

## R5CCDA Executive 2018/2019

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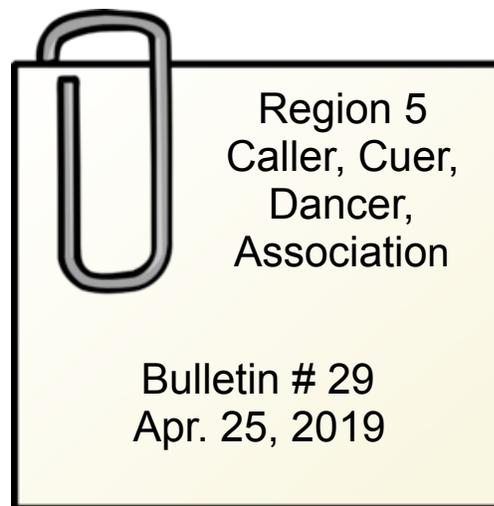
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## KEEPING YOU INFORMED

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 2018/2019 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 - As mentioned in the last Cariboo Connection, our Region is once again in **need of a volunteer treasurer for next season**. Our present treasurer, Rosetta Meyer, is retiring from the position .

Now we need another generous dancer or leader to step up and help us keep our region functioning. This will keep us eligible for our liability insurance. **WE NEED YOUR HELP!**

Reminder - I have extra copies of the Live Lively square dance stickers available to those who would like one or some. I have small ones for \$1.00 and the original sized ones for \$2.00. Contact me if you would like some. I will also have them with me at

the Williams Lake Jamboree. ( You can see what it looks like at the bottom of this bulletin.)

NEXT, the **BC Square and Round Dance Federation** held its Board of Directors' Meeting (BOD) in Abbotsford on March 30, 2019. If you paid your dance fees at the start of the dance season, you are a member of this organization, too.

Again we thank Dana Ball, Karen Piffko, and Bill & Jan Cave who attended on our behalf. They are all members of the Williams Lake Club

*(It costs approximately \$700.00-\$800.00 for our 4 delegates to attend this meeting. Please note that some of the fees you pay to Region 5 are used to help our delegates with a small portion of the expenses of attending this meeting.)*

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.

On the next page you will see a letter from the current BC Square and Round Dance Federation President, Jean Wood.

## **B.C.S. & R.D. FEDERATION**

### **April 2019 Newsletter - President, Jean Wood**

The very first thing that I must do is extend a heart-felt thank-you to the Swinging Singles Square Dance Club. For those of you who are not aware, the Swinging Singles made a very generous donation of \$100,000.00 to the BC Square & Round Dance Federation. This donation came from the building fund that many Swinging Singles dancers have, through various fund raisers and donations, contributed to for many years. After much thought, the Swinging Singles have foregone the dream of having their own building and have decided that, in gratitude for all everyone does for square dancing, some of these funds could be put to good use by the BCS&RD Federation. In my opinion, this embodies the true meaning of our purpose; *To preserve, promote, and perpetuate Square, Round, Contra, Clogging and other related dance forms in the province of British Columbia.*

**Thank you to all the members, past and present of the Swinging Singles Square Dance Club.**

The Board of Director's meeting was held in Victoria this year. This was a great meeting with a lot of input from your delegates. If you haven't had the chance, please take a few minutes to read the minutes and the reports submitted for this meeting, as well as any previous ones posted on our website. [squaredance.bc.ca/bc-federation/bod-reports-minutes.html](http://squaredance.bc.ca/bc-federation/bod-reports-minutes.html)

Although there are clubs who have celebrated milestone anniversaries this season; Ripple Rockets (65). Ocean Waves (65), Frontier Twirlers (60) and the Swinging Singles (50), we will see the end of two clubs in the BCS&RD Federation; the Penticton Squares and Blind Bay's Ta'Lana Twirlers. I would hate to see any more clubs go the way of these two. What can we do to reverse the downward trend?

After the Board of Directors meeting, we held a short workshop on recruiting and retaining new dancers. This is of utmost importance to every association, club, leader and dancer in BC. When there are no new dancers, clubs cannot grow. I feel that we need to find ways of working together to share our ideas, successes, and yes, failures too. What might not work for one club could be very beneficial to another. A package was handed out at the workshop and, as this consisted of a lot of material, only one packet of printed material was given to each region. However, you can find all of that material, and much more, online at [wellroundedsquare.com/downloads/](http://wellroundedsquare.com/downloads/). There are a lot of documents on this page and you will find some of it not pertinent to your situation BUT, if you only find one little nugget of information, it's a place to start.

