

Minutes
EOSARDA Board Meeting - Sunday, October 17, 2010

Attendance:

Gavin Currie, Andy Himberg-Larsen, Karin Nikischer, Bob Summers, Bruce Warner, Linda Warner, Cora Calwell, Don Clingin, Jean Clingin, Billi Langtry, Chuck Langtry, Dave Western, Pearl Western

Regrets:

Barbara Dennison, Paul Dennison, Nancy Morgan

1) Call to order and approval of Agenda

a) The meeting was called to order at 1:33 PM

b) Approval of agenda

The draft agenda was amended by the addition under Other Business of dance dangles; publishing of Board minutes on the EOSARDA website; and a letter from Village Squares. (**Appendix 1**)

2) Opening Remarks and welcome - Dave Western

The meeting was called to order at 1:34. Dave confirmed that a quorum of the Board was present.

3) Approval of Minutes of September Board Meeting

The minutes for the Board meeting of September 19 were approved without change.

4) Resignation of Ann Christensen from the Board

Dave informed the Board that Ann Christensen has resigned from the Board. (**Appendix 2**)

5) Reports

a) Operations Committee

i) Financial Report - Bruce Warner

See Appendix 3

ii) Registrar's Report - Linda Warner

This is the first report for the new dance year. Only 13 clubs and 2 associations have reported. Now Linda is waiting for the balance to arrive. Our deadline for reporting was Oct. 15 but due to the lateness of Labour Day and open houses, clubs have been experiencing difficulties in maintaining the time frame. For those who have completed the task, their certificates will be prepared and cards assigned for the second year in a timely manner. It was hoped that many of them would be picked up at Fall Fest yesterday, but alas only a couple were received. For information purposes 28 clubs and associations still are unaccounted for and it would be a shame if EOSARDA gets into the black book with the insurance company.

Following presentation of Linda's report, a discussion ensued concerning the applicability of

our insurance to dancers who do not belong to a club but pay by the week. Dave Western pointed out that there could be a large number of people dancing regularly in Eastern Ontario who are not being counted in our dancer statistics, especially those who spend a large part of the winter in warmer climates.

Dave advised that both Peter Graham and Peter Courdin are of the opinion that these dancers should be paying their annual EOSARDA dues, a point with which Dave is in agreement. A dancer does not have to be a member of a club in order to pay their EOSARDA dues. Clubs may collect these dues or dancers may pay them directly to the EOSARDA Treasurer

Bruce Warner suggested that all dancers be requested to present their insurance card at every dance, and those without a card would have to pay their EOSARDA dues prior to being permitted to attend the dance.

The discussion then turned to the question of the applicability of insurance during Open Houses, demo dances and special dances that are open to the public.

The Board was unable to reach a definitive answer on any of these questions. Bruce Warner will talk to the insurance people about these concern

b) Dance Committee - Gavin Currie

211 dancers were present at Fall Fest. This number is a disappointment and less than last year's attendance. Nevertheless the event was judged to be a success.

For full report see Appendix 4

c) P, P and P Committee

Nil report.

d) Club Liaison Committee

Nil report.

e) IT Committee

Nil report.

f) Festival 2014 Organizing Committee - Dave Western

The Festival 2014 Bar has cancelled the contract with the Westin in part due to the onerous provisions of the With the assistance of the Ottawa Tourism Bureau, contacts have been made with a number of local hotels aimed at procuring favourable rates for Festival attendees. It is, however, hoped that the Westin will be the host hotel for this event. The Association, Federation and Society must all agree to any contract with the OCC before it can be signed.

The Festival 2014 Board has suggested holding a Festival 2014 Promotion Dance every July until 2014 on the same dates as the Festival. It is hoped that these dances can be held at the OCC.

These dances would replace August Affair. The Board agreed with this recommendation.

g) OACA Report - Andy Himberg-Larsen

Grey Cup dance will be held again on November 27, 2010 at St Patrick High School. A new half time show is planned.

With number of callers required for demos, OACA will disperse requests though the OACA chair and callers are to respond with either a yes or no for the demo. Any demos that are requested through an individual caller, will be handled by that individual.

Summer basic dance program for basic dancers was a success again this year. This program will be set up again for next year.

h) RDTA Report

Nil report.

I) Hearing Assistance Working Group

A draft flyer advertising the cost of hearing assistance equipment and contact information was circulated . This issue will be discussed at next month's Council of Dancers.

