

# EOSARDA Board Meeting

Sunday, 20 September 2020

1:30 - 2:51 pm

Via Zoom

## Potential Attendees:

Jacques Chesnais	Geoff Clarke	Teena Clarke	Gavin Currie
Barb Englehart	Pat Gauthier	Gerry Johnson	Lamar Mason
Bob Pitruniak	Arlo Speer	Wendy VanderMeulen	Dave Western

## 1. Call to Order

1.1. Opening Remarks Appendix A – Dave Western

## 2. Previous Records and E-Mail Decisions

2.1. **MOTION:** Speer/Mason that the record be accepted as presented. **CARRIED**

## 3. Committee Reports –

### 3.1. Operations Committee

3.1.1. Treasurer's Report – Bob Pitruniak

No activity since the last meeting

3.1.2. Registrar's Report – Barb Englehart

Contact list attached as Appendix B

There have been no new registrations.

### 3.2. Dance Committee

3.2.1. *Swing into Spring* Appendix C – Arlo Speer

3.3. Publicity Committee Appendix D – Lamar Mason

3.4. Club Liaison Group Appendix E – Geoff Clarke

Helgi has recently been receiving Dangle applications.

**MOTION:** Gavin / Wendy that the reports be accepted as presented. **CARRIED**

## 4. Business Arising from the Past Record and Reports

4.1. Next year's Board – Dave Western

All existing Directors indicated a willingness to accept nominations to EOSARDA's Board of Directors for the 2020/21 dance year.

4.2. EOSARDA Bulletin about Insurance – Item 4.5 from 16 August – Dave Western

A draft Bulletin was circulated to the board as requested at the last Board meeting.

The Board agreed to delay the Bulletin until we have a copy of the actual insurance policy and information about a potential liability waiver.

4.3. Square Time Edition Update – Item 5.1 from 16 August – Gerry Johnson

- Although no specific articles have yet been submitted, it seems that there will be sufficient material for a fall edition. It may be a bit later than usual; however, a fall edition seems very likely.

- Since we are not collecting fees from clubs, the usual collection of funds to cover printing and mailing costs becomes difficult. We will not solicit paid subscriptions for the hard copy of Square Time until such time as we can resume normal printing. When printing resumes, a credit will be offered to those who missed receiving print copies this year.

**MOTION:** Gerry/Teena that the Fall 2020 edition be available online only. **CARRIED**

## 5. New Business

### 5.1. 2020/2021 Budget

– Bob Pitruniak

**MOTION:** Pitruniak/Gerry that we accept the budget as attached Appendix F.

**CARRIED**

### 5.2. Agenda for October Council of Dancers Appendix G

- Wendy will prepare a draft statement that will serve as an introduction at COD to a discussion on returning to dancing. This will be circulated to the Board within the next two weeks for review and discussion.
- Committee Chairs agreed to provide reports on or before **06 October** for the Secretary to distribute to Council of Dancers participants.

### 5.3. Publicity Committee Recommendation for Dance masks

- The publicity committee proposes obtaining masks with a dance logo for individuals to use while in public. Costs will be in the range of \$8 per mask and would be sold to any interested dancers who would like to promote dancing by wearing a dancer mask while in public.
- The Board agreed that the Publicity Committee should explore options and make masks available to our dancers.
- Dave identified the need to respect our association's mandate by ensuring that the wording on the masks refers to both square and round dancing.

### 5.4. Publicity Committee Recommendation for inviting ideas for Posters and Flyers

- The Publicity Committee proposed holding a contest to design a poster to keep square and round dancing (one poster for each activity) in people's minds until we can dance again. The posters could be displayed on websites or in the community.
- The Board agreed that the Publicity Committee move forward with this initiative.

## 6. Next Meeting

**Sunday 18 October 2020** -- *Online Meetings using Zoom*

11:00 Board Meeting

2:00 Council of Dancers Meeting

## 7. Adjournment

**MOTION:** Mason/VanderMeulen that the meeting be adjourned. **CARRIED.** 14:51

## **Appendix A – President’s Opening Remarks**

Normally at this time of year I would be welcoming the new Board to a new dance year and we would be in the middle of our annual Fall Recruiting Drive - which just goes to show how much the world has changed in the past 6 months.

