

Canadian Square and Round Dance Society
Hybrid Annual General Meeting
Sunday, November 21st, 2021

MINUTES

1.0: Attendance:

BC: Garry Dodds	Pat Zeeman	AB: Lorne Smith
SK: Ron and Margaret Hopkinson		MB: Lorraine Kozera
ON: Peter and Bev Piazza		Webmaster: Dan Roy
QC: Peter Grondin	Rachelle Cournoyer	NB: Eric and Dianne McCormack
NS: Laurie and Wilma Illsley		PE: Christine and Martin Belanger
Convention 2022: Terry and Melonie Hebert		

And 20 other attendees from across Canada.

2.0: The Meeting was “Called to Order” at 2:04 CST by President Laurie Illsley. Laurie welcomed everyone to this Annual General Meeting held via ZOOM. Laurie, also, welcomed Ron and Margaret Hopkinson from Saskatchewan as the newly nominated Representatives from Saskatchewan.

3.0: Memorial:

Pat Zeeman

Pat read a beautiful memorial which was followed with a moment of silence in recognition of the many dancers that have passed since our last AGM. Pat, also, requested that we hold British Columbia in our thoughts and prayers as this province works on recovering from the devastating rain just one week ago.

FOR THOSE I LOVE - FOR THOSE WHO LOVE ME

*When I am gone, release me, let me go.
I have so many things to see and do.
You mustn't tie yourself to me with tears;
Be happy that we had so many years.
I gave you my love. And you can only guess
How much you gave me of happiness.
I thank you for the love you all have shown,
But now it's time I travelled on alone.
So grieve a while for me, if grieve you must,
Than let your grief be comforted by trust,
It's only for a while that we must part,
So bless the memories within your heart.
I won't be far away, for life goes on:
Though you can't see or touch me, I'll be near
And if you listen with your heart, you'll hear
All of my love around you, soft and clear.
And then, when you must come this way alone,
I'll be there to greet you with a smile
And "Welcome Home"!*

Anonymous

Pat, then, asked for a 'Moment of Prayer and Reflection'.

ENTANDEM. When the draft agreement is established, it will need to be agreed by this working committee plus the CSRDS Board.

10.0: COMMITTEE REPORTS:

10.1: By-Laws and Regulations: Dianne McCormack

Nothing new to report.

10.2: Membership/Insurance: Christine Belanger

Christine reported that there are no numbers to report because most clubs have not been dancing since the pandemic started.

The CSRDS Board of Directors made the decision to cover the cost of the Liability Insurance for 2021 and 2022.

10.3: Convention Co-ordinator: Lorne Smith

The Surrey 2020 Convention Committee have closed their books, so, now we can focus on the 2022 Convention in Fredericton in July.

Lorne requested that we start thinking about encouraging bids for the 2024 convention.

10.4: Convention 2022: Terry Hebert

Terry reported on his concerns about the low registrations, but, with the pandemic still having a part in the lack of registrations coming in Terry understands the caution in dancers not registering at this time. The present registration number is 287 registrants.

The Second Newsletter has been sent out to all of the registrants and all provincial associations. There have been some changes to the fee structure.

Advertising will start up again hoping that the end of the fourth wave will slowly encourage more dancing to begin and the situation will be closer to normal.

Terry was asked what the 'break even point' is. Terry informed the members that the break even point would be near 500 registrants.

10.5: CSRDS Marketing/Publicity: Rachelle Cournoyer

Rachelle reported that she focused more on maintaining the CSRDS Facebook Page as there was very little dancing happening across Canada due to the pandemic. About 632 people are following the CSRDS Facebook Page. 65% of them are women in the 65+ year old group,

followed by the 55 to 65 year old group. The graphics show that the largest following is in the prairie provinces. The following is mainly Canadians, and, United States is right behind Canada.

10.6: Professional Development: Laurie Illsley

No bursaries were paid out this year. There had been one request, but, it was cancelled due to Covid-19.

10.7: Honours and Awards: Laurie Illsley

No requests were received.

10.8: CSRDS Webmaster: Dan Roy

Dan reported that

- * the web site continues to function well
- regular program updates
- budgeting for a new contract will be required in March 2022
- no longer in 5-year contracts – now will be 3-year contracts

10.9: Privacy Officer: Laurie Illsley

No changes required at this time.

10.10: Historian: Pat Zeeman

Nothing new to add at this time.

10.11: Outreach: Wilma Illsley

Nothing new to report at this time.

10.11: Manual Editor: Eric McCormack

Eric reported that this will be his winter's project to be re-formatted and brought up-to-date in time for the handover at Convention 2022. The CSRDS Directors asked to examine the existing Manual and submit any valid changes pertinent to their particular portfolio.

10.12: Nomination Chair: Eric McCormack

Eric reported that he would be forwarding a document to Provincial Federation President's or Contacts requesting "Nominations for the 2022 – 2024 Board of Directors. This list of nominees will be presented at the 2022 convention being held in Fredericton, NB in July 20 – 23, 2022.

- **That Laurie Goalen of Manitoba be appointed as the CSRDS Reviewer for 2021 – 2022.**
- **Carried.**

12.0: ANNOUNCEMENTS:

12.1: Next Board Meeting: Laurie Illsley

The Post Annual General Meeting will be held Sunday, November 28th, 2021.

12.2: Next Annual General Meeting: Laurie Illsley

The next Annual General Meeting will be held in July 2022 during Convention 2022 in Fredericton, NB. Friday morning of the convention at 11:00 a.m.

13.0: Motion to ratify all acts, etc.:

Motion: Moved by Lorraine Kozera Seconded by Pat Zeeman

- **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. Carried.**

14.0: Thank you to all the attendees: Laurie Illsley

Laurie thanked all the members attending this Hybrid Meeting on ZOOM. There was nothing much to discuss.

Lorraine Kozera thanked Laurie Illsley, Eric McCormack, Dan Roy and Garry Dodds for helping to get the AGM Booklet put together for this Hybrid Annual General Meeting.

Garry Dodds thanked Dave Western and Arlo Speer for the work done regarding the Entandem Licencing.

Dennis Sutton of British Columbia reported that various grants were provided to their associations and clubs to help to get help to draw in more dancers.

15.0: Adjournment:

Motion: Moved by Dan Roy that the 2021 Annual General Meeting be adjourned.

The Annual General Meeting was adjourned at 2:40 p.m. CST.

