

Canadian Square and Round Dance Society
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Convention in Fredericton, NB
Friday, July 22nd, 2022

MINUTES

1.0: Attendance: Forty members signed the Attendance Sheet.

2.0: Welcome and Call to Order: Laurie Illsley

Laurie called the Meeting to Order at 11:00 a.m. and WELCOMED all in attendance.

3.0: Memorial: Pat Zeeman

Memorial – CSRDS AGM July 2022

The last two years have been strange ones – not being able to square dance (in our region of B.C., we continued to round dance until they closed the halls); not being able to get together with friends and family; not being able to mourn the loss of friends and family in the usual way. Now that we are making our way back to “normal”, we are going to find that “normal” is different than what we remember. In our area, a number of dancers have found other activities over the last two years, and won’t be back dancing; we have lost a number of dancers to ill health and to death – our returning numbers have been down substantially from March 2020, and it is going to take a lot of work by those of us who are left to bring square dancing back to life.

Today’s memorial is dedicated to those we have lost over the last two years; to all of you who are still with us; and in particular, it is dedicated to a very special lady we lost in April – my “other” mother, Marguerite Weber.

WHAT WILL MATTER

Michael Josephson

Ready or not, someday it will all come to an end. There will be no more sunrises, no minutes, hours or days. All things you collected, whether treasured or forgotten, will pass to someone else.

Your wealth, fame and temporal power will shrivel to irrelevance. Your grudges, resentments, frustrations, and jealousies will finally disappear.

So too your hopes, ambitions, plans, and to-do lists will expire.

The wins and losses that once seemed so important will fade away. It won’t matter where you came from, or on what side of the tracks you lived, at the end. It won’t matter whether you were beautiful or brilliant. Even your gender and skin colour will be irrelevant.

So, what will matter? How will the value of your days be measured?

What will matter is not what you bought, but what you built;
not what you got, but how you gave.

What will matter is not your success, but your significance.

What will matter is not what you learned, but what you taught.

What will matter is every act of integrity, compassion, courage or sacrifice that enriched, empowered or encouraged others to emulate your example.

What will matter is not your competence, but your character.

What will matter is not how many people you knew, but how many will feel a lasting loss when you’re gone.

What will matter are not your memories, but the memories that live in those who loved you.

What will matter is how long you will be remembered, by who and for what.

Living a life that matters doesn’t happen by accident. It’s not a matter of circumstances but of choice.

Choose to live a life that matters.

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A moment of Silence was asked to at this time.

4.0: Acceptance of the July 22nd, 2022 AGM Agenda:

Motion: Moved by Wayne Stretch, Seconded by Rachelle Cournoyer

- That the July 22nd, 2022 Agenda be accepted as presented. Carried.

5.0: Acceptance of the November 21st, 2021 AGM Minutes:

Motion: Moved by Dan Roy, Seconded by Eric McCormack

- That the November 21st, 2021 Minutes be accepted as presented. Carried.

6.0: Business Arising from the November 21st, 2021 Minutes:

No business arose from the November 21st, 2021 Minutes.

7.0: Treasurer's Report: Peter Piazza

Total income from Jul1st, 2021 to June 30 th , 2022:	\$ 2,102
Total expenses from July 1 st , 2021 to June 30 th , 2022:	\$12,244
Net Revenue/Loss:	-\$10,142

Motion: Moved by Peter Piazza, Seconded by Pat Zeeman

- That the 2022 Treasurer's Report be accepted as presented. Carried.

8.0: President's Report: Laurie Illsley

Thanked Terry and Melonie Hebert and the Violet Crew for hosting this year's convention. Many challenges were encountered, especially Covid – 19.
Thanked his fellow Board Members for doing what they could throughout the pandemic.

9.0: Past President's Report: Eric McCormack

Nothing to report at this time.

9.0: Vice President's Report: Garry Dodds

Garry spoke of the work done by a committee of callers to come to some agreement for the fees for SOCAN and Re:Sound. And with the agent Entandem overseeing the financial transactions for SOCAN and Re: Sound.

"Under the Copyright Act of Canada, if you "perform" music in a public setting, you are required by law to compensate the artists through the payment of royalties. This is done through two distinct licensing systems, one administered by SOCAN and one by Re:Sound.

