



Canadian Square and Round Dance Society
Hybrid Annual General Meeting
November 29, 2020

CSRDS Hybrid Annual General Meeting

With the onset of Corona Virus Disease (Covid-19), all forms of dance within the CSRDS sphere were forced to cease operations. All face-to-face meetings were ruled inappropriate. However, the Society is registered as a Federal Not-for-profit Corporation with Corporations Canada and, under the NFP Act (SC 2009, c.23), all Not-for-profit Corporations must hold an Annual Membership Meeting and submit reports therefrom. The Covid-19 Pandemic did not alter these rules.

The CSRDS Board of Directors had been using Zoom for virtual Board meetings for the past several months. However, the Society has never attempted to conduct an on-line Annual General Meeting. This is our first attempt at such an endeavour. Any meeting of this nature is a complicated affair and must be tightly constrained. The Covid-19 AGM will consist of two distinct parts, Email responses followed up with a ZOOM Meeting. The results of the two parts will be combined at the live virtual Meeting to determine the final outcomes on all Motions/Votes. These outcomes will be included in the official Minutes of the 2020 Annual General Meeting. These Minutes will be placed in the Public Domain for all Members.

How to join the 2020 AGM: (**You can only choose one method of participation**).

ZOOM: Any CSRDS Members who wish to join the ZOOM AGM are required to notify the President of the CSRDS by email at agm@csrds.ca no later than **November 15, 2020**. Those Members will receive, at the return email address, the information necessary to join the ZOOM Meeting.

EMAIL: Any CSRDS Member who wishes to comment/vote on any of the Motions via Email must submit their discussion and/or votes to agm@csrds.ca no later than **November 20, 2020**. Discussion and votes must be presented by item number according to the attached AGM Booklet. The emails will be seen only by the CSRDS President and all identifying information will be held in the strictest of confidence.

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The AGM Booklet is a representation of the CSRDS AGM proceedings scheduled to take place. It presents the Reports of all CSRDS Directors' portfolios and any Reports that have been forwarded by the Member Provinces.

Several items must be validated by Motions, which require Seconders, and Membership approval. Those at the ZOOM Meeting will be able to vote directly, but those using email will have their Comments/votes presented by the Meeting Chair.

Below is an example of a Motion in the AGM proceedings. (Agenda Item 3.0)

Item 3.0: Acceptance of the October 4th, 2020 Agenda:

Moved by:

Seconded by:

That the agenda for the 2020 Annual General Meeting be adopted as presented/amended.

Carried **Y**__ **N**__

This Motion will be presented at the ZOOM Meeting for Discussion, if any, and a vote. Should a Member wish to Discuss or vote on this Motion via email, they must indicate so no later than November 20, 2020. (email: agm@csrds.ca)

Here's an example of the body of a responding email:

Item 3.0: No discussion, Sam Snodgrass votes yes.

Pertinent discussion and all votes will be presented at their appropriate portion of the ZOOM AGM. Email votes will be counted as if presented live. Any queries can be directed to President, CSRDS at agm@csrds.ca

Thank you all for taking part in this important meeting.

Respectfully,

Eric McCormack,
President,
CSRDS

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

AGENDA

1.0: Attendance:

2.0: Welcome and Call the Meeting to Order: Eric McCormack

2.1: Memorial Pat Zeeman

3.0: Acceptance of the October 4th, 2020 Agenda:

4.0: Acceptance of the September 7th, 2019 Minutes:

4.1: Business Arising from the September 7th, 2019 Minutes:

NIL

5.0: Treasurer's Report: Peter Piazza

5.1: Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report:

6.0: President's Report: Eric McCormack

7.0: Vice President's Report: Laurie Illsley

8.0: COMMITTEE REPORTS:

8.1: By-Laws: Dianne McCormack

8.2: Regulations: Dianne McCormack

8.3: Membership: Christine Belanger

8.4: Convention Co-ordinator: Lorne Smith

8.5: Convention 2021: Norm Cox and Steve Edlund

8.6: Convention 2022: Terry and Melonie Hebert

8.7: Marketing/Publicity: Rachelle Cournoyer

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- 8.8: Professional Development: Bill Treleven
- 8.9: Honours and Awards: Laurie Illsley
- 8.10: CSRDS Web Site: Dan Roy
- 8.11: Privacy Officer: Eric McCormack
- 8.12: Historian: Pat Zeeman
- 8.13: Outreach: Wilma Illsley
- 8.14: Nominations: Peter Grondin
- 8.15: Federation Reports: BC _____ AB _____ SK _____ MB _____
ON _____ QC _____ NB _____ NS _____ PE _____
- 8.16: Acceptance of ALL REPORTS including the PRESIDENT’S REPORT:
- 9.0: Budget for 2020 -2021: Peter Piazza
- 10.0: Appointment of the Financial Reviewer: Peter Piazza
- 11.0: New Business:
- 12.0: Announcements:
- 12.1: Next Board of Directors’ Meeting:
- 12.2: Next Annual General Meeting:
- 12.3: Other:
- 13.0: Motion to ratify all acts, etc.:
- 14.0: Thank all attendees and Directors:
- 15.0: Adjournment:

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Proceedings

AGENDA, November 29, 2020

1.0: Attendance:

2.0: Welcome and Call the Meeting to Order: Eric McCormack

3.0: Acceptance of the October 4th, 2020 Agenda:

Item 3.0: Acceptance of the October 4th, 2020 Agenda:

Moved by:

Seconded by:

That the agenda for the 2020 Annual General Meeting be adopted as presented/amended.

Carried **Y**__ **N**__

4.0: Acceptance of the **September 7th, 2019 AGM Minutes:**

These Minutes are highlighted to differentiate them from this AGM proceedings.

Canadian Square and Round Dance Society

Annual General Meeting Minutes

Saturday, September 7th, 2019

Surrey, BC

1.0: Attendance: There were thirty-three members in attendance. Attendance is recorded on a separate sheet.

2.0: President Eric McCormack “Called the Meeting to Order at 1:35 P.M. PDT.

Eric thanked everyone for attending the meeting. Eric thanked Pat Zeeman, Garry Dodds, and Norm Cox for organizing the weekend of meetings, presentations and dances. As well as providing transportation for most of the Board of Directors from the airport to the hotel; and, then to our meeting location, dance hall and restaurants.

3.0: Memorial:

Pat Zeeman read a poem (Gone from my Sight) about a ship going out to sea which is comparable to the dancers that passed since the last AGM, followed by a moment of silence.

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4.0: Acceptance of the September 7th, 2019 Agenda:

Motion: Laurie Illsley, Peter Grondin

- that the September 7th, 2019 Agenda be accepted as presented. Carried.

5.0: Acceptance of the July 20th, 2018 AGM Minutes:

Motion: Lorraine Kozera, Dianne McCormack

- that the July 20th, 2018 AGM Minutes be accepted as presented. Carried.

6.0: Business Arising from the July 20th, 2018 Minutes:

There was no business arising from the July 20th, 2018 Minutes.

