 negotiations for a new agreement with Blacksun (Internet Service Provider) will be required.

9.11: Privacy Officer: Eric McCormack
Nothing to report.

9.12: Historian: Pat Zeeman

Highlights:

- A list of items that require updating was presented at the Pre-AGM.
- At the end of this current year, something should be added to reflect what has/is happening in our activity.
- Festival 2020, scheduled to be held in Surrey, BC in July/August was postponed to 2021 in hopes that we would be able to gather in large groups by then.

9.13: Outreach: Wilma Illsley

One card has been sent out recently.

9.14: Nominations: Peter Grondin

The following list of nominees was presented for the 2020-2022 Board of Directors:

PE: Christine and Martin Belanger	NB: Eric and Dianne McCormack
NS: Laurie and Wilma Illsley	QC: Peter Grondin and Rachelle Cournoyer
ON: Peter and Bev Piazza	MB: Lorraine Kozera
SK: Bill and Shirley Treleaven	AB: Lorne and Barb Smith
BC: Garry Dodds and Pat Zeeman	Web Master: Dan Roy

Moved by Peter Grondin, Seconded by Laurie Illsley

- That we accept the nominations listed in the Nominations' Report.
- Motion CARRIED.

At this time, Pat Zeeman thanked Eric and Dianne McCormack and Lorraine Kozera for putting together this impressive AGM Booklet.

9.15: Federation Reports:

Reports were received from:

- British Columbia - Pat Zeeman and Garry Dodds
- Alberta - Lorne and Barb Smith
- Saskatchewan – Dwayne Barber
- Manitoba – Del and Yvonne Marks
- Ontario – Dan Roy
- Quebec - Reina Ruben
- New Brunswick – Michel and Geraldine Lefebvre
- Nova Scotia – Laurie Illsley
- Prince Edward Island – Christine and Martin R-Belanger

9.16: Motion to accept all reports:

Moved by Bill Treleaven, Seconded by Wendy VanderMeulen

- That all Reports, including the President’s Report be accepted as presented.
- Motion CARRIED.

10.0: Budget for 2020 -2021:

Peter Piazza

The estimated budget for our next term is”

- Total Income \$ 540.00
- Total Expenses \$19,000.00

- Net Revenue/Expense (\$18,660.00)

Motion:

Moved by Lee Warriner , Seconded by Garry Dodds

- That the Treasurer’s estimated Budget Report be accepted as presented.
- Motion CARRIED.

Appointment of the Financial Reviewer:

Peter Piazza

Moved by Peter Piazza, Seconded by Arlo Speer

- That a Financial Reviewer be appointed within the next six months.
- Motion CARRIED.

12.0: New Business:

12.1: Director's travel assistance for Pre-Annual General Meeting, Annual General Meeting and Post-Annual General Meeting during a Canadian National Convention:

Moved by Christine R-Belanger, Seconded by Peter Piazza

- That Board Members reimbursement for travel be supplemented to include half of the hotel expenses for travel to Pre-AGM, AGM, and Post-AGM meetings during a convention year.
- Motion CARRIED.

12.2: The results of the E-vote regarding Membership/Insurance Fee for the 2021.

Upon studying the Society Finances, the Board of Directors decided, unanimously, that the fee would remain the same at least until the end of 2021. Insurance would continue to be provided, at no cost to members, for the 2021 year.

13.0: Announcements:

13.1: Next Board of Directors' Meeting:

This meeting is set for Sunday, December 6th, 2020.

13.2: Next Annual General Meeting:

An AGM is scheduled for Festival 2021 in Surrey, BC. If Festival 2021 is cancelled, the AGM will be held with the same time frame in 2021 as today's meeting. It will also be the same format as AGM 2020.

13.3: Other:

* Dottie Welch announced that Callerlab will be having a virtual meeting on March 27th, 2021.

A couple of topics that will be discussed are:

- How to re-vitalize square dancing after Covid-19?
 - How to enhance square dancing, e.g. the SSD (Social Square Dancing) program. Darryl Glendennin had made mention of a shorter term of social-type dance program.
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- Lorne Smith announced that the Alberta Convention will look a lot different this year.
 - Lorne Smith shared info on Candles Around the World.
 - Bill Treleaven announced that Line Dancing and Round Dancing are being done virtually.
 - Reina Ruben announced that they have been doing a lot of ZOOM dancing. And square dance logo masks were purchased to give to all of their dancers in Quebec.
 - Christine Belanger shared what some sports' clubs in PE are doing to raise awareness of their activity re: using the team's logos on pandemic-style face masks.

- Brian Elmer - might we raise funds to advertise our re-connecting to the 'after Covid-19' times through volunteer donations to re-vitalize our activity.
- Wendy VanderMeulen announced that there would be a virtual Christmas square dance event from 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. Saturday, December 6th, 2020. There will be callers from around the world on this event.

14.0: Motion to ratify all acts, etc.

Moved by Lorraine Kozera, Seconded by Bev 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 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.
- Motion CARRIED.

15.0: Eric thanked all the attendees and all the Federations, Associations, Clubs and Dancers for their assistance and support to this very different AGM.

16.0: Adjournment:

Garry Dodds adjourned this meeting at 3:55 p.m. CST.

These Minutes were prepared by Lorraine Kozera, CSRDS Secretary.