In both cases, annual license fees are established through a series of legally established tariffs. SOCAN tariffs are based on an estimate of the number of participants in the coming year. Re:Sound's tariffs are based on the number and type of events conducted in the past year.

**SOCAN continues as was established during Martin Mallard's work (many years ago).
RE: SOUND – the biggest issue with Re:sound is that they have billed the callers under the wrong Tariff.**

SOCAN and ReSound and ENTANDEM update.

The committee in Ontario for the CSRDS is working hard to get a deal done. The goal was to have something by January 1, 2022 however, Entandem (basically Re:Sound) has been dragging its feet on this issue. Getting something in writing has been part of the problem.

SOCAN:

We have a tentative agreement with SOCAN which is basically the same as the agreement Martin Mallard established when our activity came under the umbrella of SOCAN.

This flat fee agreement has been expanded a bit to include events at which there are licensed leaders doing the event.

The current fee is \$74.72 plus GST for a total of \$78.46.

Re:SOUND:

We have not had any success in getting Re:Sound to set a single standard fee for our activity. They still want a per class/dance fee so those who have more classes pay more.

Their current billing is under the wrong tariff and is for background music. As the attached documents indicate, we need to track the number of dances/classes we do and report that by January 31st the following year. The correct Tariff for our activity is Tariff 6B.

Questions yet to be answered:

When there is a Round Dance cuer and a Square Dance caller working together on a dance, does the main person (presumably the caller) pay the fee or do each of them have to submit a fee for that one dance?

With most of us not able to call/cue or prompt in 2021, why are we still being billed for Re:Sound for 2021. I think most of the SOCAN fees have been reversed for 2021.

On Friday April 8, we finally got some written direction from Entandem. That document is enclosed. This document is based on the suggestions that Dave Western sent to the Entandem rep who is working with us. His name is Serge Cassano and his title is Industrial Partnership Lead.

Bottom line is we should pay the current invoice to stay legal and then when the agreement is finalized, and we send in our 2022 report, Entandem or Re:Sound will make an adjustment.

DIRECTORY OF LEADERS IN CANADA

One of the Project Team members, Geoff Clark, is proposing to establish a directory of all leaders in Canada. The BC Fed does not have such a list and would need to get permission from each of the leaders to pass this information along. The main purpose of the list is to allow the Project Team to pass on information about Entandem and the negotiations and final results to each leader who may need the information. If you are prepared to have your name and contact information on this list please contact Geoff. His email address is: caller.geoff@bell.net.

There will be extra accounting to do for Entandem. When we (the callers, cuers, etc.) send in a report to Entandem, they (the leaders) have to pay fifty (50) cents for each dance class that we lead. They also say that if there is an open dance with no instruction the tariff wouldn't apply.; but, then the hall capacity would be in force. Garry felt that instruction is happening at every dance. The caller is identifying the calls that the dancers are to make; or, the cuer is, also, identifying each move for the couples/dancers to perform. Therefore, the fifty cents would apply. The working team is still trying to get something more specific from Entandem.

Appreciation will be presented to the working team.

10.0: Committee Reports:

10.1: By-Laws and Regulations: Dianne McCormack

Nothing new to report:

10.2: Membership: Christine Belanger

Since there had not been much dancing , if any, for the past year therefore there is no report for membership numbers. However, all members were covered for the two years: 2021 and 2022.

10.3: Insurance: Peter Piazza

The Membership/Insurance Policy premium is going up in price to \$10,000.00 plus. No matter what the membership numbers are, the policy fee is increasing.

10.4: Convention Co-ordinator: Lorne Smith

Currently, there are no bids in to host the 2024 convention. It is not too late to place a bid for 2024.

10.5: Convention 2022: Terry Hebert

Some highlights of Terry's Report:

- The challenge of a convention through the two years of Covid.
- Registration numbers went up and down like a yo-yo around the three hundred registrants.
- Due to health issues, the committee decreased in numbers.
- Received a great volunteer response for the convention.
- Terry and Melonie thanked the Society Board of Directors for supporting the 2022 Convention Committee, especially when things did not look great.
- Thanked the leaders and dancers for attending and making this a premier event.

