

# EOSARDA Board Meeting

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<b>Attendance</b>  <b>EOSARDA members:</b> David Western, Andy Himberg-Larsen, Gerry Sawtell, Chuck Langtry, Gavin Currie, Linda and Bruce Warner, Ann Christensen, Jean & Don Clingin, Bob Summers, Ziggy Segstro, Barbara & Paul Dennison Jim Sawtell, Billi Langtry	<b>Regrets</b>
Date: Sunday, March 21, 2010	
Time 1:30- 4:30	
Place: Main floor Board Room, Ottawa Citizen's Building, Baxter Road, Ottawa	
<b>Opening Remarks</b>	<b><u>Hearing Enhancement Policy</u></b> Thank you to the members of the Hearing Enhancement Working Group for their hard work. With your help we have developed a Hearing Enhancement Policy that should benefit the dance community in Eastern Ontario for many years to come. As I said at today's meeting, increasing the number of registered dancers has to have two components, Recruitment and <b><u>Retention</u></b> . Both are of equal value. Our new Hearing Enhancement Policy will go a long way towards helping with the latter. While there will doubtless be some nay-sayers at the April Council of Dancers, I expect that the new policy will be well received by the majority of club reps. However, if between now and then you have the chance to discuss the issue with Club Executives, Callers and Cuers, don't hesitate to do a little discreet lobbying. It may help to ease adoption of the new policy in April. <b><u>2. Board 2010/11</u></b> Please remember to let me know whether you are willing to serve on the EOSARDA Board for 2010/11, and if so, which position (or positions) most interest you. Where a spousal team is currently serving on the Board, it would be helpful if they indicate whether both partners want to continue or not. For the record, I am willing to serve on next year's Board and am willing to continue as President if that is the Board's wish. If someone else wants the Chair, I don't mind being the Past President. <b><u>3. During my Absence</u></b>

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A reminder that Pearl and I will be out of the country from April 5 to April 23 inclusive. E-mail access on board ship can be quite expensive, so I am not planning on doing much in that regard.

Ziggy, as Vice-President, will be the Main Man while I am gone. He has my full confidence. As stated today, Ziggy will be organizing both the April CoD and Board meetings. I am sure that he can count on your full cooperation in this regard.

#### **4. What has EOSARDA Done for You Today?**

At today's meeting someone said they keep being asked what EOSARDA does for our clubs and dancers. I have to admit that occasionally I get the same question.

My answer usually includes the following, in no particular order:

- facilitation of inter-club communications (Square Time and web-site)
- encouragement of inter-club visits (Dance Dangles)
- support for club events (Dance Dangles, Square Time and web site)
- forum for discussion and resolution of issues of common interest (Council of Dancers)
- region-wide recruitment and ad campaigns (Square and Round Dance Week)
- support for Caller/Cuer recruitment, training and development
- support for club executives (advice/guidance from Officers and Directors)
- planning, organizing & running major dance events (EOSARDA Dances & Festival 2014)
- financial support (bursaries etc)
- leadership (eg Hearing Enhancement Policy)
- support for club programs (Graduation)
- support of Caller and Cuer Associations (grants, fee standards, EOSARDA equipment)

I could go on but I can already see your eyes glazing over. (Funny thing, the same thing happens once I get talking to some of the "less-supportive" members of the dancing community). But I am proud of this organization and very proud of all the hard work and time that Board members contribute to enhancing the dancing experience across