7.0: Treasurer's Report: **Peter Piazza**

Total INCOME for July 1st, 2018 to June 30th, 2019: \$41,391

Total EXPENSES for July 1st, 2018 to June 30th, 2019: \$21,860

NET REVENUE..... \$19,530

Motion: Peter Piazza, Peter Grondin

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

8.0: President: **Eric McCormack**

Eric thanked each of the Provincial Directors for the work accomplished this past year. Special mention was made for the Demeules who had to withdraw from the Board due to health reasons. The new Directors for Alberta, Lorne and Barb Smith, were welcomed to our Board of Directors.

Highlights throughout the year:

- * A new CSRDS web site which included the items that were brought to our attention is constantly being updated by our Web Master, Dan Roy, when information is provided.
- * A few changes have been made to our "Letter of Agreement for hosting Canadian National Conventions" to make it a little easier for the provinces to hold a convention.
- * A new more modern logo has been developed.
- * The CSRDS Marketing Committee is continually working on entries to the Face Book page and Pinterest.
- * "Festival 2020, under the direction of Norm Cox and Steve Edlund, is looking great!"

9.0: Committee Reports: (See full reports on the CSRDS Web Site.)

9.1: By-Laws and Regulations and 9.10 Director's Manual: **Dianne McCormack**

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- * By-Laws are up to date.
- * Incentives for hosting.
- * Letter of Agreement adjusted to reflect the hosting incentives.
- * Director's list updated.

9.2: Membership: Christine Belanger

- * A spreadsheet provided the membership for each of the provinces. Some adjustments need to be made.

9.3: Convention Co-ordinator: Eric McCormack

- * Promotion of 2020 CSRDS Convention July 29, 30, 31 and August 1, 2020 at the Sheraton Hotel in Surrey, BC. Check information at www.squaredance.bc.ca/2020.
- * Budget break even point adjusted based on the registrations received thus far.
- * No inquiries to host the 2022 CSRDS Convention at this point in time.
- * Updated Basic Letter of agreement regarding the Society's share of the registration income down to 10% from 15%.

9.4: Convention 2020: Norm Cox

- * More registrations required before Programs can be set in place. Presently there are 491 registrations. There are 8 wheel-chair dancers from Hamilton, ON registered.
- * Book hotel rooms directly by phoning 1-604-582-9288 and definitely mention the CSRDS Convention to receive convention rates.
- * Flooring is a challenge. Planning on plywood on the main floor rooms and slip on over the shoes for the second floor rooms.
- * Only Regional and Federation banners for the banner parade. There is no room to display them.
- * Hotel is near a large shopping mall with lots of eating places along the streets near by.
- * Underground parking for one car is included with each hotel room.
- * Trail In Dance at the hotel on Wednesday, July 29th, 2020 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

9.5: CSRDS Marketing/Publicity: Rachelle Cournoyer

- * The CSRDS Face Book page following is growing.
- * Promotion of convention postings are required to stimulate interest.
- * The CSRDS Face Book page is followed by clubs all over North America.
- * Input from all regions in Canada is required.
- * Presently, there is a lack of regional collaborators and generators of content which prevents the page from reaching its full potential.
- * People are going to the CSRDS Pinterest account to get ideas.
- * More than one person can be pinning to the Pinterest account.

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* There are 38 boards with 4,203 pins covering the various forms of dance that the CSRDS supports.

9.6: Professional Development: Bill Treleaven

- * There are 8 individuals requesting bursaries for a caller's/cuer's school.
- * There is one request to hold a school in Alberta.
- * Requests for bursaries can be made up to June 15th of the year of the session.

9.7: Honours and Awards: Laurie Illsley

- * Laurie encourages nominations from each of the provinces.
- * Laurie thanked Dan Roy for designing the new Award of Excellence medallions.
- * Laurie passed around a copy of the newly minted Award of Excellence medallion for the dancers in attendance to view.

9.8: CSRDS Web Site: Dan Roy

- Peter Piazza read Dan Roy's report.
- * The new web site went into service January 2018.
 - * The web site is functioning well.
 - * Regular updates are being made.
 - * Membership/Insurance Certificate Request forms were updated.
 - * New MENU picks have been added.

9.9: Privacy Officer: Eric McCormack

- * Several dancers have voiced their concerns over the sharing of their photos on social media.
- * Various systems have been tried with limited success.
- * Suggestion, QUOTE: "The most effective means of handling the photograph privacy problem is for Federations, Associations, and clubs to include a disclaimer in the registration forms, or, on the dance sign-in sheets, stating that: **"Photographs may be taken and shared on Social Media."** This leaves the decision in the hands of dance attendees."

9.11: Historian: Pat Zeeman

No report at this time.

9.12: Outreach: Wilma Illsley

One card was sent out since the last report. It was sent to a Past Board Member.

9.13: Nominations: Peter Grondin

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A letter will be going out to the Federation President of each province by the end of September.

9.14: Federation Reports:

BC: Jean Wood - There were 54 callers and cuers at the Festival 2019 in Salmon Arm, BC. There is a shortage of volunteers at the Festival. Two regions worked together to put on that Festival. 254 dancers attended.
Flooring in the dance locations at the 2020 Festival can be a problem.

AB: Lorne Smith read Bud Sedman's Report.

- * declining membership
- * the ASRDF usually meets 3 times a year
- * adjustments being made to the Hopkin's Fund, basically, for round dancing
- * Jerry Justin, a long time caller retiring at the end of 2019

SK: Bill Treleaven read Dwayne and Donna Barber's Report.

- * 25 clubs and 24 callers and cuers
- * 718 dancers
- * Amazing Race Canada on television: Some Saskatoon dancers participated with Eldon and Carolyn Neudorf calling
- * challenge to get new and young callers

MB: Lorraine Kozera read Del and Yvonne Mark's Report.

- * Paws N Taws Square Dance club (Wpg.) celebrated its 65th anniversary
- * Grand Squares, Wpg., will be celebrating its 60th anniversary in October
- * Circle 8's Square Dance club, Brandon, will be celebrating its 65th anniversary in November
- * annual provincial "Come Together Jamboree"
- * declining membership

ON: Peter Piazza -

- * a number of new callers
- * SWOSDA - 60th Anniversary in October

QC: Peter Grondin -

- * 4 clubs
- * difficulty in recruiting callers and dancers
- * membership dropping each year

NB: Dianne McCormack -

- * membership slowly declining
- * lost one club but a new club has been formed
- * Ron Lowe has called for 50 years - a celebration was held

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- * one club seeking funding from the province to teach square dancing in schools Grades 1 to 5 or 6

NS: Laurie Illsley read Dottie Welch's Report.

- * 416 registered dancers
- * 19 clubs
- * 2 caller and cuer organizations
- * 15 active callers, cuers and contra prompters
- * Ron Rowe called at the first MCCA convention & MCCA is celebrating its 50th anniversary this October 25 – 28, 2019
- * Dottie Welch attained CALLERLAB Accredited Caller-Coach status in June 2019

PE: Christine Belanger –

- * 1 club (no federation and no association)
- * 2 callers
- * Work with NB and NS Callers Association
- * Association with callers in NB and PE Callers

At this time, Eric introduced the Board Members.

