

Canadian Square and Round Dance Society
Penticton Trade and Convention Centre
July 17, 2026
Annual General Meeting Minutes

1.0: Attendance:

The attendance is recorded on a separate sheet that went around to all of the attendees. There were 37 members that signed the Attendance Sheet.

2.0: President Laurie Illsley "Called the Meeting to Order" at 11:08 a.m. He welcomed everyone in attendance and thanked them for taking the time to be present.

3.0: Memorial: by Rosalie Beamish

Friends, square dancing has been part of all our married lives. Over the years we have made many friends young and old, some we see every week some once a year. It is sad when we must say a final goodbye to one of them. But we remember the fun we had on the dance floor. When I was 17 I attended international peace Gardens music camp and this song was our theme. We arrive for a weekend of fun and Laughter. As time passes we think of those who are no longer with us. We miss them deeply but feel their loving presence when we make a mistake on the dance floor.

"A Farewell to a Friend " by Loreena McKinnik.

Goodbye my friend I'll miss you so

Your smile, your friendship too

'You've been the best friend I've ever had

I'll remember you my whole life through

Goodbye my friend/. Good bye my friend

I'll see you again sometime.

There were tears in my eyes and a lump in my throat

When I heard you were going away

But never shall I forget the good times we've had

I'll remember you from this day.

I guess today you'll wander on, leaving friends and memories behind.

But then one day. I'll find you again

Just to ease my lonesome mind.

Goodbye my friend, Good bye my Friend

I'll see you again sometime.

4.0: Acceptance of the July 17, 2026 CSRDS Agenda

Motion: moved by Lorne Smith, Seconded by Wayne Stretch

That we accept the July 17, 2026 agenda as presented. Carried

5.0: Acceptance of the August 1, 2025 CRSD Minutes:

Motion: Moved by Dennis Sutton, Seconded by Pat Zeeman

That we accept the August 1, 2025 minutes as presented. Carried

5.1: Business arising from the August 1, 2026 minutes.

There was no business arising from the minutes.

6.0: Treasurer's Report - by Terry Hebert

As attached - Bank Balance - \$26278.90

6.1: Motion: Moved by Terry Hebert Seconded by Pat Zeeman

That the Financial Report for 2026 be accepted. Carried.

6.2: Motion: Moved by Terry Hebert, Seconded by Reita Ray

That the CRSDS 2026-2027 Budget be accepted as presented.
Carried.

6.3: Motion: Moved by Terry Hebert, Seconded by Pat Zeeman
That Susan Watson of New Brunswick be selected as the Reviewer
for 2025-2026. Carried.

7.0: President's Report : by Laurie Illsley

Everything went well. Thanks to the Director's help.

8.0: Past President 's Report

No one in this position due to death of previous president.

9.0: Vice President's Report by Garry Dodds

Lots of good visiting and travelling around BC. Please register
for 2028 Festival is in Fredericton. We are looking for a spot for 2030.

10.0: Committee Reports:

All reports are listed in booklet and on website.

10.1: Convention Co-ordinator: By Lorne Smith.

Really good festival in Penticton 2026. We are planning 2028 in
Fredericton N.B. There is a blue print to follow and working on
members for 2030. Wendy Kruger said we did it in less than 2 years,
you can do it for 2030, "Keep the fun momentum going."

10.2: By-Laws by Pat Zeeman

Nothing to report because no changes are required at this time.

10.3: Membership and Membership Fees:

The total membership for the 2025-2026 across Canada is 4776.

Motion : Moved by Pat Zeeman, Seconded by Terry Hebert.

That the 2027 CSRDS Membership Fee remain at \$5.00 per
Federation, \$5.00 per Association. \$5.00 per club and \$5.00 per
dancer. Carried.

10.4: Professional Development :

Report submitted by Ron Hopkinson –Seven requests for a Caller's School, He preposed an increase in bursary amounts and it was approved by the board at the May 26, 2026 meeting so the amounts were adjusted accordingly.

10.5: Publiciity/Marketing:

No report.

10.6: Webmaster: by Dan Roy

See attached report

10.7: Honours and Awards: by Laurie Illsley

See attached report

10.8: Outreach: by Wilma Illsley

See attached report

10.9: Historian: by Pat Zeeman

Nothing to report

10.10: Directors' Manual: by Pat Zeeman

Nothing to report

10.11: Nominations: by Laurie Illsley

Laurie read each name 3 times of the present board with Terry taking over for Laurie and Wilma Illsley names. The Saskatchewan rep is changing to Eldon and Carolyn Newdorf , who will replace Ron and Margaret Hopkinson. We welcomed Quebec reps in January of Demetri and Helen Elias, they will assume the Publicity and Marketing committee.

10.12: Motion: by Edward Beamish Seconded by Pat Zeeman that we accept the Provincial Federation Reports as printed in the AGM Booklet. Carried.

10.13: Motion: Moved by Dennis Sutton , Seconded by Edward Beamish .That we accept all the committee reports including the President's and the Vice President's Report. Carried.

11.1: New Business

From the Professional Development Recommendation:

Motion : By Ron Hopkinson- That starting May 24, 2026, the maximum bursary amount be increased to \$750.00 and the grant amount to be \$1500. Seconded by Wayne Stretch, Carried.

12.0: A motion to ratify all Acts etc.

Motion: moved by Pat Zeeman , Seconded by Terry Hebert. That all acts, contracts, Rules and Regulations, proceedings, appointments, elections, and payments 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 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 the Meeting, be and the same are hereby ratified , approved, sanctioned and confirmed.
Carried.

13.0: Announcements:

13.1: The next Board of Director's meeting to be post AGM at 1 pm , July 17 in the next room.

13.2: The next CSRDS Annual meeting for 2027 to be announced.

14.0: President Laurie Illsley, thanked the Penticton Festival committee for the hard work that went into the preparations for this whole event. Also, thanked all the folks that took the time to attend our CSRDS Annual General meeting.

15.0: Adjournment: Rhetha Roy adjourned the meeting at 11:45 am. These minutes were prepared and distributed by Rosalie Beamish, CSRDS Secretary .