

**Minutes of the EOSARDA Board meeting, January 19th. 2014
At the Citizen's Building, Baxter Road, Ottawa**

Attendance: Bill Ableson, Gavin Currie, Barbara Englehart, Roger Frappier, Billi Langtry, Chuck Langtry, Nancy Morgan, Pierre Reinhard, Mary Anne Reinhard, Bob Summers, Bruce Warner, David Western.

Regrets: Shelley Doucet

1.1 The meeting was called to order at 13 h 37

1.2 Approval of Agenda as submitted with minor changes.

2. Minutes of November meeting approved as circulated, moved by Chuck , seconded by Bruce.

2.2 Minutes of the Council of Dancers' meeting were circulated with corrections.

3. Opening Remarks - Dave Western

A number of years ago I was very active in Scouting. As part of my responsibilities I was part of a group working to make Scouting co-ed.

At that time the King of Sweden was President of the World Federation of Scouting and was on a visit to Canada. I was asked to organize a camp at Fitzroy Harbour for him. On the day of his visit the kids were lined up on both sides of the road for a Royal Welcome. As I looked down the line of kids, I saw a pair of pink sneakers and suddenly realized that our work had produced tangible results. We were co-ed!

Last Saturday at the Halfway Dance, I experienced a similar feeling when I saw all the new Basic dancers who were at the dance. I don't know how many there were, but there were lots of new faces. They were young - excited - enthusiastic and I suddenly realized that our collective efforts over the past several years were beginning to pay off. We now have a large number of new dancers in our region. We have begun to turn the tide.

But we cannot relax our efforts. As Winston Churchill said, this is not the end, nor is it the beginning of the end - but it is, perhaps, the end of the beginning.

We still a long way to go. I was advised just last week that yet another of our clubs will be folding at the end of this year due to a lack of dancers. We are not out of the woods yet.

We need to stay focussed on recruiting new dancers. We also need to focus on retaining those we already have - especially our newest dancers. We cannot afford to have them drop out after all the work that has been done to attract them in the first place. We need to make sure they feel welcome and wanted.

Frosty Fling is more important than ever in this regard. We need to up our game in terms of getting them out to the dance - and not incidently - out to Festival too.

Pearl and I have begun visiting clubs to spread the word. We will be visiting 6 clubs over the next 2 weeks. But we cannot do it alone. We need the rest of Board to put on red and white and spread the word; to let our newest dancers know that they are welcome to attend - that we want them to attend; and to encourage our more experienced dancers to support them by coming out as well.

We will talk more about this during today's meeting.

4. REPORTS

4.1 Operations committee

4.1.1 TREASURERS REPORT AS OF JAN. 19/14 - Bruce

Warner

Information available on request

4.1.3 REGISTRAR'S REPORT- Prepared and submitted by Barbara Englehart

EOSARDA - 2013-2014 REGISTRAR'S REPORTS		
NEW SQUARE DANCERS	190	
RETURNING SQUARE DANCERS	670	
NEW ROUND DANCERS	6	
RETURNING ROUND DANCERS	67	
NEW LINE DANCERS	22	
RETURNING LINE DANCERS	11	
TOTAL		966
CUERS AND CALLERS	42	
TOTAL MEMBERSHIP		1008

CLUBS TO DATE	34	
ASSOCIATIONS	4	

4.2 DANCE COMMITTEE – Gavin Currie

FROSTY FLING 2014

Frosty Fling will be held on February 1 at Mother Teresa High School. Callers will be Paul Adams and Bob Summers; and the cuers will be Jean & Don Clingin and Donna Stewart. Nancy Morgan has prepared a poster and Robert Read has distributed tickets. We plan to dance from 7:30 to 10:00. This dance is focused on new dancers and the program will feature basic, mainstream and easy rounds. More information is available on our web site. The price is \$8 per person in advance and \$10 at the door. Village Squares have kindly agreed to provide volunteers for registration and share-the-wealth tables.

4.3 Publicity and Promotion/Club Liaison Committee - Nancy Morgan

The Square Times soon to come out. No other formal report.

4.4 IT Committee - Bill Ableson

As Bill was late, Bob Summers shared the following:

- a) All 3 domains have been protected and registered: EOSARDA.CA, EOSARDA.COM and EODANCE.CA
- b) EOSADRA.CA and EOSARDA.COM will link with THE NEW EODANCE.CA
- c) Hosting space for the new website was bought in December and it ran in parallel with the old site until the end of December when the old site was suspended.

NOTE TO BILL: to make sure that renewal is done and that we are protected.

4.5 OACA Report - Bob Summers

No report as their meeting is coming up.

4.6 RDTA Report

No report but the following information was shared by Dave Western:

- The Association is supporting Festival 2014 and will hold a trail in dance at the Glebe Community Centre on July 16th. with the proceeds going to the festival.

4.7 FESTIVAL 2014 - Dave Western

As Wendy is still away we do not have the final statistics but registrations reported to approach the 700 mark. As we get closer, we must ramp up the excitement from our local clubs. The Vendors' Village is going ahead with ¼ of the bookings sold out. The fashion show will include some original creations and as usual, this event is one which generates revenues. Anyone can attend and the general public is invited as well as Festival participants.

5. Old Business

5.1 Web Site Renewal

See IT report above.

5.2 Future EOSARDA Dances - Dave

Following a discussion on the subject, it was moved by Bob and seconded by Chuck that we suspend Fall Fest for one year

5.3 Procedures Manual – Dave

Some updates are needed:

Chapter 3 – Registration procedures

Chapter 15 – Posting of information on the Web Site

Chapter 22 – Booking of Citizen's Board Room: Check if this procedure is still correct

Board members responsible for the above chapters are asked to review them and make necessary modifications if need be and to get back to Dave ASAP.

Nancy is to inquire as to getting a quote to print the Procedures Manual.

5.4 Change of dates for Board meetings:

Please note that our meetings schedule is modified for May 25th. and April 27th.

6. New Business

6.1 Club Contacts

Corrections will be made to the list and Barbara is to send a revised list.

6.2 Dance Dangles

We have had a request for a 2013 dangle and Bruce is to put in the ordre which Dave will pick up.

6.3 Generating Excitement for Festival 2014 – Dave Western

We need to visit our clubs. Some members have volunteered to make some of those visits. Dave noted them.

7.2 Adjournment at 15 h 36

Respectfully submitted,

Roger Frappier

Please note that we will need a volunteer to take minutes at the February 16th. meeting