

R5CCDA Executive 2013

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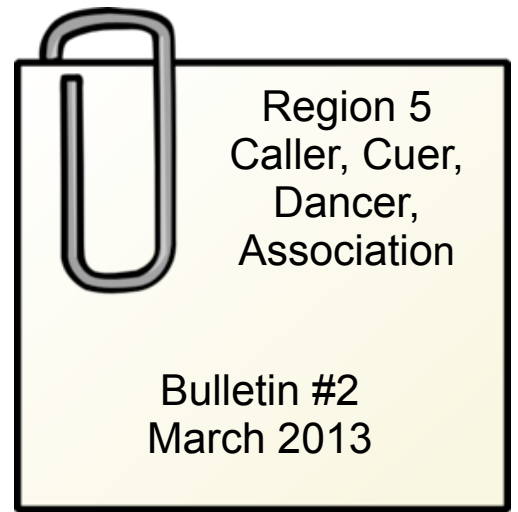
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Hello to all the dancers and leaders in the Region 5 - Cariboo and North West. I hope that your dance season is going well.

Board of Directors' Meeting

Spring is in the air and with Spring comes the annual meeting of the Board of Directors (*Delegates*) for the BC Square and Round Dance Federation. If you paid your dance fees this season, you are a member of this organization as well as the Region 5 organization. The meeting will be held on Saturday, April 6, 2013 at 10.00 a.m. in Abbotsford.

Region 5 is entitled to send 8 delegates to the meeting to represent our interests. At the moment, we have 7 delegates.

They are:

Bill & Marilyn Rose -Lac La Hache
John Tutte & Del Hustwait-100 Mile House
Helen & Henry Hall -Lac La Hache
Peggy-Jo Zettl - Prince George

We thank these people for volunteering to represent our region. There is still one vacancy however, and we would be happy to hear from anyone who might have an interest in this position. Just contact the

Region 5 Secretary (me) at the email address posted above.

As the BOD meeting progresses, the delegates are often called upon to vote on issues that arise. The following notice of motion has been given and perhaps you might like to let your delegates know your feelings on the matter so that they will know how the region wants them to vote.

The motion reads as follows:

Moved by Merv Meyers and seconded by Allen Ebl that all future Federation Board of Directors Meetings be held in a location within 25 kilometers of Abbotsford, B.C.

This motion would change the following current bylaw which reads:

Article 5 Meetings

5.3 Board of Directors Meetings

(i) The Board of Directors shall meet in the spring of each year, with time and place to be decided at the previous meeting.

This motion has arisen due to the difficulty and the expenses that some regions encounter when required to attend meetings that are located so far away. For example - our delegates in Prince George having to attend a meeting in Victoria at

9:00 AM would need to book time off work in order to attend and they would incur extra hotel expenses which our region can not afford to pay. The same goes for delegates from Vancouver Island if they had to attend a meeting in Prince George or even in Dawson Creek. What are your feelings in this matter?

The president of the Federation, Norm Cox, is also planning to have a Round Table discussion during the meeting. The discussion topic is "Where Does Your Federation Go From Here? His comment on this is, *"We seem to be standing at a crossroad not knowing whether to go up the hill or down and we are almost out of gas. Our numbers are certainly going downward. Our present Executive is very busy within their own Regions. Also Regions are having trouble getting Delegates to attend the Federation meeting – some Regions have no money to help with the expenses incurred in attending those meetings. We need a plan for today as well as one for tomorrow –`5 – 10 years`".*

Do you have some ideas on this matter? Do you have some project ideas that you feel the BC Federation should take on or support? Do you have some concerns they should be aware of and discuss? Let your delegates know before the meeting.

To express your opinion to the delegates, you will find their email addresses on the Region 5 website at <http://www.r5ccda.squaredance.bc.ca>

Region 5 Jamborees

We have 3 jamboree weekends coming up this spring. They are in Prince George, Williams Lake and 108 Mile Ranch. These jamborees have been advertised in the Cariboo Connection Newsletter. In addition to that, I have added the posters for each of the events to the Region 5 web page <http://www.r5ccda.squaredance.bc.ca>

So if you have people inquiring about the events, you can direct them to this site where they can print a copy of the poster for themselves. *(They will take a bit of time to download - be patient.)*

Please encourage your club members to step out of their comfort zone and travel to some or all of these jamboree events.

The more people on the dance floor - the better the party will be.

A Note Re: Long Time Cariboo Dancer John Stirling

John's memorial will be held on Saturday afternoon, the 27th of April, 1:00 PM at the Elks Hall in Williams Lake. Because of John's love of square dancing, his partner, Pat MacKay, has requested that caller, Nick Turner, call a couple of tips.

Pat can be reached by email at drugstorecowgirl1968@gmail.com

That's all for now.
Happy Dancing!

Mary Anne Turner
Secretary of Region 5