10.6: Marketing/Publicity: Rachelle Cournoyer

Rachelle is encouraging more volunteer editors on FaceBook from all the provinces. Contact Rachelle if you would like to be a contributor to the CSRDS FaceBook page.

Four objectives for the CSRDS FaceBook page:

- 1: to gather contacts for CSRDS to enable it to promote its events
- 2: to enable communications between clubs and individuals interested in square dancing
- 3: to share good promotional ideas
- 4: to provide a portrait of square dancing across this country so that people interested in our activity can find it.

10.7: Professional Development: Ron Hopkinson

One bursary was received and approved to receive a bursary of \$500.00. Kelly Frizzell of Regina, SK was approved to attend the GCA Caller School in Minneapolis in May.

10.8: Honours and Awards: Laurie Illsley

One award will be presented during the Closing Ceremonies.

10.9: Outreach: Wilma Illsley

Nothing new to report at this time.

10.10: Historian: Pat Zeeman

Nothing new to report at this time.

10.11: Web Site Master: Dan Roy

Highlight of the Web Master's Report:

- Functionality: Functions well. System upgrades up-to-date.
- In Service: the present Website was initiated January 1st, 2018.
- Services have been renewed for three years.
- The CSRDS Domain name has been renewed for five years for a total cost of \$1,090.10.
- All required Provincial Domains have been extended for the usual one-year period.

10.12: Privacy Officer: Laurie Illsley

Nothing new to report.

10.13: Provincial Reports:

PE NS NB QC ON MB SK AB BC

Each province provided a report. All provinces stating the sadness of the loss of dancers due to the restrictions of the pandemic. Some provinces have not had any dancing for the two years. Others had some dances. Some of the callers in various provinces worked by using ZOOM.

10.14: Motion to accept the reports:

Motion: Moved by Wayne Stretch

Seconded by Bev Piazza

- That the Committee Reports, including the President’s, Past President’s, and Vice President’s reports be accepted as presented: Carried.

11.0: New Business:

11.1: Nominations for 2022 – 2024:

Eric started each nomination with “THE NAME OF THE PROVINCE’ and then the name of the NOMINEE FROM THAT PARTICULAR PROVINCE. Eric then asked “ARE THERE ANY FURTHER NOMINATIONS?” three times.

NS:	Laurie Illsley	Eric asked if all were in favor.	Carried
	Wilma Illsley	“ “ “ “	“
NB:	Eric McCormack	“ “ “ “	“
	Diane McCormack	“ “ “ “	“
BC:	Garry Dodds	“ “ “ “	“
	Pat Zeeman	“ “ “ “	“
ON:	Peter Piazza	“ “ “ “	“
	Bev Piazza	“ “ “ “	“
MB:	Lorraine Kozera	“ “ “ “	“
AB:	Lorne Smith	“ “ “ “	“
	Barbara Smith	“ “ “ “	“
SK:	Ron Hopkinson	“ “ “ “	“
	Margaret Hopkinson	“ “ “ “	“
QC:	Peter Grondin	“ “ “ “	“
	Rachelle Cournoyer	“ “ “ “	“
PE:	Martin Belanger	“ “ “ “	“
	Christine Belanger	“ “ “ “	“

All of the INDIVIDUAL provincial nominees were ACCEPTED AS PRESENTED.

Web Master: Dan Roy, an appointed position was accepted, also.

11.2: Membership Fees for the year 2023:

Christine Belanger

Motion: Moved by Christine Belanger

Seconded by Wayne Stretch

- That the CSRDS Membership/Insurance fee for the 2023 be increased to \$5.00 per dancer. Carried.