Six months ago, physical distancing was something you did when someone needed a shower; wearing a mask in a bank was somewhat frowned upon; gloves were a cold weather fashion accessory and second wave meant that the surfing was pretty good. Toilet paper, hand sanitizer and paper towels were not on the endangered species list and attending a large party was not a criminal offence.

In early March, if someone had told you that you would spend a lot of time this summer lining up to get in and out of the grocery store, or any other store for that matter, or that you would have to sanitize your hands before even being allowed to enter a store, you would have thought them stark raving mad.

So here we are, apparently at the beginning of the much talked about second wave. Dancing has ground to a dead halt and we don’t know when it will start again. Nor do we know under what conditions it will be allowed to take place when it does start up again. However, it seems likely that there will be limits on the number of dancers in the hall, that masks and frequent hand sanitizing will be required, and that the ability to undertake contact tracing through attendance logs will be the new reality.

But of course, all that could, and doubtlessly will, change yet again if we get a safe and effective vaccine that is widely available at a reasonable cost.

The challenge for this board, and indeed for our association, is to find ways to keep the dancing spirit alive in these dark times, no easy task given all the unknowns we are facing.

Next month’s Council of Dancers is an opportunity to reach out to our members; to share ideas and concerns and to help them prepare for that long-hoped for day when we will get back on the dance floor. There is an unprecedented interest in attending this meeting of Council. The challenge for us this afternoon is to come up with a plan that will meet our members needs and expectations.

## Appendix B – Club Contacts – Updated: Sept.20,2020

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Capital Carousels (President)	Gavin Currie (Announcments)	69 Pittaway Crescent	Ottawa	K1G 4P1	613-739-9395	president@capitalcarousels.ca
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Capital Carousels (Website)	Mike Cosham					webkeeper@capitalcarousels.ca Website: www.capitalcarousels.ca
Capital City Lines	Diane Poulton	914 Admiral Ave.	Ottawa	K1Z 6L7	613-729-4974	clogger13@sympatico.ca
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Got Lines - Line Dance Club	David Western	4 Cone Terrace, RR# 1	Richmond	K0A 2Z0	613-838-5428	dlwestern@yahoo.com
Grenville Gremlins	Peter Matthews (Announcements)	1221 South Gower Dr	Kempville	K0G 1J0	613-258-3690	kemptvillesquaredance@gmail.com petermatt54@gmail.com
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	Greg Salomons/Registration	1182 Katherine Cres.	Kingston	K7P 3G1	613-634-6837	salomonsjg@gmail.com
	Shirley Brown/Website					www.limestonedancers.org
Lockits	Geoff & Teena Clarke	294 Timberwood Dr.	Carleton Place	K7C 0C4	613-724-8438	caller.geoff@bell.net
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	Treasurer: Gerry Lelievre	45 Downsview Crescent	Nepean	K2G 0A4	613-225-0333	gerryL44@gmail.com
	Secretary: Michelle Gravelle	710 Coronation Ave, Unit 25	Ottawa	K1G 4G7	613-733-4990	mgraveln628@rogers.com
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Napanee Pioneers	Muriel Brough	42 Sarah St.,	Napanee	K7R 3X4	613-354-4595	brough@kingston.net
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Ottawa Date Squares	Jean-Marc Robichaud (News)	450 Rochefort Circle	Ottawa	K4A 0M9	613-806-6085	jm@jmrconsulting.com
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Quinte Twirlers	David & Valerie Dunham (News)	346 Mudcat Rd	Foxboro	K8N 5Y2	613-969-1084	daviddunham77@hotmail.com
Quinte Twirlers	Bob Jones-President (Website)					bobandgailjones@gmail.com
Riverside Gypsy Squares	Helen MacCallum (Announcements/News)	352 Ellen St.	Cornwall	K6J 5X2`	613-993-4025	helenmaccallum@sympatico.ca
	Lilian Hamilton (registration)	11 Albert St.	Johnstown	K0E 1T1	613-925-3411	kimandlil@gmail.com
Saturday Squares	Wendy VanderMeulen	119 St. Paul St. S., Box 189	St. Albert	K0A 3C0	613-987-2711	wendyv@sympatico.ca
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Stepping Out Rounds	Wendy VanderMeulen	119 St. Paul St. Street, Box 189	St. Albert	K0A 3C0	613-987-2711	wendyv@sympatico.ca
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Sunshine Squares	President - Vacant					
	Vice-President - Bob and Kathleen Pitruniak				613-448-3388	krpitruniak@yahoo.com
	Treasurer: Doug Bennett & Laura Johnson	73 Hopewell Ave.	Ottawa	K1S 2Y9	613-730-0002	douglas.bennett2@sympatico.ca
	Registration: Doug Bennett					
	Publicity: Doug Bennett					