9.15: Acceptance of all Reports including the President's Report:

Motion: Bev Piazza, Pat Zeeman

- that all the reported be accepted as presented. Carried.

10.0: New Business:

10.1: Budget for 2019 – 2020: Peter Piazza

The anticipated Total Income: \$32,965.00

The anticipated Total Expenses: \$32,213.00

Motion: Peter Piazza, Bill Treleaven

- that the 2019 – 2020 Budget be accepted as presented. Carried.

10.2: Appointment of the Reviewer: Peter Piazza

Motion: Peter Piazza, Pat Zeeman

- that Andrea Ruth be accepted as the Reviewer for the year 2019 – 2020. Carried.

10.3: Informed the members of the revision of the term of **Membership Fee to Membership / Insurance Fee** .

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10.4: SOCAN combining with Re-Sound to become ENTANDEM:

SOCAN is the license for the music, and, Re-Sound is the license for the Manufacturers and Performers.

Lorne Smith provided us with some information directly from a SOCAN Licensing Agent that stated there would be no major change in fees for the 2020 season.

11.0: Announcements:

11.1: Next Board of Director's Board Meeting:

To follow this AGM in about 15 minutes.

11.2: Next AGM; During Festival 2020 in Surrey, BC. Time and location TBD.

11.3: Evening dance location and time:

Location: the Kennedy Community Hall, Surrey, BC (Same place as this meeting.)

Time: Round Dance Program begins at 7:00 p.m. PDT

11.4: Garry Dodds informed the AGM meeting of last night's meeting regarding the Youth dance program presentation conducted by Ray and Christine Brendzy and their family. Garry thanked them for their time and information. Applause.

12.0: Motion to ratify all acts, etc.

Motion: Lorraine Kozera, Garry Dodds

- 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 (July 20th, 2018) 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 this Meeting, be and the same are hereby ratified, approved, sanctioned and confirmed. Carried.

13.0: Thank the Hosts:

Eric McCormack thanked the movers and shakers for organizing this weekend, namely: Pat Zeeman, Garry Dodds, Norm Cox, Mary Cox, and the members of the Fraser Valley Square Dance Association.

14.0: Adjournment:

Dianne McCormack adjourned the meeting at 3:30 p.m. PDT.

These Minutes were prepared by Lorraine Kozera, CSRDS Secretary.

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4.1: Business Arising from the September 7th, 2019 AGM Minutes:

Item 4.0

Moved by:

Seconded by:

There being no errors or omissions, that the Minutes of the 2019 Annual General Meeting be adopted as presented. (Item 4.0)

Carried **Y**__ **N**__

5.0: Treasurer's Report:

Peter Piazza

Treasurers Report for the Year Ending June 30, 2020

This past year has been a difficult one to say the least for all dancers whether they be square dancers, round dancer and cloggers or any other form of dance. The Covid -19 virus has affected all of us in one way or another.

On the financial front because our convention was cancelled a major source of revenue has been eliminated. After the 2018 convention Society collected almost \$15,000 from their share of the registration fees. We also collected over \$24,000 in dues. These are major sources of revenue. We will feel the effect of the losses of these revenues. In addition to the loss of revenue Society has decided to fund the cost of the liability insurance. Our insurance runs from January 1 to December 31, 2021. With the uncertainty faced by our movement it was felt it would be better to pay the cost of insurance so that it would be available when we get back to dancing. Although it will affect our trial balance Society will still be solvent. We will have approximately \$188,000 in assets as at the end of the next fiscal period.

Item 5.1 Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report:

Moved by:

Seconded by:

That the Treasurer's Report be accepted as presented.

Carried **Y**__ **N**__

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6.0: President's Report:

Eric McCormack

I must express my deepest gratitude to the CSRDS Board of Directors, Federations, Associations, Clubs, and Dancers for their continuous support. As of AGM 2020, I will be passing the gavel to a newly elected President and I sincerely hope the new President continues to receive the wonderful backing and assistance I have enjoyed for the past six years. Thank you all very much. With your approval, Dianne and I will remain on the Board of Directors for a further two-year term: I as Past-President and we as NB Representatives to the Society.

Square Dance and Covid-19 in 2020

Square Dance has been dealt a severe blow by Covid-19 across the planet. Since March of 2020 organized square dances have all but ceased to exist. Covid-19 has forced the delay of CSRDS Convention 2020 for one year.

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. For some of our members this is the only social activity in which they are engaged. Thank you all.

Square Dance in 2021 and 2022

Convention 2020 has undergone a forced rescheduling to July of 2021. Many kudos to the wonderful BC Festival Committee for their continued efforts to overcome the many difficulties imposed by this dread disease. The Fraser Valley dancers can be proud. Thank you for all you are doing in our behalf. We remain hopeful that a viable Covid-19 Vaccine will be developed in time for the 2021 Convention to be held. Do not give up hope.

The Chair Couple for Convention 2022, Terry & Melonie Hebert graciously agreed to hold off their advertising campaign until Convention 2020/21 was ready. Now, in late 2020, they have launched the 2022 advertising campaign. At the time of this report, their special early-bird campaign is well underway. Considering the uniquely short time frame for setup and planning, the amount of work already carried out by Terry & Melonie and their team is impressive. There is every hope that Convention 2022 will be truly successful.

CSRDS Membership and Insurance

Membership fees are collected annually by the Canadian Square and Round Dance Society. Liability insurance is provided. Every member of the CSRDS is entitled to full knowledge of the coverage, including third party liability. All pertinent information concerning CSRDS Liability Insurance and the member's responsibility may be found on the Website www.csrds.ca Further clarifying questions may be directed to the CSRDS Insurance Director/ Treasurer. Members are not specifically entitled to negotiate with the insurance company in any manner except through the Society Board of Directors.

I sincerely hope that the extreme efforts of so many brilliant scientific minds the world over results in the early development of an effective Covid-19 vaccine.

Please Have a wonderful winter. And let's get back to dancing!

7.0: Vice President's Report:

Laurie Illsley

No report at this time.

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8.0: COMMITTEE REPORTS:

8.1: By-Laws: Dianne McCormack

By-Laws are up to date.