4. Old Business

a) Setting up an EOSARDA Dance Team - Dave Western

At the last Board meeting, I was tasked with pursuing the question of setting up an EOSARDA Dance Team with the clubs. Accordingly, I drew up a Call Letter which Bruce sent out to all clubs as a Broadcast message. (**Appendix 5**). I also placed a number of the flyers on a table at Fall Fest. We will of course reiterate the message at Council of Dancers and I will ask Chuck and Billi to repeat the Call Letter in the next edition of Square Time.

It may be some time before news of this initiative trickles down to all dancers. I do not expect that the team will be operational before Christmas. However, I am pleased to advise you that as of this meeting, we have a team of 8 dancers and two callers.

I received one message from a Round Dance Teacher asking if we intended to include Round Dancing in the team's repertoire. I responded as follows:

At the present time I am only putting together a Square Dance team. In part that is because that is where the demand for demos seems to be and in part its because we have to start somewhere.

If we can get this off the ground, I would love to also have a Regional Round Dance team. But the biggest obstacle to that will be finding a Cuer who is willing to work with the team and then of course, finding enough qualified and willing dancers to fill out the ranks.

However, when it comes to Round Dancing, my biggest concerns right now are not about putting together a Dance Team. We have three much bigger problems that are in need of urgent resolution.

- § With the exception of [one class in Kingston], there is no night time course available for people wanting to learn Round Dancing.
- § There is no dedicated course available for people wanting to transition from Level 3 to Level 4 and
- § If Don and Daphne Pearson have to stop teaching, there will be no higher level Rounds at all.

The RDTA is aware of these concerns but has declined to address the issues.

b) Establishment of Club for Young Adults - Dave Western

Dave recommended that this be pursued as a small private initiative and be removed as a Board initiative. The Board concurred.

5. New Business

a) November 21 Council of Dancers at Citizen Board Room - Agenda, Notice etc.

Issues for the agenda:

- insurance
- T-shirt surplus
- increase attendance for EOSARDA dances
- need for additional Board members
- Hearing Assist
- Festival 2014

Dave will prepare and circulate a draft call letter.

b) Frosty Fling February 5, 2011

Gavin advises that Nancy Morgan will co-ordinate this dance with Billi and Chuck and himself. Judy McPhee will run a used clothing boutique again.

Dave will approach the Village Squares to see if they are willing to act as support club for this dance.

c) EOSARDA Shirts

Ziggy has the shirts bagged and boxed and ready to be handled by someone else.

Andy made a motion that the inventory be taken to the Council of Dancers and distributed free of charge to the clubs. Chuck seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.

d) Schedule of Board Meetings 2010-11

It was unanimously agreed not to have a Board meeting in December. A Board meeting will be

held in November in the Citizen Boardroom at 11 am, prior to the Council of Dancers. It was suggested that the directors might wish to bring a bagged lunch.

Bruce raised the fact that the cost of renting Lesley Hall in Kemptville for the April Council of Dancers is quite high. Chuck suggested that we look for another location out of Ottawa. This will be raised at the next Council of Dancers meeting.

The Boardroom has been booked for the entire 2011 year except for April.

6. Other Business

a) Dance Dangles

Dance dangles for calendar year 2010 will be presented at Frosty Fling. Names of recipients must be supplied to Bruce Warner on or before December 31, 2010. It was agreed that future dance dangle presentations will be made by serving members of the Board.

b) Financial Information on the Web

Bruce opined that it was inappropriate to post details of the Association's financial status on the web. A brief summary of Board meetings would be preferable. Bruce moved that the minutes be taken off the internet. Andy seconded the motion.

A discussion of various alternatives followed. Dave pointed out that the minutes were posted on the web due to problems in locating copies of past minutes. Posting the minutes on the web site resolves this problem. It might be possible to place the Minutes under password protection or restrict access to them by some other means.

It was decided to table the motion pending further discussion between Bob Summers and Pat Gauthier on this matter.

c) Letter from Village Squares

This club has requested that it be identified as "Couples only" on the EOSARDA website (**Appendix 6**). There is no provision for this on the website at this time. Dave will advise the club of this fact.

Next meeting is Sunday, November 21, at 11:00 am, 2010 at the Ottawa Citizen Boardroom

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 4 pm.

