

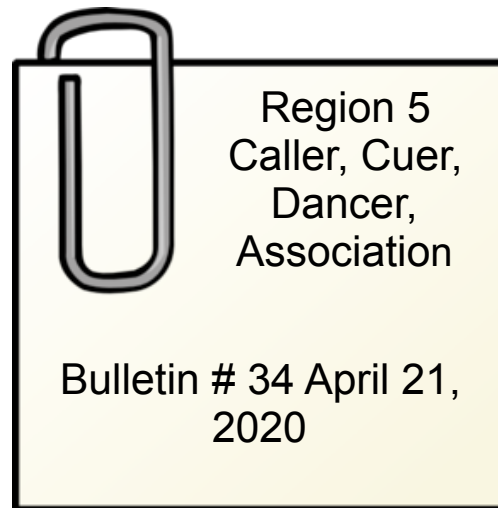
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KEEPING YOU INFORMED

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.)

By now you are aware that the Jamborees scheduled for our region have been cancelled due to the CoronaVirus situation.

Prince George Jamboree and the Williams Lake Jamboree will not take place this year so we will have to put our dancing shoes away for a while.

While this is a sad situation, it is encouraging to read that BC is making steady progress in its battle to bend and flatten the 'curve'. So far our hospitals have not been overwhelmed. For the most part, the BC citizens seem to be cooperating and following the advice of the health officers by washing hands over and over and practising social distancing.

I hope that you are all well and are finding ways to stay in touch with each other. Don't forget to come back to your dancing fun when things get back to normal - hopefully soon! We will be looking forward to seeing you on our dance floors once again.

And now for information I have to share with you.....

In March, the BC Square and Round Dance Federation held its Spring Meeting using the online program called Zoom. No one had to travel to the meeting. Instead, they signed into the meeting on their home computers.

Our Region 5 was represented by Bill and Jan Cave. They live in Quesnel but dance with the Williams Lake Stampede Whirlaways.

Below is the report that Bill Cave submitted to me after this meeting.

Calling From Quarantine

A report and meanderings from your Regional Director on the Board of the BC Square and Round Dance Federation (BCSRDF):

We certainly live in interesting times! Jan and I headed off to Maui in early February and had a wonderful vacation revisiting some of our favourite sites, walking on the beach, snorkeling and relaxing.

As a caller, just before we left on holiday I had spent an afternoon with Nick Turner paying particular attention to his “dancing dolls” while we worked on resolving squares from different configurations.

By the time we were done I was convinced, “I got it!” so I went away running the various resolutions through in my head anticipating returning to dance to amaze the dancers (and myself) with this newly developed skill.

Boy was there a different reality to return to... Jan and I came home mid-March, just when mandatory self-quarantine was advised (and later imposed) and, as most of you know the rest of the story... the world as we know it unraveled. No public meetings, social distancing rules and inevitably, no square dancing!

In the meantime Nick has kept myself and Dolores Young, another caller from Prince George, busy with lots of useful articles and calling practice exercises to assist us to hone and retain our skills while we are unable to apply them on the dance floor.

Jan and I wait in great anticipation of the day we can get back to dancing.

In the meantime I, as your BCSRDF Regional Director at Large, along with Jan, your other representative for the Annual Directors' Meeting, attended an online Zoom Meeting on your behalf instead of the normal face-to-face meeting in Abbotsford.

You will find the Treasurer's Report online at

https://www.squaredance.bc.ca/images/bod2020/Treasurer's_Report_2020_march_28_no_financials.pdf

and Minutes from that meeting at

https://www.squaredance.bc.ca/images/bod2020/Minutes_bod2020.pdf

Everything in the minutes should be self-explanatory however I will note a couple of highlights:

When reviewing the Treasurer's Report and compare last year's bottom line with this year's it looks like we've got ~\$100,000.00 more in our provincial coffers. We do but this was due to the generous gift of just under \$100,000.00 from the Swinging Singles Club in the Fraser Valley. It was not due to any increase in general revenues or reduction in expenses through the year.

Our Provincial membership continues to decline from 1,867 dancers and 75 clubs in 2019 to 1,703 dancers and 70 clubs in 2020.

I have been an active member of the provincial sub-committee responsible for amending our Constitution and Bylaws; a fascinating topic for most of you I'm sure but necessary due to changes in the Provincial legislation and act governing Societies in BC. Had we not gone through this process we would no longer exist as an organization and all our resources would have been forfeit to the government!

There will be further information coming out regarding the specifics prior to our BCSRDF AGM so I'll save detailed observations and explanation until then. In the mean time have a look at the minutes for some insights into the changes. It is my belief that the new structure and voting process will ensure far better representation for the individual members and clubs.

I also put my hand up to spearhead an initiative related to recruitment and retention of dancers; probably the most important topic for the future of our sport. There have been a number of successful initiatives undertaken by the various clubs in our province and elsewhere. I have asked that all these ideas and any more that individuals, clubs, callers and cuers can think of be forwarded to me (billcave@goldcity.net). I will undertake to capture and summarize the information for redistribution at the AGM.

The BCSRDF AGM will be held on Friday, August 7th at 9 am. Although tentatively scheduled to be held in Penticton the current expectation is that it will likely be held using Zoom as it is likely that the social distancing restrictions will still be in place into the summer plus, even if lifted, it's highly unlikely many folks will be inclined to get together in large numbers yet. A final announcement on this will be forthcoming from our Provincial Executive.

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