8.2: Regulations: Dianne McCormack

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

8.3: Membership/Insurance: Christine Belanger

Since nothing has happened, membership-wise, since the May report, I have attached the May, 2020 information on the membership breakdown by provinces. Since COVID-19 ceased our dancing, I have had at least two requests for information about insurance and/or about membership fees. I was happy to be able to let them know that they are covered, at the moment, for liability insurance, thanks to the decision that the executive made in the May meeting that the CSRDS would cover the cost of the insurance premiums until such a time that we are able to start up dancing again.

| SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP REORT AS OF May 2020 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|------|--------|--------|-------|--------|------|------|-------|-------|---------|---------|-------|-------------|-------|
| | Fed. | Assoc. | Clubs | | | | | | | Dancers | | | | |
| | | | square | round | contra | clog | line | Other | total | leaders | dancers | teens | wheel chair | total |
| NL | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| NS | 1 | 3 | 15 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 19 | 15 | 256 | 0 | | 271 |
| NB | 1 | 3 | 13 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 14 | 15 | 278 | 14 | | 307 |
| PE | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 38 | 0 | | 40 |
| QC | 0 | 2 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 7 | 175 | 35 | | 217 |
| ON | 1 | 8 | 76 | 2 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 84 | 90 | 2074 | 8 | | 2172 |
| MB | 1 | 4 | 17 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 21 | 12 | 448 | 8 | | 468 |
| SK | 1 | 7 | 13 | 5 | 0 | 5 | 2 | 0 | 25 | 22 | 654 | 2 | | 678 |
| AB | 1 | 10 | 46 | 7 | 0 | 7 | 1 | 0 | 61 | 49 | 1271 | 30 | | 1350 |
| BC | 1 | 10 | 48 | 10 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 5 | 68 | 115 | 1451 | 17 | 13 | 1596 |

8.4: Convention Co-ordinator: Lorne Smith

Convention information:

Regarding the Convention Report, we all hope the Vaccine will be in production and available in time for next year's convention. Also, we hope the infection rates go down low enough so dancers and callers alike will register and attend next years convention and there is enough dancers and callers attending to make the convention a success. The Surrey committee will be making a decision of their plans early in the new year.

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8.5: Convention 2020/21: Co-Chairs Norm Cox and Steve Edlund

We are currently on hold waiting for word of a breakthrough in a vaccine for Covid-19. It will take a miracle to correct this virus so that we can even hope of having a Festival.

Currently we have 445 Dancers still registered. The Cancellation numbers just keep going up and now some 200 have applied to cancel. We have spent \$6,355.32 over and above our Facility Rent for which we have been promised a full reimbursement. The only ongoing expense at present is for Postage. We should make a decision early in the new year whether the Festival will go ahead or not.

Norm Cox, Co-Chair.

8.6: Convention 2022: Chair Couple Terry and Melonie Hebert

22nd Canadian National Square & Round Dance Convention Convention 2022

Fredericton NB July 20-23, 2022

Join the Violet Crew in '22

Rejoignez l'équipe violette en '22

Here we are in the fall of 2020 the year we can by far say has been anything but normal. We are usually all so busy getting back to our clubs and in the full swing of dance life again but not this year.

Convention 2022 has been moving along at a quick pace since our inception and being late to the party. Our organizing committee spread out over 2 provinces and one state has been having lots of great meetings via Zoom. We had a large amount of material to cover in such a short time and tried to accomplish it within 4 months. We achieved a great amount of the necessary preliminary work before Mid July and rewarded ourselves with a 6 week break away.

With Covid-19 looking after simple tasks has been interesting at times, hotels shut down till early summer, our Convention centre acting as our Law Courts and trying to find people who are able to complete the sometimes minor tasks as a logo design to even being able to have a Bubble Visit to the Convention Centre.

To date we have secured our contracts with the Convention Centre and the two adjoining Hotel Properties. We are a couple of days away from unveiling our logo and of course we have launched our home on the FDCNB website & Facebook. Both are seeing heavy traffic which both are encouraging and as well a lot of questions being fielded about Surrey BC.

Our biggest launch to date of course is our Club 2022. Club 2022 is for the first 222 registered dancers for the convention who will receive several perks befitting of a VIP to include but not limited to:

Guaranteed Registration

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Convention 2022 badges with your name
 Convention 2022 Dangles
 2022 Maple Leaf Bars (Maple Leaf Badge Extra)
 Club 2022 VIP Line at Registration Desk
 Guaranteed full no penalty refunds up to July 20, 2022
 Other goodies to be determined but befitting a VIP.

Our registration team were ready for an influx of registrations and they have been flowing in since our launch. We are quite happy with the initial results.

We thank all of you for your guidance and support in our endeavour and look forward to our days and weeks ahead as we work towards hosting a premier event in Fredericton in 2022.

We look forward to welcoming you all the Fredericton in July of 2022.

8.7: Marketing/Publicity:

Rachelle Cournoyer

Last fall we embarked on a special project to redo the memes that had been produced for Festival 2014, replacing the Festival 2014 with the CSRDS logo. We were finding that the memes had a long shelf life and were still circulating in the Square Dance community, but the Festival 2014 website was long gone. Nancy Morgan, for an honorarium of \$300 did the work, and 28 memes were redone, and released both on the CSRDS website and on our FB page. Our Facebook page has 639 followers. We can find out who they are through Facebook analytics: 65% are women, 33% are men, and our largest group of followers are in the 65+ age range, followed by the 55-64 year olds.

The number of people who saw any of your posts at least once, grouped by age and gender. Aggregated demographic data is based on a number of factors, including age and gender information users provide in their Facebook profiles. This number is an estimate.



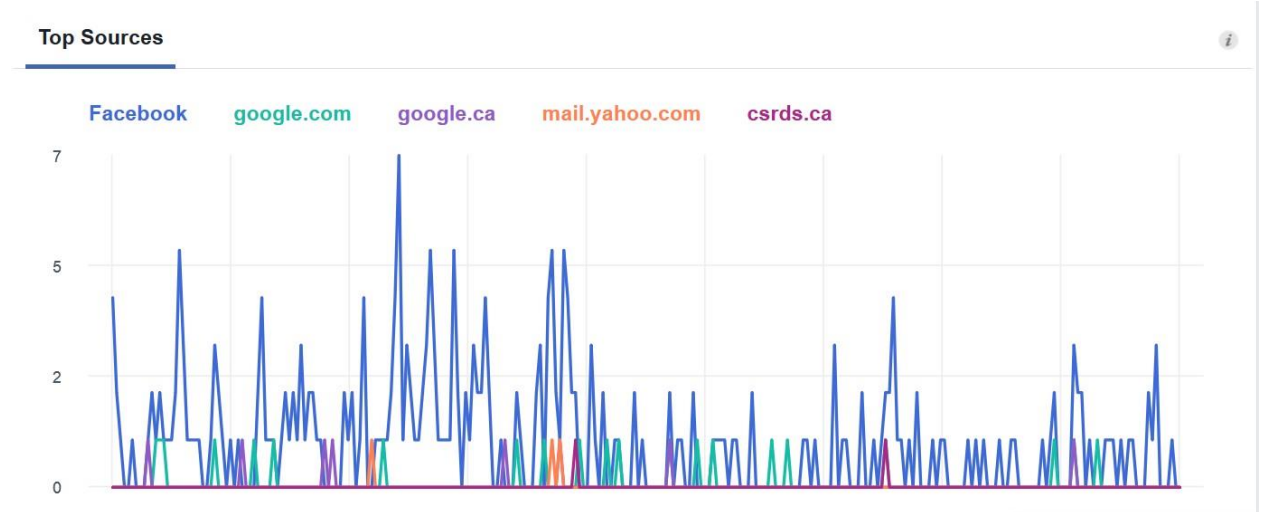
We have an international following that includes a number of clubs, who often share what we have posted. After Canada, we have a large following in the USA, and also countries like Taiwan, Australia and Germany. As such our Facebook page remains an effective means of promoting our annual convention both within and without our borders. It would be ideal for the provincial associations organizing national conventions to make better use of our audience reach. It takes years for a FB page to gather an audience, yet we seem to be bent on re-inventing the wheel each time. What would be ideal would be to use the synergies around the organization of a

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national convention to build a permanent following that could be handed from convention to convention.