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	Eastern Ontario.  Thank you.
<b>1. Approval of agenda</b>	Approved
<b>2. Approval of January Minutes</b>	Approved
<b>3. Reports</b>	
a. Operations Committee President's Report	Nothing to report
c) <b>Registrar's Report</b> - Bruce Warner	No report
b) <b>Finance Committee</b>	
Financial Report - Bruce Warner	As of this date the bank balance is \$ 10986.04 with O/S cheques of \$ 47.78  This results in a book balance of \$ 10938.26
	Bruce gave out badges to new Board members. (Ann Christensen and Barb & Paul Dennison)
c) <b>Dance Committee</b> - Gavin Currie	
i) EOSARDA Dances	
Jamboree 2010	Jean Clingin reported that preparations were going well but that a support club was still required. Jean distributed ribbons and posters to clubs
August Affair 2010	This dance will not be held this year.
Fall Fest 2010	Wendy's Elegant Eights are to act as supporting club and Gavin Currie, as Chair of the Dance Committee, will undertake the role of coordinator with assistance from other committee members. RDTA will organize the round dance program and Andy Himberg-Larsen will advise on the square dance program booked for Oct 16.
d) <b>P,P and P Committee</b> - Dave Western	
i) Square Time - Chuck and Billi Langtry	Square Time was distributed for new square dancers to their clubs to be distributed with normal Square Time distributions to be held for Grads.
iii) Multi Cultural Fest	Brookville Gp are having a Multi-Cultural Fest May 17, 2010
iv) Sq Dance Promotion Opportunities	Provincial Senior Athletic Championships August 26 20 mins an hr to promote square dancing at the basic and mainstream level. Need at least 2 squares to volunteer for dancing. (Level: Basic/mainstream)
	Ploughing Match- Vankleek Hill September 2011 (Don & Jean to find out more)

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	Need to identify Promotional materials, videos, organize dancers
e) <b>Club Liaison Committee</b> - Bob Summers	<b>35 Yr Certificate</b> delivered to Gypsy Squares
f) <b>IT Committee</b> -Bob Summers	Nothing to report
g) <b>Festival 2014 Organizing Committee</b> – Dave Western	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Andy-Himberg-Larsen and Anne Graham have volunteered to help get things going</li> <li>• Convention Dress submitted the design for a skirt based on a commercial pattern for Halifax!</li> <li>• Festival 2014 Outfit Colors are white, red with gold trim.</li> </ul>
h) <b>OACA</b>	No report
i) <b>RDTA</b>	There is a \$200 dollar EOSARDA bursary to be given out upon request to any Sq or Round dance group that applies.
<b>4. Old Business</b> (max 12 minutes per item)	
a) Hearing Assistance Systems (an up-date)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hearing Enhancement Committee Report tables- Gerry Sawtel to coordinate first bulk order, June 1. To be put into service for September. After that groups are on their own. See Appendix B for Report</li> <li>• Andy Himberg-Larsen proposed that EOSARDA buys 2 William multi –channel transmitters Model #PPAT 35 . Motion carried</li> <li>• Chuck Langtry proposed that EOSARDA buy 4 audio technology Landmark Radio Orpheus FM350 receivers. Motion carried.</li> </ul>
Loan Policy for transmitters and receivers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Andy Himberg-Larsen to draft policy</li> </ul>
Support policy for Clubs	EOSARDA will support clubs who want to purchase <b>Hearing Enhancement Transmitters</b> up to 25% of the cost with an upper limit of \$150 and 1 transmitter per club. Bob Summers moved the motion and motion carried.
b)EOSARDA and Club listings	Barb Dennison’s made her report on Ottawa Leisure Guides. See Appendix A.
c)Graduation	
d) April Council of Dancers	Agenda and enhanced hours for Hall in Kemptville
e)Equipment Repair	In progress, Andy is currently working on this.
f)EOSARDA Clothing	Ziggy has reclaimed the sweaters and will bring them for sale to each special dance
<b>5. New Business</b>	
a) Square and Round Dance Week	Discussion held. Decided to do an abbreviation of last years. Will discuss at Council of Dancers Taste of Dance was to be kept but in a reduced format.
b) ADS on EOSARDA website	
c) EOSARDA Reps to Federation _ Ziggy Segstro	
d) Candidates for 2010-2011 Board	

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<b>6. Other Business</b>	
a)	

Meeting Adjourned

**Appendix A:  
Committee Report –Hearing Enhancement  
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**AppendixB:  
Committee Report: Publicity-City of Ottawa-Activity Guides  
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