11.3: Appointment of the 2022 – 2024 Reviewer” Peter Piazza

Motion: Moved by Peter Piazza, Seconded by Eric McCormack

- That Lawrie Goalen continue as the CSRDS Reviewer for the CSRDS for 2022 – 2023 term. Carried

11.4: Budget for 2022 -2023: Peter Piazza

**Canadian Square & Round Dance Society Income
Projected Income and Expense 2022-2023**

	7500	5000	3700
	Dancers	Dancers	Dancers
Income			
Public Relations			
Website			
Gic Interest	300	300	300
Membership Dues @ 5.00	37500	25000	18500
	0		
Other			
refund 2021 convention	0		
Total Income	37800	25300	18800
Expenses			
Meetings	6000	6000	6000
Office Costs	2000	2000	2000
Professional Development	5000	5000	5000
Website	800	800	800
Festival Expenses	5000	5000	5000
Insurance	10300	11000	11000
Other			
Total Expense	29100	29800	29800
Net Revenue (Loss)	8700	-4500	-11000

Motion: Moved by Peter Piazza, Seconded by Pat Zeeman

- That the 2022 – 2023 Budget be accepted as presented. Carried

11.5: A building Fund Presentation:

Sandi Poje and Sylvia French

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The Story About the Building Fund:

Early in 1979 a group of Singles took a bus trip to Reno. On the way home they stopped at Eugene-Springfield in Oregon to dance with the "Single Trees", who shared use of a square dancer built and owned hall. Some, Diana Christensen (Lifton) in particular thought, "If they can do it, why can't we?" As a result, the Building Fund was formed later that year. Although made up of "Singles", it operated independently, and had been a fact of life for the Club since then. In 1986, The Building Fund Committee Chairperson was included as an officer to the Executive Committee of the Swinging Singles to reflect the necessity of Building Fund representation. But later with soaring land costs in BC's Lower Mainland and Fraser Valley, this brought the Building Fund members to the realization that they could not amass enough money to see the dream through. So what better place than to share with others.

In April 2019, we donated \$100,000.00 to the BC Federation and another \$100,000.00 to the Fraser Valley Square and Round Dance Association and another \$ 15,000.00 to the Swinging Singles to help with the celebrations of their 50th anniversary. After 50 years as the Swinging Singles Square Dance Club of BC, they have decided to change their name to Circle 8's Square and Round Dance Club.

The Building Fund met on August 14th, 2021 and decided to give a donation of \$3300.00 to help other clubs in the Lower Mainland with their new start-up after Covid. To date we have donated to 14 clubs, and are waiting for another 4 clubs to start up in September. At that time we also passed a motion to donate \$25,000.00 to the Canadian Square and Round Dance Society as a start-up fund for any province who needs funds to hold future Square Dance Conventions. Sylvia French and I (Sandi Poje) both worked for the Festival in Surrey, BC in 2020, and realized you can hardly start to prepare for a Convention unless you have start-up monies.

This is our thought, but, if you need monies for any other service, please, feel free to do what you think is best for the square dance communities.

Thank you.

Sandi Poje and Sylvia French

Chair and Treasurer of the Building Fund Committee in BC

On behalf of the Building Fund Committee:

Florence Wray	Past Treasurer – moved to Vancouver Island
Peter Tamin	Past President and Treasurer
Sandi Poje	Building Fund Chairperson
Eva Matheson	Secretary/Treasurer
Sylvia French	Treasurer
Shirley Innes	
Al Williams	
Roy Swanson	moved to Grand Forks

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Diana Christensen	Founder and President
Jackie Eagle	Building Fund Chairperson
Jack Miller	Building Fund Chairperson
Gladys McManus	Building Fund Chairperson

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 as hereby ratified, approved, sanctioned and confirmed. Carried.

14.0 Announcements:

14.1: Date and Time of the Post AGM Meeting:
 July 22nd, 2022 at 2:00 p.m.

14.2: The next AGM for 2023:

Attendees requested a HYBRID Annual General Meeting consisting of both In-Person and ZOOM so that anyone wishing to attend the AGM is able to attend in whichever way would be suitable for the individual to receive the information shared at the AGM's.

15.0: Thank the Host Committee and all the Members in Attendance: Laurie Illsley

Laurie thanked the Hosts: Terry and Melonie Hebert and their Committee for their hard work in making Convention 22 happen. Laurie also THANKED the Board of Directors for their support; and, to all the CSRDS members that attended this Annual General Meeting. Also, thanked Terry for printing all the AGM booklets for us.

16.0: Adjournment:

Motion: Moved by Bev Piazza
 ■ That the meeting be adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

These Minutes were prepared and distributed by Lorraine Kozera, CSRDS Secretary.