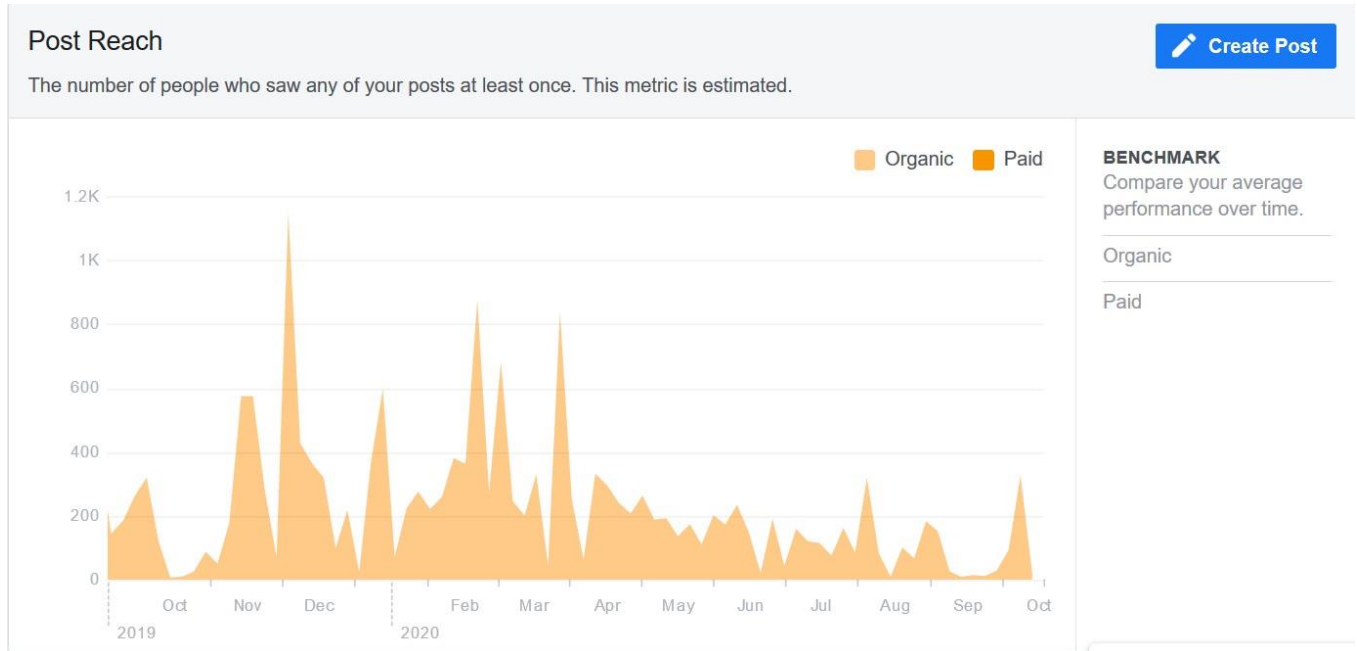
| Country | Your Fans | City | Your Fans | Language | Your Fans |
|--------------------------|-----------|-------------------------|-----------|----------------------------|-----------|
| Canada | 344 | Calgary, AB, Canada | 35 | English (US) | 509 |
| United States of America | 187 | Winnipeg, MB, Canada | 22 | English (UK) | 36 |
| Australia | 16 | Edmonton, AB, Canada | 16 | Traditional Chinese (Ta... | 11 |
| Taiwan | 13 | Ottawa, ON, Canada | 13 | French (Canada) | 8 |
| Germany | 8 | Surrey, BC, Canada | 11 | German | 8 |
| Czech Republic | 5 | Victoria, BC, Canada | 10 | Czech | 6 |
| United Kingdom | 5 | Montreal, QC, Canada | 10 | Spanish | 4 |
| Portugal | 2 | Toronto, ON, Canada | 9 | French (France) | 3 |
| Mexico | 2 | Vancouver, BC, Canada | 8 | Russian | 2 |
| Serbia | 1 | Fredericton, NB, Canada | 8 | English (Pirate) | |

How do our followers find us? The following graphic shows where people come to us: whether via FB, a google or yahoo search, or from the CSRDS website.



The following graph shows how many people saw one of our posts at least once throughout the year.

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Though our square dancing season ended abruptly in mid-March, our publicity activity continued through the CSRDS Facebook page, where we posted convention information, post newsy items from clubs, with a focus on square dancing as a single couple, initially with Dave Simpson and his Dancing in the Garage series, to the latest in zoom dancing, to now, information on the Convention in 2022.

Our other promotional activity, our Pinterest account of useful links to the dance forms we represent has suffered a setback because of changes at Pinterest, and how we are allowed to format our information. We used to be able to access the boards, which were like big file folders that allowed us to classify our information, so that it could be more easily found. For example, the file on the best promotional videos, or the file on youth square dancing, or the file on the latest press on square dancing. We can still access the boards, by knowing the code, but the public no longer can. This limits the usefulness of our Pinterest page as is no longer easy to search and find what we are looking for

Peter and I may be stepping down from the CSRDS board, and are waiting for confirmation of our replacements. If this happens, someone will have to take over the CSRDS FB page to keep it going. What I have attempted to do with it, is to provide a lively picture of the dance forms the CSRDS supports, the people involved in the activity, and an outreach to dancers in related formats, so that they can discover us, and come to see what we are all about.

8.8: Professional Development:

Bill Treleven

There was only one bursary application for a round dance cuers school this year and it had to be canceled due to covid-19 . There has been some activity in virtual teaching for caller and cuer schools but as yet no bursary application has been requested .

8.9: Honours and Awards:

Laurie Illsley

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I have had no requests for awards since our last meeting.

The Long Service Awards for the 2 dancers in PEI have been given to the PEI reps for presentation.

8.10: CSRDS Web Site:

Dan Roy

Functionality

The web site continues to function well, and without issues. Regular program updates have

been made as required keeping the system up-to-date. There have been no recent attacks or service interruption.

Respectfully submitted

Content

Content updates have been made upon request.

Links corrected after Convention 2020 changed web site

Events Menu -> Virtual Dancing added

New Web page created for Convention 2022

(Not published yet – waiting for Logo, Slogan, more info

NOTE: Should anyone become aware of any relevant information changes, please contact the Webmaster to get updates made. A good website needs accurate information!

