

R5CCDA Executive 2016/2017

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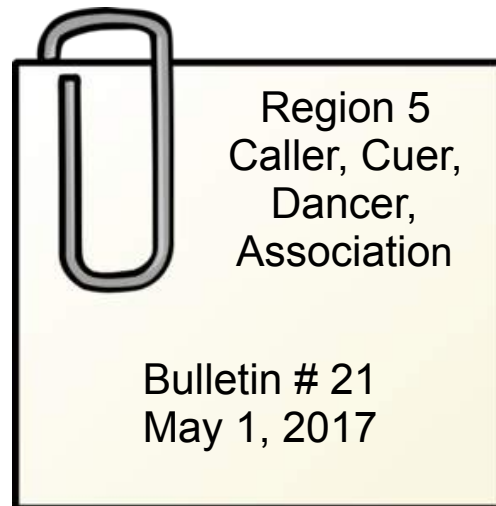
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KEEPING YOU INFORMED

Mary Anne Turner, R5CCDA President

Hello again to all the dancers and leaders in Region 5. *(If you paid your dance fees at the start of the dance season, you are a member of this organization.)*

The final edition of the Cariboo Connection newsletter for the 2016/2017 season has been distributed around the region and now I am using this bulletin to bridge the gap between editions and keep you informed of ongoing concerns.

First, the **BC Square and Round Dance Federation** held its Board of Directors' Meeting (BOD) in Abbotsford on April 1, 2017. If you paid your dance fees at the start of the dance season, you are a member of this organization, too. We thank Dana Ball, Karen Piffko, and Bill & Jan Cave who attended on our behalf.

(It costs approximately \$700.00-\$800.00 for our 4 delegates to attend this meeting so it is important to remember that the fees you pay to Region 5 are used to help our delegates with the expenses of attending this meeting. The R5CCDA contributes \$300.00 to these costs and the BC Square and Round Dance Federation also contributes \$400.00)

All of the reports and the complete minutes of this meeting are available on the Federation website at

<http://www.squaredance.bc.ca> Click on the Reports & Minutes link.

As President of Region 5, I was pleased to receive a report on the meeting from delegate, Bill Cave. Below is his report for you.

The annual Board of Directors meeting was held in Abbotsford on April 1, 2017. While there were a lot of topics on the agenda and much discussion on some of them, I have copied and paraphrased parts of the Newsletter and Meeting Minutes regarding those which might be of interest to the general membership:

- The Federation has been using some funding through Squareup BC for advertising in Social Media. Some Regions have experienced success through this venture while others have not. Some of the delegates wanted to increase funding while others wanted to cut out funding completely. In the end it was decided to continue funding for one year at the current level.*

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know well in advance where and when your new dancer classes are being held. The advertising can be targeted and can give us access to a younger, computer-savvy audience. If your club has advertising dollars that have not been effectively used in newspaper advertising or flier distribution, why not talk to Brian about purchasing additional Social Media advertising in your target market.

- The Federation has been spending slightly more each year than our revenue coming in and the Treasurer recommended an increase in dues from \$5 to \$7 annually. The motion was amended and passed by the delegates to increase the dues to \$10 per year. This motion must now go to the AGM in Cloverdale in July in order for the membership to consider before the collection of 2018 dues.
- A motion was passed to return Moving and Grooving program funds to Nick and Mary Anne Turner who were the driving force behind developing and marketing this program. However, it was noted subsequent to the meeting that the motion appears to reverse a motion that was defeated at the AGM in 2016 and so the Executive has decided to bring it back to the membership at this year's AGM.

These funds were held by the Federation to allow the development and continuation of the program and never were a part of our operating budget. The program can continue under the direction of Nick and Mary Anne and we can concentrate on developing other ways to preserve, promote and perpetuate the activity.

- A proposal was accepted from Region 3-9 to host Festival 2019 in Salmon Arm.
- A motion was passed that that BC Fed or Festival 2020 committee will host a venue for the Canadian Square and Round Dance Society.

- It was agreed that the Federation would purchase 48 more Four Score and More Badges. And that Sandys Badges be asked to produce a dangle for Four Score and More for those that do not wish a badge.
- Due to changes in the Societies Act and because the Federation has assets that were accumulated under the old Act, it will be necessary for a new constitution and bylaws to be prepared for the BCS&RDF as we cannot take a chance on losing them by failing to convert and comply. This is a complex process that will take time but must be completed by November, 2018. A committee headed by Dennis Sutton and including Bill Cave, Al Ritchie and Gary Dodds, will put together a proposal leading to the new constitution and by-laws.
- There was also a notice of motion to extend the field of potential candidates for the BCS&RDF Executive to include any former delegates to the BCS&RDF BOD and also to include members in good standing who are now serving in an Executive position on their Regional Board which is a member of the BCS&RD Fed.

Article 3.2 would then read: Any member or former member of the Board Directors in good standing or someone who is currently holding a Regional Executive position may let his or her name stand for election to an Executive position at the AGM.

Members were urged to come to BC Festival 2017 in Surrey on July 6,7 & 8, 2017 and attend the AGM while you are there.

Don't forget to support the upcoming jamborees.

May 26 - 28, 2017 Williams Lake "Safari Expedition" Jamboree with Dustin McGiffod, Nick and Mary Anne Turner. It will be held at the Long House (part of the Stampede Grounds). Directions and complete information can be found on our poster.

Pre-registration is not required but as we are a small club **we would appreciate knowing if you are coming** so that we can efficiently plan the food preparations. Just send an email to nmturner@telus.net

Caller/cuer for Friday will be Nick and Mary Anne Turner. Saturday morning will be a Round Dance Social (Phase II) with Nick and Mary Anne. Caller/cuer for Saturday will be Dustin McGifford and Mary Anne Turner. And on Sunday, we will welcome a panel of callers and cuers as a fine way to end the jamboree.

June 2-4, 2017 Prince George "Looking Back" Spring Jamboree at the Hart Pioneer Center - 6966 Hart Highway. They will be celebrating their 60th anniversary.

Friday and Saturday will feature Murray Few and Jerry Jestin as caller/cuers. Sunday morning will be a panel of callers and cuers.

Pre-registration is required for their dinner on Saturday evening. The deadline date for notification is May 20. Just contact Glenda at 250-563-7743 and leave a message any time.

See our posters for full details of both jamborees at
http://www.r5ccda.squaredance.bc.ca/r5ccda_posters.html

And Remember.....

Your Region 5 Association (**R5CCDA**) will be holding its AGM on Saturday June 3rd, 2017 at the Prince George Jamboree venue. The time will be 9:00 a.m - 10:00 a.m. Your executive would really appreciate some company. See the proposed agenda below. If you have anything you would like discussed, let me know so I can include it on the final agenda.

R5CCDA **AGM Meeting Agenda** Saturday, June 3, 2017 - 9:00 A.M.

1. Adoption of Agenda
2. Minutes of previous meeting - June 2016 - on website at http://www.r5ccda.squaredance.bc.ca/r5ccda_business.html
3. Business Arising from Minutes
 - A. Investment of funds (Bill Cocker)
 - B. Susan Hunter suggested at the last AGM that she would look into T-shirts with square dance logos on them for us - any follow up?
4. Financial Report - Bill Cocker - will be posted on R5CCDA website
5. Correspondence
6. Reports and Business Arising from Reports - the reports will not be read out at the meeting as the information has been previously communicated in bulletins, in the Cariboo Connection, and posted on the R5CCDA websites.
7. Old Business
 - A. **Federation Delegate report on BOD Mtg.** - (Bill Cave submitted a report from this meeting and his information has been included in this Bulletin #21 May 1st, 2017).
 - B. **Cariboo Connection Newsletter** - Nick or Mary Anne Turner
 - Costs
 - Feedback? Would you like to see something else in the newsletter? Do you wish to continue funding the publication for the 2017/2018 season?
 - C.
7. New Business
 - A.
 - B. Election of Officers
 - The President, Vice-President and Secretary have again completed their second year of a two year term. Any nominations for these positions? VP John Tutte has declined to let his name stand for an additional term.
 - C. Sharing of promotion/recruitment/retaining ideas
8. Adjournment

BCS&RDF Summer Newsletter 2017 - President, Ken Crisp

The dancing year is coming to an end again and we are now looking forward to some great Festivals and Summer dancing. The annual Board of Directors meeting was held in Abbotsford on April 1, 2017 and some very important items of business were conducted.

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BC FESTIVAL 2017

SQUARE & ROUND DANCE

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JULY 6, 7, 8

Cloverdale Rodeo Grounds
6050 176 St., Cloverdale, B.C.



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That's It for Now

Be sure to read the agenda for the upcoming AGM and let me know if you wish anything added .

I hope you find these bulletins helpful. If you are not receiving information from the Region 5 executive by email and you wish to do so, please make sure that the Region 5 secretary nmtturner@teus.net has your email address.

I hope to see you at the AGM and on a jamboree dance floor soon.

Mary Anne Turner
President - R5CCDA