Appendix 1
Revised Agenda - EOSARDA Board Meeting
October 17, 2010

Date: Sunday, October 17, 2010

Time 1:30- 4:30

Place: Main floor Board Room, Ottawa Citizen's Building, Baxter Road, Ottawa

- 1:30 - 1:45 **1a. Call to Order**
 b. Approval of agenda
- 2. Regrets and Opening Remarks – Dave Western**
- 3. Approval of September Meeting Minutes**
- 1:45 - 1:50 **4. Resignation of Ann Christensen from the Board**
- 1:50 – 3:00 **5. Reports**
- a) Operations Committee
 - i) Financial Report - Bruce Warner
 - ii) Registrar's Report - Linda Warner
 - b) Dance Committee - Gavin Currie
 - c) P,P and P Committee - Barb Dennison
 - d) Club Liaison Committee - Bob Summers
 - e) IT Committee -Bob Summers
 - f) Festival 2014 Organizing Committee - Dave Western
 - g) OACA Report - Andy Himberg-Larsen
 - h) RDTA Report - Jean Clingin
 - I) Hearing Assistance Working Group - Barbara Dennison
- 4. Old Business**
- a) Setting up an EOSARDA Dance Team - Dave Western
 - b) Establishment of Club for Young Adults- Dave Western
- 5. New Business**
- a) November Council of Dancers - Agenda, Notice etc
 - b) Frosty Fling
 - c) EOSARDA Shirts
 - d) Schedule of Board Meetings 2010-11
 - e) EOSARDA dance danglers;
 - f) Publishing Board minutes on the EOSARDA website; and
 - g) Note from Village Squares.

6. Other Business

Appendix 2
Resignation of Ann Christensen

From: Ann Christensen <christensen_18@sympatico.ca>

To: "David Western" <dlwestern@yahoo.com>

Subject: Re: Your position on the Board

Date: Thursday, September 9, 2010, 5:29 AM

I didn't want to resign but seem to have very little time to spend on it so I think it would be better. I have only another couple of years to work and after that I could help you out again but am finding that just keeping up with all the email takes a lot of time. So if you could find someone to replace me that would be good until then I will try to attend the meetings except for October I have a commitment that month already.

Thx ,

Ann

Appendix 3

TREASURERS REPORT AS OF OCT 17, 2010 FOR
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Information available upon request.

Respectfully submitted
Bruce
Treasurer

Appendix 4
Dance Committee Report - Gavin Currie

FALL FEST 2010

Fall Fest 2010 was held at Sir Robert Borden High School on Oct 16.

The program this year was designed taking into account recommendations from Fall Fest 2009. As a result, the afternoon program was limited to a Round Dance Workshop (Ph IV Foxtrot). The evening program featured two Square Dance halls - Basic/Mainstream and Plus with RD tips; and a Round Dance hall (Ph III-V). Leaders were callers Charlie McClure and Andy Himberg-Larsen and cuers Jerry and Bonnie Callen and Dorothy Tweed. Geoff Clarke, who was scheduled to call the event, had to withdraw on Oct 15 because of illness and Andy kindly stepped in at very short notice. A special thanks to Andy for this.

The afternoon workshop attracted 49 registrants; the evening program 189. The dance had net revenue of \$72.

Although the evening numbers were less than hoped, dancers were treated to a lively program which they clearly enjoyed.

During the announcements, a Trillium Award was presented to Ken and Theresa Grolway for their contribution to Square Dancing. This was followed by a Dance-Off which once again proved a popular feature of the evening.

I would like to thank the Dance Committee and other volunteers who helped to plan and run the event. Particular thanks to Bruce and Linda Warner for looking after the registration and financial aspects; Peter Courdin and Karen Remy for organizing refreshments; and the Clingin family for doing more than their fair share of the physical set up and take down.

Gavin Currie
Coordinator
Fall Fest 2010

Appendix 5
EOSARDA Eagles Flyer - Dave Western



EAGLES WANTED

The Eastern Ontario Square and Round Dance Association is seeking a limited number of experienced Plus dancers to form a demonstration team to be called the EOSARDA EAGLES.

This team will be called upon from time-to-time to perform at various locations across Eastern Ontario. However, it is not expected that every team member will be available to attend every event. The goal is to have a minimum of two full squares on the dance floor at any time.

We are also interested in procuring the services of any Callers who are interested in helping to mould the team into a premiere demonstration dance team.

If you are interested in helping to promote Square Dancing in our region, please contact Dave Western at 613 838-5428 or at dlwestern@yahoo.com

Appendix 6
Letter from Village Squares

October 8, 2010

Bruce Warner
EOSARDA Registrar and Treasurer

Re: Village Squares
-2011 Square Time Subscription Form &
- EOSARDA Club Registration Form - Year 2010/11

Please find enclosed the above mentioned forms. You will see that we have registered the Village Squares as a "Couples Only" club as outlined in our club's constitution.

On two separate occasions in the past five years we have been advised in email correspondence that nobody at EOSARDA is aware of this. We would appreciate it if you could please ensure that the EOSARDA Executive is advised and we are listed as such on the EOSARDA website.

Thank you very much!

Bob Forsyth
President - Village Squares Dance Club