New Email Address for Dan – dan.roy1950@gmail.com

In Service

The in-service date of the website was January 1, 2018,

The web site is hosted on Blacksun Servers in Saskatoon, SK

NOTES for Budgeting:

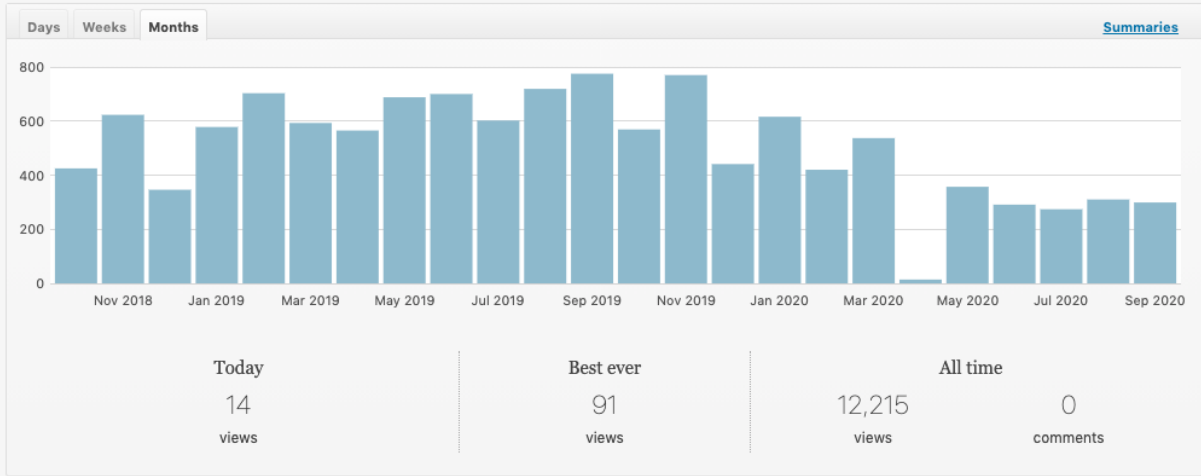
Costs for Services in the Main Contract are paid till March 2022, therefore in early 2022 we will need to negotiate a new agreement with Blacksun. (Internet Service Provider)

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Site Statistics – Number of Views

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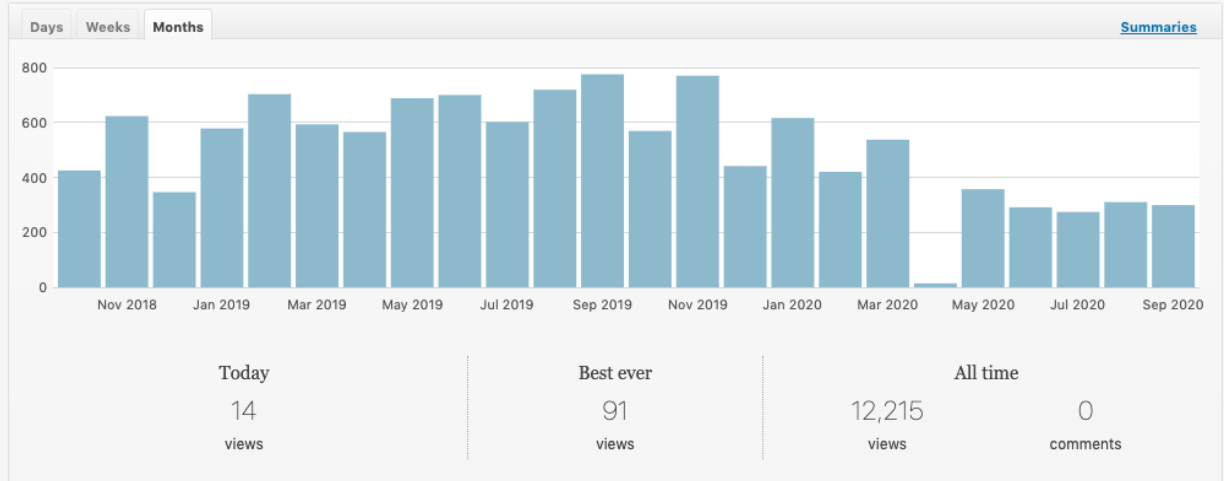


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Top Posts for 90 days ending 2020-09-25 (Summarized)

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| June 27, 2020 to Today | |
|--|-------|
| Title | Views |
| Home | 310 |
| News | 115 |
| Provincial Federations | 70 |
| Dancing | 69 |
| CSRDS Board of Directors | 63 |
| PEI | 48 |
| Membership | 35 |
| Insurance | 34 |
| Contact | 33 |
| FAQs | 30 |
| Who We Are | 24 |
| Definition | 16 |
| Callers From Outside Canada | 15 |
| Home page / Archives | 14 |
| Useful Information for All Dancers | 12 |
| Meetings | 11 |
| News-22 | 9 |
| Memes | 4 |
| Leadership Guidelines | 2 |
| Promotion | 2 |

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8.11: Privacy Officer: Eric McCormack
Nothing to report

8.12: Historian: Pat Zeeman

Well, I guess in light of what is going on in the world, “No Report” just isn’t going to cut it this year. I presented a laundry list at the Pre-AGM of items that I felt needed updating, and I understand that it being worked on.

I feel that something should be added to reflect what is happening to our activity currently, perhaps at the end of the current CSRDS History (G-6, Page 20):

“In March of 2020, a global pandemic brought our activity to a halt. Our dance facilities were shut by government order, and limits were placed on the number of people who could gather in one place. This was done in order to prevent the spread of COVID-19, a new virus that had emerged in China in 2019, and spread around the world rapidly. Initially, not much was known for sure about COVID-19, except that it was potentially deadly to many of those in the demographics of our activity.

Festival 2020, scheduled to be held in Surrey, BC at the end of July / beginning of August, was postponed to 2021 in hopes that we would be able to gather in large groups by then.”

This entry will need to be expanded on and added to as events unfold – obviously, I can’t see into the future, and I don’t know what is going to happen. In BC, some of our halls have been able to reopen as long as social distancing is observed. However, as the number of cases continue to rise, it is entirely possible that halls will be closed again.

8.13: Outreach: Wilma Illsley
Nothing to report since last meeting.

8.14: Nominations: Peter Grondin

Nominations for the 2020-2022 CSRDS Board

| Province | Director's Name(s) |
|---------------|------------------------------------|
| PEI | Christine & Martin Belanger |
| New Brunswick | Dianne & Eric McCormack |
| Quebec | Peter Grondin & Rachelle Cournoyer |

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|--------------|--------------------------|
| Manitoba | Lorraine Kozera |
| Alberta | Lorne & Barb Smith |
| BC | Pat Zeeman & Garry Dodds |
| Saskatchewan | Bill & Shirley Treleaven |
| Ontario | Bev & Peter Piazza |
| Nova Scotia | Laurie and Wilma Illsley |
| WebMaster | Dan Roy |

8.15: Federation Reports:

British Columbia:

Pat Zeeman & Garry Dodds

Like the rest of the country, there has been very little dancing in British Columbia since about the middle of March. In Victoria, one round dance club held a few dances during the summer, and we understand that some of the round dance and clogging clubs around the Province have been able to start up this fall under certain conditions, and with restrictions.

The B.C. Square and Round Federation's website (<https://squaredance.bc.ca/>) has undergone a major update. Please ... check it out ... and let us know what you think. There are still a few bugs to be worked out, but so far we are very pleased with it.