An item of great importance is the storage of BCS&RD Federation documents and other property. Much of this has been stored in the homes of members throughout the province. This makes it difficult to be aware of what has accumulated over the years. If we want to move everything to a central storage area and/or put it into an electronic format, we need volunteers to take the job on. If possible, and you feel that it's within your realm, please contact me at [jeanwood@telus.net](mailto:jeanwood@telus.net)

As a result of the changes to the BC Societies Act, the BCS&RD Federation is going through many changes in its constitution, bylaws and the structure of the Federation. To the average person, much of this is very confusing and we hope this will be as painless as

possible but, as with anything else, there will be growing pains. A committee consisting of Dennis Sutton, Bill Cave and Bill Wood are working on the bylaws and rules that we eventually must adhere to. This also means that the handbook must also be rewritten. Please have patience with us as we get all of this into place.

As part of the changes to the rules, etc, we must elect some new directors for the BCS&RD Federation. Some of the executive may also need to be re-elected to conform to the new bylaws regarding the terms of service. For the unforeseeable future, Norm Cox has been temporarily appointed to stand-in for Ken Crisp who, due to health issues, is unable to fulfill his duties as Past President. Norm will be accepting nominations for directors to be elected at the AGM in July. The AGM will be on Friday, July 12th at BC Festival 2019 in Salmon Arm, BC.

I remind everyone that the BC Festivals are fund-raisers for the BCS&RD Federation. Even if only half of the dancers in BC register for BC Festival 2019, it will mean a very successful festival for everyone concerned.

Be aware of scam email! The executive of the BCS&RDF does **not** send requests for money through email. We do not ask you to send personal e-transfers to any member of the executive. Check the email address carefully and do not respond to any of these emails. When you do respond to the sender, you are verifying your email address which can open you up for further scams.

As a result of the recent hacking and scams, the BCS&RDF website has made improvements in its security. The email addresses of the executive are no longer posted on site. If you need information, please contact me at [jeanwood@telus.net](mailto:jeanwood@telus.net) or use the blind contact forms on the website.

Some of you are still asking what the BC S&RD Federation can do for you. To start with, there are bursaries available for new dancer classes, caller and cuer training, and education & leadership grants. The guidelines and forms may be found on the BC S&RDF website: [squaredance.bc.ca/awards-bursaries.html](http://squaredance.bc.ca/awards-bursaries.html).

The Sillery Award, named in honour of Doreen Sillery and her extraordinary contribution to square dancing, is for outstanding service to square, round, contra, clogging or line dancing extending well beyond club level endeavours. Guidelines and forms for this award may also be found at the above site.

If you have any ideas about how the BC Square & Round Dance Federation can better help the members in BC, please let us know! Let's open those lines of communication and work together for the betterment of dancing in BC.

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# Don't forget to support the upcoming jamborees.

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**May 3-5, 2019 Prince George** "Teddy Bears' Picnic" 62nd Spring Jamboree  
at the Hart Pioneer Center - 6966 Hart Highway.

Friday and Saturday the featured caller/cuer will be Murray Few. 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 April 27. Just contact Susan at 250-962-2435 or email [hunters2@telus.net](mailto:hunters2@telus.net)

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**May 24-26, 2019 Williams Lake** "Call of the Canadian Wilderness" Jamboree with Dustin McGifford, Nick and Mary Anne Turner. The jamboree will be held at the Long House (part of the Stampede Grounds). Directions and complete information can be found on our poster. See the link below.

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](mailto:nmturner@telus.net) or [dball@telus.net](mailto:dball@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.

On Sunday, we will welcome a panel of callers and cuers as a fine way to end the jamboree.

**See our posters for full details of both jamborees at**  
**[http://www.r5ccda.squaredance.bc.ca/r5ccda\\_posters.html](http://www.r5ccda.squaredance.bc.ca/r5ccda_posters.html)**

## And Remember.....

Your Region 5 Association (**R5CCDA**) will be holding its AGM on Saturday May 25, 2019 at the Williams Lake 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, May 25, 2019 - 9:00 A.M.

#### 1. Adoption of Agenda

#### 2. Minutes of previous meeting - May 2018 - on website at [http://www.r5ccda.squaredance.bc.ca/r5ccda\\_business.html](http://www.r5ccda.squaredance.bc.ca/r5ccda_business.html)

#### 3. Business Arising from Minutes

#### 4. Financial Report - Rosetta Meyer

#### 5. Correspondence

#### 6. Reports and Business Arising from Reports - the reports will not be read out at the meeting unless requested 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.**

##### 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?

#### 7. New Business

##### A. **Election of Officers**

#### 8. Adjournment

## That's It for Now

**Also note the the Region 5 AGM is at the Williams Lake Jamboree this year. Try to attend.**

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 [nmturner@teus.net](mailto:nmturner@teus.net) has your email address.

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

