

R5CCDA Executive 2020/2021

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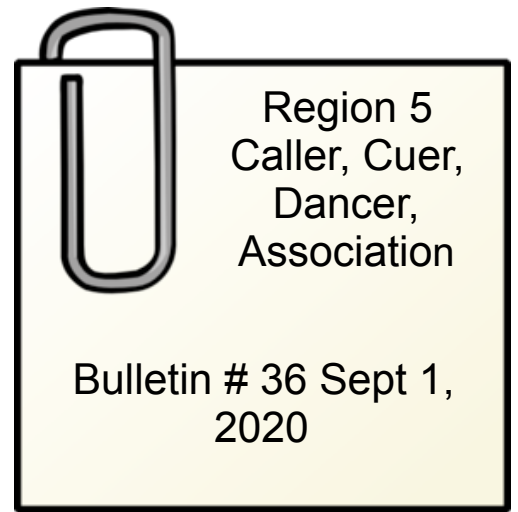
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KEEPING YOU INFORMED

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 last dance season, you are a member of this organization.)

September is upon us and normally we would be planning the start of a new dance season after a pleasant summer break. We would be eagerly looking forward to socializing with our dance friends and would be sharing ideas for encouraging new people to join us.

Unfortunately, after 5 long months, the dreaded Corona Virus is still a factor in the decision making. As far as I know, all the square dance clubs in BC are still in a holding pattern. It has been suggested that round dancers and line dancers could possibly start up because they require fewer numbers and it would be possible to apply the requirement for social distancing to these dance forms.

However, it is obvious that square dancing is an activity that is extremely vulnerable to the possible transmission of the Covid 19 virus. It is a hand-to-hand activity and in the course of an evening dancers would likely come in close contact with every other person in the room.

And so, we realize that square dance clubs will take a great deal of time to recover. The safety of our dancers is our most important consideration so we must continue to be patient and continue to follow all of the provincial health guidelines. **But when we do get the go-ahead to start up our clubs — we hope you will all try to support them.**

Meanwhile, the **BC Square and Round Dance Federation Executive** continues to work on our behalf. They have been dealing with bylaws, policy and procedure revisions, a website rebuild, and a response to the realities of COVID-19.

The BCS&RDF was unable to hold the usual AGM this August at Penticton due to the Covid 19 situation but they now have plans to hold it using the Zoom program. All of our registered Region 5 dancers are able to take part in this meeting. See the details below.

Important Information from the BCS & RD FEDERATION

To all Clubs and Associations:

1. The Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the BC Square and Round Federation will be held by Zoom on Saturday, October 17, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.
2. Clubs must submit their notice of any motions for the AGM to Wendy Krueger, our Acting Secretary, by Sunday, September 20th, 2020. This is four weeks before the AGM. (email Wendy via wkrueger@shaw.ca or phone 604-853-3410).
3. Clubs must submit their nominations for President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer to Ken Crisp, our Past President who is the nominating committee chairperson, by Saturday, September 26th, 2020. This is three weeks before the AGM. Note that a person must be a member in good standing (as of Dec. 31, 2020) to accept a nomination. Also, the Treasurer is allowed to continue in her position if she chooses. (email Ken via kcrisp@telus.net or phone 604-941-6392).

Also, FYI, a Board of Director's Meeting will be held on Saturday, September 12th at 10:00 a.m. by Zoom.

Currently our Region 5 is represented by our elected and appointed Directors at Large who are Bill Cave and Jan Cave respectively.

They are planning to attend this meeting on our behalf and we thank them for their willingness to volunteer their time.

If you have any questions please contact myself (nmtturner@telus.net) or Bill (billcave@goldcity.net)

That's it for now. I hope this bulletin finds you happy and healthy. Don't forget to stay in touch with your square dance friends. Even an email or a phone call can perk up a person's day in these lonely times.

I will continue to pass on any BC square dance news that comes my way re: Covid 19 and dancing and would appreciate it if you would pass it on to others also.

Meanwhile I leave you with a link to a video that reminds us what fun it is to move to music!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2NwoTbxJ16g>

Mary Anne Turner
President R5CCDA