The B.C. Square and Round Dance Federation held their Annual General Meeting on Saturday, October 17th, using Zoom. We have already used Zoom for a number of both Officers and Directors meetings, and it has worked very well.

Some of the items we accomplished during the AGM were the final 'tweaks' to our "Governing Documents". In 2016, the Government of British Columbia passed new legislation that required all existing organizations that were registered as Societies to transition to the requirements of the new Act by the end of November, 2018. We did so, but there were a few things that needed a closer look. Once we have finalized all of the documents, they will be filed with the government registry, and made available on the website.

We approved funding for clubs when they restart dancing. There may be a number of extra costs – such as cleaning, masks, hand sanitizer, bottled water ... and we are fortunate that we received a sizeable donation just over a year ago, and have funds available to help. We will be discussing extra funding for advertising at a future meeting. This may be an opportunity to promote our activity as fun, healthy, social, and economical.

One of the Regions in our Federation (Fraser Valley) has put together an COVID-19 SAFETY PLAN to assist their members in planning for a return to dancing, and have made this available on their website (<https://www.region2.squaredance.bc.ca/>) – we would recommend having a look at this to see if it can be modified to fit the rules and regulations in effect in your Province.

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Even though we can't get together in person now, our Federation is planning (as best they can), for the future, and we are optimistic that, as in the past, our activity will be there to fill a need for a social activity that people didn't realize they were looking for.

Alberta:

Lorne and Barb Smith

What is happening in Alberta

Starting Dancing in halls in Alberta:

In Alberta several groups are starting up dancing with all safety measures in place.

Rounds, Squares, and Clogging in Edmonton

Squares in Strathmore (Just east of Calgary)

Weekly Virtual Dancing from Alberta:

Alberta since late April has been very active providing Virtual Square and Round Dancing.

Below is what's being provided weekly via Zoom.

-Sunday's A2 & C1 Lorne Smith With Guest Callers

-Monday's Phase 3 Mary & Bruce Nelson

-Tuesday's Phase 4 Mary & Bruce Nelson

-Some Tuesday's Intro to Zoom and Virtual Square Dancing Lorne Smith

-Wednesday's Mainstream Lorne Smith With Guest Callers

-Thursday's Plus Lorne Smith With Guest Callers

-Friday's Phase 2 Mary & Bruce Nelson

Canadian Caller Festival Hosted by Calgary:

This past Saturday evening was the first ever Virtual Canadian Callers Festival.

We had callers representing most parts of Canada. They were: Dottie Welch, Don Moger, Barrie Clasper, Wendy VanDermeulen, John Charmin,

Jeff Priest, Lorne Smith, Steve Edlund, Nicholas Brendzy, Ray Brendzy, & Brent Mawdsley.

The evening was 3 hours long of continuous dancing with 11 Callers covering Mainstream to C1 Approximately 175 people attended the event from all parts of North America, Australia, & Japan.

Saskatchewan:

Greetings from the SSRDF:

Dwayne Barber, Pres SSRDF

Sask. Federation will be holding our annual meeting, Nov. 7th via Zoom. Dancing shut down in March. At this time, a couple of round dance clubs are back with limited participation. Square dancers in Regina have experimented with two couple dancing but I don't know how that is going. Line dancers are part of our federation. They are operating but with social distance protocols. We need to give kudos to Sask. Parks & Recreation/ Sask. Lotteries as they continued with most our funding even though there was no dancing. And they have funded us for the 2020/2021 season. We keep hopeful that dancing can renew as soon as possible but it looks like sometime next year.

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Manitoba: Greetings from the MSRDF:

Del and Yvonne Marks

The 2019-20 season started like any other with a few members receiving 80th birthday certificates. The Winnipeg Grand Squares celebrated 60 years of dancing and the Brandon Circle Eights celebrated their 65th anniversary.

One interesting note was the return of Fred Barnett to the calling scene and this pairing up with Brian Lewis to organize the new Diamond Plus Club with a dedicated group of members. The March 15th planning of the Hamiota Happy Hustler's 60th Anniversary and final dance was suddenly cancelled due to Covid- 19 restrictions and Manitoba members became homebodies like everyone else.

Fortunately, we have not heard of any Covid-19 cases among our dancers here in Manitoba. Could this be testament that square dancing is good for our health? Hopefully similar stories come from across Canada. God Bless and stay healthy!

Ontario: Greetings from the OSARDA

Dan Roy

Like most other areas we are not dancing at this time. Since most clubs dance in schools and church halls, none of these have been made available.

The Ontario Federation meets on a regular basis. We have discussed the issue of waivers, and it's possible requirements.

We have discussed what Covid- 19 has done to the dance movement, and are looking at what dancing might look like post-covid. So far all is theoretical. Circumstances continue to change, which in turn affect all decision making.

A short time ago the Executive approved 7 Trillium Awards for Ontario dancers. This award is presented to dancers / caller / cuers to recognize them for outstanding contribution beyond the scope of their normal dance activities.

Dancers are encouraged to take part in virtual dancing. There are many available options and many are posted on the Ontario Federation website.

Quebec: Border Boosters Square and Round Dance Association

Reina Ruben

BBS&RDA is currently composed of 5 active clubs in Quebec, 2 in Ontario and 1 in northern New York State, 137 dancers' total. All of our clubs are primarily square dance clubs and at this time we do not have any dedicated round dance clubs.

At the start of the pandemic, March 2020, at most clubs, the membership numbers were on a steady and rapid decline. While the recruiting efforts were in full swing till March 2020, the number of new dancers up to then was relatively low and we were experiencing difficulty with retention of these new dancers as well.

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While we do have a couple of excellent callers in our area, some are getting older and some need more practice. There is a need to train and encourage new callers and help them to improve their skills.

BBS&RDA addresses both the membership and caller issues by providing subsidies from the savings from Convention 2006; however, these funds will not last forever and the decline in interest in our activities is worrisome for the long-term continuation of dancing in our region. During this pandemic all physical square dancing has been cancelled and temporarily replaced by Zoom square dances. The BBS&RDA sponsors and organizes, since this summer, weekly zoom dances at 3 levels, Basic, Mainstream and (not yet) Plus, involving all our local callers, to keep the callers and dancers practiced and to retain our members.

The BBS&RDS has changed all their meetings to the Zoom format.

Another action of the BBS&RDA this year is the purchase of masks with a square dance logo, which are being distributed right now free of charge to all the dancers in Quebec and 2 member clubs in Ontario, to promote square dancing, when they wear them in public.

For now all clubs are on hold, at least till January 2021, and we all hope this pandemic will come to an end in 2021 and that we can resume our regular square dancing.

New Brunswick:

Greetings from the FDCNB

Michel & Geraldine Lefebvre

The Federation of Dance Clubs of New Brunswick, Inc is still active during this trying period.

Clubs were still holding their own, recruiting new dancers, as well as, seeing previous members returning after a bit of time away from the dance movement. Our club Callers/Cuers are always giving their clubs a challenge with a variety in the weekly dance program which has club members looking forward to each dance night. All club graduations were postponed due to COVID-19, but once dancing commences, we are anticipating graduating 16 new dancers. A welcome addition to our dancing community.