	Social: Jim & Shirley McSavaney				613-824- 7115	smcsavaney@rogers.com
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Swinging B's	Helen MacCallum (Announcements/News)	352 Ellen St.	Cornwall	K6J 5X2`	613-933- 4052	helenmaccallum@sympatico.ca
Swinging Swallows	President: Andre Blais	81 chemin Giroux	Chapeau	J0X 1M0	819-689- 5487	andre.cathy@hotmail.com
	Don Hogan (registration)	1602 Queen St.	Cornwall	K6J 1R6	613-936- 2831	hogandonw@gmail.com
Website:	Gloria Bateman					www.getupanddance.ca
The Cookie Club	TBA					
The Opeongo Squares	Tarrah Fehr (Announcements)	1794 Traimore Rd	Golden Lake	K0J 1X0	226-454- 0200	ftarrah369@gmail.com
Village Squares	Bob/Gabrielle Forsythe (Pres.couple, News & Registration)	2331 Overdale Dr.	Cumberland	K4C 1B8	613-833- 2601	gandbforsyth@bell.net
	Lynn Barr- Secretary/Treasurer					a.j.furniture@sympatico.ca
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## Appendix C – Swing into Spring Report



Despite dancers registering in slightly higher numbers than previous years, last March, COVID-19 forced the cancellation of what would have been the 8<sup>th</sup> Swing into Spring dance weekend. Since last spring, the committee has been active managing the work associated with cancelling the 2020 event and keeping a pathway open to a 2021 event, if circumstances were to allow.

As we reported in April, two committee members have retired. We are happy to advise that Simone Cyr of Cornwall's Swinging Bs has joined the committee. In addition to Simone, members of the committee are: Gloria Bateman (Swinging Swallows), Kathleen and Bob Pitruniak (Grenville Gremlins), (Secretary) Arlo Speer (Capital Carousels) and (Treasurer) Wendy VanderMeulen (Charmin' Promenaders). To maintain our usual complement of members, we would welcome an additional member from an SVSRDA affiliated club.

In accordance with Section 27.2 c) of EOSARDA Procedures, the Committee has designated Simone Cyr as the liaison contact for SVSRDA and Arlo Speer as the EOSARDA liaison.

At its September 2020 meeting, the Swing into Spring committee reviewed existing Ontario and Canadian health protocols, as well as local and provincial restrictions and requirements for gatherings. These factors, along with a lack of specific information about availability and cost of renting a venue make effective planning for a 2021 event difficult, if not impossible. Therefore, by motion, the committee reluctantly (but, we believe, realistically) agreed unanimously not to hold Swing into Spring 2021.

However, if either of our sponsoring associations sees a valid strategy that would let us continue planning for a 2021 event, we ask you to advise the Committee as quickly as possible through the individual identified as liaison for your association. The committee will happily reconsider its decision in light of any suggestion you might be able to offer soon. In the absence of such suggestions, later this month the committee will begin taking the steps necessary to cancel this year's Spring into Spring and advise all parties accordingly.

The committee will also use the coming months to begin planning for an event again in 2022.

*Submitted September 2020, by: - Simone Cyr, Liaison to SVSRDA & Arlo Speer, Liaison to EOSARDA*



## Appendix D – Publicity Committee Report

### Objectives for 2020-2021

1. Assist in keeping existing dancers engaged and connected to square, round and line dancing.
2. Identify ways to keep square, round and line dancing in the public view while dancing and recruitment are not possible.

### Actions

1. Stay Connected ebulletin: Continue to create and distribute Stay Connected ebulletins through EOSARSDA that have value to dancers for keeping them connected to the dance community
2. Square Time: Use Square Time article to share initiatives from clubs on staying connected and increasing visibility of dancing so it is in the public's mind when recruitment can resume
3. Investigate option of a square dancing mask that dancers can purchase: Goal is to have a subtle way of promoting dancing while providing a useful and necessary item to dancers. Details being worked out. Hoping that clubs will coordinate bulk orders, send to Publicity Committee, and then distribution to dancers.

