

Region 5 Caller, Cuer, Dancer Association

2020/2021 Status Report in Lieu of AGM (cancelled due to Covid 19 Pandemic)

Submitted by Mary Anne Turner - President, Region 5 Caller, Cuer, Dancer Association

The AGM is usually held in conjunction with a Region 5 dance event but all dancing in our region has been cancelled until further notice due to health regulations created as a result of the Covid 19 crisis. We lost the 20/21 dance season completely.

As president of the region, I have compiled this document as a means of passing on information to the Region 5 members in lieu of the 20/21 AGM .

1. Minutes of previous meeting - There was no AGM in 2020 due to the Covid health crisis. Instead, the president prepared an AGM Region Report. This was posted on the Region 5 website. Click on the R5CCDA Meetings link if you wish to refresh your memory.

http://www.r5ccda.squaredance.bc.ca/r5ccda_business.html

2. Business Arising from Minutes of May 2020 Report - none. No one in the Region made any comments or any requests.

3. Correspondence

The correspondence received was primarily to announce the cancellation of many dance events due to the Covid 19 situation. Other correspondence was to inform us of BCS&RDF meetings to be held using Zoom technology. All this information was passed on to the members in emails, bulletins and posted on the R5CCDA website.

4. Reports & Business Arising from Reports

A. Although the dance activity was cancelled for the season, the executive members of the BCS&RDF continued to work for us. They held meetings and posted their reports on the Federation website. We thank our Directors-at-Large, Bill and Jan Cave who represented us at the 2020/2021 BCS&RDF meetings. The meetings were held online using a program called Zoom. The results of the meetings were posted on the R5CCDA website in the form of bulletins and on the BCS&RDF website.

During this 2020/2021 season, the BCS&RDF meetings and their minutes were -

BCS&RDF AGM (Zoom) on October 17, 2020.

<https://squaredance.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/2020-AGM-Minutes.pdf>

BCS&RDF Board of Directors (Zoom) on November 17, 2020

<https://squaredance.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/11-17-20-minutes-Directors-Meeting.pdf>

BCS&RDF AGM (Zoom) April 25, 2021

<https://squaredance.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/2021-04-25-Minutes-of-the-AGM-1.pdf>

In Region 5, the following bulletins were posted:

Bulletin 36 Sept. https://www.r5ccda.squaredance.bc.ca/r5ccda_bulletins/r5ccda_bulletin36.pdf

This bulletin was a Covid update as it related to dancing in our region and BCS&RDF meeting information.

Bulletin 37 Mar. https://www.r5ccda.squaredance.bc.ca/r5ccda_bulletins/r5ccda_bulletin37.pdf

This bulletin contained information about the new Callerlab program called Social Square Dancing (SSD). It has been approved as a destination program for those clubs or areas that wish to try it as a means to increase the numbers of dancers.

Bulletin 38 June https://www.r5ccda.squaredance.bc.ca/r5ccda_bulletins/r5ccda_bulletin38.pdf

This bulletin contained information about the British Columbia phased re-start program and a discussion about what that might mean for square dancing. It also announced the sudden resignation of the BCS&RDF president, Jean Wood. The acting president is now Dennis Sutton.

B. Treasurer's Report - prepared by Jordi Guri

- As mentioned previously, the financial statements will no longer be published on the website due to scammers and crooks. Had we had the meeting in person, a treasurer's report would have been handed out to those attending. Those who would like to see a copy of the report - please email me to request one.
- Basically we had very little income this season as most dancers and clubs did not register with the R5CCDA or the BCS&RDF. The Williams Lake Stampede Whirlaways registered their club and their president. The R5CCDA registered its association and its executive members.
- We cashed in the 3 long term deposits when they came due and deposited them in the general account. As previously announced, we transferred the R5CCDA account from Integris in Prince George to BMO in Williams Lake. At present, most of the R5CCDA executive members (including treasurer) all reside in Williams Lake so this will make financial operations easier. Further, BMO branches are more readily available in each city whereas Integris branches are not. This should make it simpler for new executive member changes in the future.
- There were no Directors-at-large travel expenses this season and no Cariboo Connection expenses.

- There were monthly bank fees.
- The financial statement therefore shows a net loss of \$20.81 for the 20/21 season.

5. Other New Business

Region 5 Officers

- A. All of the executive officers have just completed their current 2 year term. (Yes, some of us have continued to work for the R5CCDA during this shutdown period.) All positions are now up for election.

President - Mary Anne Turner has completed her 8th year in this position.

Secretary - Nick Turner has completed his 8th year in this position.

Vice-President - Sandi Jesperson has completed her 4th year in this position.

Treasurer - Jordi Guri has completed his 2nd year in this position.

If all are in agreement, I would like to propose that the current executive members continue in their present positions until such time as the Covid situation is resolved and the dancing community in our region becomes active again. I would ask that the executive members contact me re: your willingness to continue. I also ask for any comments or objections from the other R5CCDA members. In addition, if there are members who would like to take on any of these volunteer positions, please let me know.

Region Website

- A. Reminder to contact Mary Anne re: any information you want changed on the R5CCDA website. We need to keep our club information accurate and updated. Mary Anne is the Region 5 webmaster. <https://www.r5ccda.squaredance.bc.ca>

6. President's Comments

- A. Times are going to get better in the near future and hopefully we will be able to join together on a square dance floor soon. Some of us might be hesitant about returning to our clubs but remember that we receive so many mental, physical, and social benefits from participating in square and round dance activities. We really shouldn't ignore that fact. Dancing is an easy way to improve and maintain our health.

Don't be afraid to join in when the all clear is given. Plan on supporting your club when it starts up again. I hope to see you on the dance floor. Get out there and have some fun. Reconnect with your dancing friends.

- B. I have read several reports from marketing experts that suggest we might get a good turnout of new dancers when the dance season begins again. Their reasoning is that people who have been isolated for so long will be anxious to socially reconnect again and might see Square and Round dancing as a fun way to do that. However, they warn us that we should not be waiting to tell people about our recreation. We need to start now to make people aware of our existence and our benefits. We need to keep the idea of square and round dancing in front of people all year round, not just once a year.

With this in mind, I have created 9 more editable posters for people to use at their will. You can find these posters on the Region 5 web page at

https://www.r5ccda.squaredance.bc.ca/r5ccda_promotion.html

Scroll down to the bottom of the page for the new posters. You will see a small sample of the poster and then are able to type your own text in on the large one. You can then download the poster in several formats. They could be used on your Facebook page or your Twitter account, etc.

- C. More importantly, now is the time to start rounding up some new dancer prospects. They don't appear by magic. We all need to work on this and start now! If you have any new and creative ideas for us to use, don't hesitate to share!

I hope you found this update useful. If you have any questions or comments, don't hesitate to contact me at nmturner@telus.net

Mary Anne Turner - President R5CCDA