The Federation, with local club members, had the opportunity to host dancers from a Cruise ship making lasting friendships and memories. We have also been honoured to present awards recognizing dancers, callers/cuers within the Federation. Special events, such as these, bring a host of dancers, some who do not dance, but attend to show appreciation for the ones being honoured.

All clubs within the Federation, commenced the dance year with the hopes of having an excellent year, but as one cannot predict what happens, the second half of the season was put on hold due to the COVID-19 pandemic. We have not let this “bump in the road” keep us from connecting with our clubs. Social media is still there, but the new norm is via “Zoom”. We have been keeping in contact with our clubs, ensuring they receive the latest and most current information via Zoom meetings as well as other social media. Our callers/cuers have been able to stay up to date with the changes centred on different aspects of our recreation by having Zoom meetings. During this trying time, the main goal is to ensure all clubs, their members, callers/cuers not just here in New Brunswick, but all across Canada and the World stay safe and healthy so that we can all get back to our beloved pastime of dancing.

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As always, we are grateful to the Canadian Square & Round Dance Society for their guidance and wealth of information and look forward to the year ahead.

You can find us on the worldwide web at www.squaredancenb.ca.

We look forward to welcoming one and all to New Brunswick in 2022 and having the opportunity of dancing with you and yours in a square and/or circle.

Nova Scotia:

Greetings from NSSRDA

Laurie Illsley

Dancing in NS came to a halt in March when Covid showed up. Before that happened NS clubs held two successful dances to raise money for the Heart+Stroke Foundation.

Our federation is in the process of awarding the Mayflower Award to a deserving couple.

There is one club in Dartmouth that has started dancing on a small scale. Hopefully we will all be back dancing soon.

Prince Edward Island:

Christine and Martin R-Belanger

Square dancing is at a standstill on PEI, due to COVID-19. We are down to one club, and we recently held our annual meeting (outdoors, socially distanced). At the meeting, Martin and I presented anniversary certificates to three couples celebrating 50th or 60th wedding anniversaries. We also presented two long service awards. One of the recipients was Virden Robinson, and the other recipient was Edythe MacLeod. These awards were to be presented at the national dance in BC or at our regional dance that is usually held in October, since that was not possible, it was presented at our local club level.

Martin did an outreach project by contacting all of our club couples and, after having a chat with each, drew up a newsletter, which was then mailed out to each couple. This was very well received. He has done this twice so far since COVID stopped our dancing in March 2020.

We are looking forward to resuming dancing, but as of yet, don't know when that will be. The longer it takes, the more worried we are about our membership numbers dropping as members get older.

8.16: Acceptance of ALL REPORTS including the PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

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Item 8.16 Motion to accept all Reports:

Moved by:

Seconded by:

That all Reports, including President's Report be accepted as presented.

Carried Y__ N__

9.0: Budget for 2020 -2021:

Peter Piazza

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| | Jul 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021 | July1, 2019 – June 30, 2020 |
|----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Income | | |
| Public Relations | \$ - | \$ - |
| Website | \$ - | \$ - |
| GIC Interest | \$ 540 | \$ 2,584 |
| Membership Dues | \$ - | \$ 23,833 |
| Convention Income | \$ - | \$ - |
| Total Income | \$ 540 | \$ 27,022 |
| Expenses | | |
| Meetings | \$ 2,000 | \$ 19,171 |
| Office Costs | \$ 1,000 | \$ 2,178 |
| Professional Development | \$ 1,000 | \$ 3,118 |
| Website | \$ 200 | \$ 113 |
| Festival Expenses | \$ 5,000 | \$ - |
| Insurance | \$ 10,000 | \$ 9,322 |
| Other | | \$ 825 |
| Total Expense | \$ 19,200 | \$34,724 |
| Net Revenue/Expense | \$ (18,660) | \$ (7,702) |

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Item 9.0 Motion to accept the Budget for 2020-2021:

Moved by:

Seconded by:

That the Treasurer's Report be accepted as presented.

Carried **Y**__ **N**__

10.0: Appointment of the Reviewer:

Peter Piazza

Item 10.0 Motion to appoint _____ as Financial Reviewer:

Moved by:

Seconded by:

That _____ be appointed as CSRDS Financial Reviewer for 2020/21.

Carried **Y**__ **N**__

11.0: New Business:

11.1: Directors' travel assistance for Pre- Annual General Meeting, Annual General Meeting, Post- Annual General Meeting during a National Convention:

At the Board of Directors' Meeting on November 24th, 2019, a general discussion was held among the Provincial Directors concerning the reasons why new people are hesitant to become CSRDS Directors. Christine R-Belanger, PEI, summarised the problem as follows:

CSRDS directors are required to attend the Annual General Meetings (AGM), and during a convention year, at least three meetings are conducted over the duration of the convention. These meetings, along with any other peripheral meetings that occurred always took place while dancing and special activities were taking place. Directors were afforded little chance to dance and enjoy the Convention.

Up until the National Convention in Halifax in 2010, there had been no compensation for Society Directors because it was taken for granted that, since annual face-to-face meetings were necessary, they would have to attend anyway. With rising costs of travel, and the lower

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number of dancers, it had become increasingly difficult to entice people to volunteer as a Director.

At the 2010 CSRDS Annual General Meeting, it was moved and approved, that half of the cost of travel expenses for directors would be covered for the convention years. However, costs continue to rise and attendance at National Conventions has dropped to less than 10% of the membership. Directors, however, are still expected to attend Conventions and conduct the required meetings there. The Board of Directors unanimously agrees that an incentive to encourage people to volunteer would be to reduce the expenses out-of-pocket for the Directors. It is with this in mind that I request that the CSRDS membership approve the following Motion: 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.

Item 11.1 Motion to increase Directors' travel expenses:

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.

Carried Y__ N__

11.2. Membership Fee for 2021 – 2022:

In early 2020 the Society Treasurer suggested that, with the rising cost of insurance, the Board should study the feasibility of raising the Membership Fee for 2021-2022. The Directors looked into the situation and voted electronically on the question.

11.2.1: The results of the E-vote regarding Membership Fees:

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.

By mid-March of this year Covid-19 was having such a profound effect on the Square Dance world that the Board of Directors decided, unanimously, that All Membership Fees would be forgiven for the 2021 dance year. Insurance would continue to be provided, at no cost to members, for the year.

12.0: Announcements:

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12.1: Next Board of Directors' Meeting:
December 6th, 2020 by ZOOM

12.2: Next Annual General Meeting:
Scheduled for Festival 2021 in BC. If Festival 2021 is cancelled, the AGM will be held within the same time frame in 2021 as today's meeting. It will also be the same format as AGM 2020.

12.3: Other:

13.0: Motion to ratify all acts, etc.:

Item 13.0 Ratification of acts:

Moved by:

Seconded by:

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 Y__ N__

14.0: Thank you to the attendees and all of the Federations, Associations, Clubs and Dancers for their assistance and support to this 'very different AGM'.

15.0: Adjournment: