

R5CCDA Executive 2013/2014

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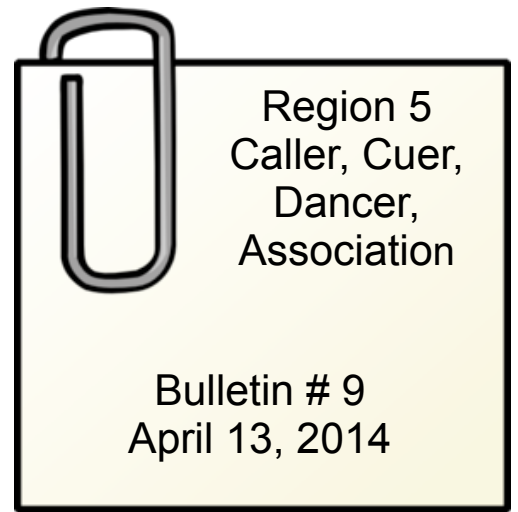
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KEEPING YOU INFORMED

Hello again Region 5. I have received a lot of dance related information just lately and there was no time to put it in the Cariboo Connection. These bulletins are my way of bridging the time gaps that occur so do please read them and ensure that others in your club who may not be on my email list are also informed.

First, the **BC Square and Round Dance Federation** held its Board of Directors' Meeting in Abbotsford on April 5th, 2014. If you paid your dance fees at the start of the dance season, you are a member of this organization. Again we thank Helen & Henry Hall and Bill & Marilyn Rose who attended on our behalf. Below you will find 2 accounts of this meeting.

First the Report from Bill Rose

Region 5 was represented by our four delegates Helen & Henry Hall and Bill & Marilyn Rose. A total of 39 executive and delegates were signed in. Wendy Kreuger was appointed as interim secretary in the absence of Ken Crisp (away on vacation). Club reports were posted on the website and can be read at www.squaredance.bc.ca

A few questions came up regarding :

- The 1-800 telephone number - Roy and Janet Ballam have been looking after it for a few years now. It was felt that due to the use now of I-phones, computers etc. it was no longer necessary to continue with the program. However the Info Line number is currently on a number of brochures including ones for the Canadian Square & Round Dance Society Festival being held in Ottawa July 17th to 19th, 2014. It was decided to leave it operational until this time next year but any further use for advertising should not include the number.*
- The Canadian Square & Round Dance Society Festival being held in Ottawa July 17th to 19th, 2014 has 713 bookings currently and they are looking for more. If interested they can be reached at www.festival2014.ca*
- Moving and Grooving - A question came up regarding the large amount of monies on hand. I read out the e-mail that Nick had prepared in advance and this seemed to clear up the problem. Nick reminded us that the M&G program is self-sustaining and that the monies would be used to print*

more copies when needed. However, licensing regulations require that a minimum of 500 be licensed at one time so a large amount of money would be required all at once.

- Four Score and More Club currently has 381 members. Al Ritchie was given permission to order another 25 badge blanks for future use.*

- Joint Promotion Committee - Nothing ever happened with this committee so a motion was made to take it from the books . Carried.*

- Guidelines for Dancer Grant requests was discussed and the cap was changed from \$1,000.00 to \$ 2,000.00. Clubs can apply for assistance to run programs once every two years to a maximum of \$ 250.00 per applicant. All applications will be reviewed March 1st and monies will be paid out March 31st. Need to provide copy of financials to show need.*

- Club Insurance - with the new insurance company requests for insurance can be made at any time throughout the year.*

- Funding for Brian Elmer's Square-Up B.C. program was increased to \$ 5000.00 for the next year. It was felt that we were getting a good bang for our buck using Twitter, Facebook etc.*

- A motion was made by Dennis Sutton to revisit the operation of BCS&RDF to see if any positive changes can be made to streamline the operation on the club. After his presentation (can be found on the website) the motion was passed unanimously. Dennis was appointed head of the group that has been given the name " Revitalization Task Force." He requested an amount of \$2,000.00 to handle any unexpected expenses. After two years what is left will be turned back to general revenue.*

A further motion was made that we "STRONGLY RECOMMEND" each region appoint a member for the committee to work with Dennis. The member does not have to be a delegate of the Federation. Dennis can be reached at (Phone - 250-652-9271 or by e-mail d.sutton@telus.net)

- Federation Handbook - In future they will e-mail copies of changes to club executives and to delegates of the Federation. Mary Anne will get a copy as well.*

All in all it was a very good meeting with good presentations by heads of programs and positive feedback from delegates present.

Second.....the Report from Federation President - Norm Cox

The B.O.D. meeting April 5th, 2014 in Abbotsford went very well under the new system of having only 4 Delegates per Region attending but it was a smaller crowd. Our Canadian Society Delegate became ill and was unable to attend, also Genie & Dale French from Region 3 had car problems near Merritt and did not make it to the Meeting. The Minutes are posted on the B.C. Federation Web Page so make sure you read them.

*Our Four Score and More Badge Club keeps increasing in numbers. You **MUST** order those badges through your Region Delegate and **NOT** directly through Sandy's Badges otherwise it is impossible to keep correct records and there has been some duplications. The Federation has 10 year Club Crests and also Crests available in 5 year increments thereafter for Clubs celebrating those anniversaries. Contact Ken Crisp at kcrisp@shaw.ca or phone him at 604-941-6392*

*Roy and Janet Ballam have agreed to continue with the 1-800 number for one more year as the plan is to discontinue that phone line in a year's time. So beginning now please **remove** the 1-800 number from all new advertisements.*

There are New Guidelines for New Dancer Grants as well as for Callers and Cuers School Grants and these will be in your Handbook and on the Web Page very shortly so be sure to check on these before sending in any applications. Also the section in the Handbook and on the Website on the DVD is updated so check that also.

*SquareUp BC was given the go ahead to continue with the Social Media advertisement for New Dancer Classes beginning in the Fall but you and your Club **MUST** give your New Dancer Class information to Brian Elmer by **AUGUST 1, 2014** for your classes to get publicity on his Social Media Campaign otherwise the campaign will not be effective. Your Federation is working to help your Club but **FIRST YOU MUST SUPPLY US WITH THE INFORMATION.***

*Gord Ruedig gave an informative run down on the West Coast Program and how it is progressing. You say **WEST COAST PROGRAM – WHAT IS THAT??** Please look on Gord's Website for lots of information on this program for Beginner Classes. This program is being tried successfully in Regions 9 and 2. www.westcoastsquaredance.com*

There was a Motion to strike a Revitalization Task Force to consist of a Rep. from each Region working together for the next two years to look into the inner workings of our organization to see if, after 35 years, we are outdated in the way we do things e.g. types of meetings; best way to use our money and other items. Dennis Sutton from Region 1

agreed to chair this committee but he needs a Rep. from YOUR REGION NOW. Contact Dennis at 250-652-9271 or e-mail him at dsutton9@telus.net

The Federation is looking for applications for the Sillery Award as well as for Canadian Society Awards. Please submit your suggestions and applications to Ken Crisp.

I hereby give notice of the B.C.S. & R.D. Federation A.G.M. on August 8, 2014 at 9.30 A.M. in the Ken Wigness Room at the Seniors Drop In Centre, 2965 South Main Street, Penticton, B.C.

This is Election Year. Yes, this the the B.C.S.&R.D. Federation's 35th anniversary this year so look for something to happen on the Friday night at Penticton, August 7th. If you have stories, pictures etc. please bring them along.

Don't forget the Canadian Square and Round Dance Convention, July 17 – 19, 2014 in Ottawa – a great place to visit. Registration form on the Canadian Society Website.

Now What About a B.C. FESTIVAL in 2015 or 2017?? Let's get off the Fence and put something in the works. Bring your ideas and suggestions to the A.G.M. in Penticton

DON'T PUT AWAY THOSE DANCING SHOES YET!! *Following is a list of some of the summer dances available for your dancing pleasure:*

May 17-18—Ripple Rockets Blast Off Weekend in Campbell River.

May 23-25—Williams Lake Jamboree

May 30-June 1—Rally in the Valley, Chilliwack

June 6-7—Radium Hot Springs Weekend

June 6-7—Prince George Jamboree

July 17-19—Canadian National Convention

Aug. 6-9—Peachfest Square Dance in Penticton

Aug . 15-16—Powell River 50th Anniversary Celebrations

Aug. 29-31—Courtney Corn Roast Weekend

Sept. 5-6—Don Moger A2 weekend in Chase

Sept. 12-13 – Othello Tunnels weekend, Hope.

And now.....back to me

I found the reports interesting to read and 3 things stood out for me....

- Remember that the Federation InfoLine 1-800 number is being phased out so do not use it on any of your future advertising.
- Brian Elmer is going to include your new dancer information in the Federation advertising campaign in places such as Facebook and Twitter but he needs your information by August 1, 2014. If you wish to take advantage of this advertising, be sure Brian has your dates, times, places, etc. by the required date. He can be contacted at brian@squaredance.bc.ca
- The Revitalization Task Force is requesting that each region appoint a member for the committee to work with chairperson, Dennis Sutton. Is there anyone in our Region who might be willing to work on this committee? If so, please contact me at nmturner@telus.net

And Remember.....

Your Region 5 Association will be holding its AGM on Saturday June 7th, 2014 at the Prince George Jamboree venue. The time will be 11:30 a.m - 12:30 p.m. Before attending the afternoon dance, bring a brown bag lunch and join us for a quick meeting. Your executive would really appreciate some company. I will be sending out an agenda in a bit and also posting it on the Region 5 website at <http://www.r5ccda.squaredance.bc.ca/index.html>

If you have anything you would like discussed, let me know so I can include it on the agenda.

Don't forget to support the upcoming jamborees.

May 23-25 Williams Lake **“Let's Get Nautical” Jamboree** with Dustin McGifford, Nick and Mary Anne Turner. We have changed our location to Mountview School , 1222 Dog Creek Road. We have changed our format slightly - Friday night will no longer be a panel of callers and cuers. We will welcome a panel on Sunday morning as a fine way to end the jamboree.

June 6-7, 2014 Prince George **“Dancing in the Stars” Jamboree** with Jerry Jestin at the Hart Pioneer Center - 6966 Hart Highway

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

I hope you find these bulletins helpful and hope to see you on a jamboree dance floor soon.

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