Canadian Square and Round Dance Society Annual General Meeting Friday, July 22nd, 2022

British Columbia Report

Return to Dancing:

Most of British Columbia has returned to dancing in some form. Round Dancing, Clogging and Square Dancing has restarted with some Covid-19 restrictions. We still have a large number of dancers who are uncomfortable returning to dancing at this point. I would estimate that less than half of the number of dancers we had pre-Covid have returned to dancing so far.

Our round dance clubs have been active and seeing reasonable number of returning dancers.

As BC Delegates we have had the opportunity to present some milestone awards already this year.

- 1) Rainbow Rounders Round Dance Club of Victoria, celebrated their 30th Birthday on April 26, 2022.
- 2) Mavericks Square Dance Club of Victoria, celebrated their 70th Anniversary on May 13, 2022.

Currently, Mavericks and Country Cousins (who are 66 yrs old) are dancing together on the same night in order to have enough dancers to break even. The program is split between their two callers.

Thanks to a very generous donation to the BC Federation from a number of lower mainland clubs who started a building fund, the Federation has been able to provide grants to member clubs for restarting after covid (to help with expenses that would not have been incurred without the covid required protocols), new dancer class advertising grants and grants to associations to assist with square and round dance awareness advertising.

Respectfully submitted, Garry Dodds