#### **Looking for input from EOSARDA board**

4. Poster/flyer contest: Ask dancers to create a poster that clubs could use to promote dancing/maintain visibility. Idea would be for all clubs to use it on their websites/social media sites, post around the community. Goal is not recruitment but visibility. When social activities return to being safe, and dancing resumes, we want people to think of square, round or line dancing before other types of activities. If they see posters or signs, they will think of us rather than some other form of social gathering.

#### **Looking for input from EOSARDA board.**

Submitted by Lamar Mason

## Appendix E – Club Liaison Group Report

### 1. **New Dancer Celebration**\*\* - Teena Clarke

- An initial email went to those clubs that would have been celebrating new dancers in April & May 2020. This email was inquiring if they would like the EOSARDA welcome letters & pins sent to them. In that way they could distribute them as they wish.

This is an ongoing event at the moment. I have heard from 7 clubs who have requested their package. I have informed those EOSARDA Directors holding their package to send them on to those clubs. The Clubs that have replied are: Glengarry Tartans; Stonebridge Squares; Meri Squares; Village Squares; Swinging Swallows; Mississippi Squares; Napanee Pioneers.

I will send a reminder email out next week (Sept 21) to the clubs that have not yet replied. The receipts for postage will come out of this year's budget (2020/21) for which Treasurer Bob will have designated funds.

### 2. **Square Time** - Gerry Johnson

- I sent out an e-mail early this month soliciting input for a possible Square Time issue. I am happy to say that I have received several affirmative, enthusiastic replies. I am sure that we will be publishing an issue. We still have to determine if we will print or not.

### 3. **Dance Dangles** - Helgi Goodman/Geoff Clarke

- Helgi has sent out an email to all EOSARDA Club contacts regarding eligible dance dangle recipients. It's now up to the clubs to get back to us with any candidates.

### **NIL REPORTS from the following portfolios:** -

1. **Recognition & Awards** - Helen MacCallum/Wendy VanderMeulen
2. **Dance Leader Training** - Wendy VanderMeulen
3. **New Dancer Recruitment Subsidy** - Jacques Chesnais
4. **Scheduling Conflicts** - Geoff Clarke

Submitted by: Geoff Clarke, Chair - Club Liaison

## **Appendix F – 2020/2021 Budget**

NOTE: Additional information has been omitted from the on-line version but is available upon request.

## **Appendix G – Draft Agenda for Council of Dancers Meeting**

**2:00 Sunday 18 October 2020**

**Using Zoom**

- Call to Order**
- 1.1 Confirmation of a quorum
    - Dave Western
    - Barbara Englehart
- 1. Opening Remarks** - Dave Western
- 2. Review of agenda** - Dave Western
- 3. Approval of Minutes 10 November 2019 Council of Dancers** - Arlo Speer
- 4. Reports**
- 4.1. Operations Committee
    - a) Financial statements
      - Bob Pitruniak
    - b) Registrar's Report
      - Barbara Englehart
  - 4.2. Dances Operations
    - a) Dance Committee
      - Barbara Englehart
    - b) Swing into Spring
      - Arlo Speer
  - 4.3. Club Liaison, Recognition and Awards
    - Geoff Clarke
  - 4.4. Publicity Committee
    - Lamar Mason
  - 4.5. Technology Committee
    - Arlo Speer
  - 4.6. Ottawa Area Callers' Association
    - Wendy VanderMeulen
  - 4.7. Seaway Valley Square and Round Dance Association
    - Gerald & Marlene Casselman
  - 4.8. Ontario Square and Round Dance Federation
    - ????
  - 4.9. Acceptance of Reports
- 5. Business Arising from the Minutes and Reports**
- 5.1. Registration and Fee Collection While not Dancing
    - Barbara Englehart
- 6. New Business**
- 6.1. Budget for 2020/2021
    - Bob Pitruniak
  - 6.2. Election of 2020/2021 Board
    - Dave Western
  - 6.3. Restarting dancing in Eastern Ontario
    - Some Board Member – to be chosen
- 7. Next Council of Dancers Meeting**  
**Date: ??? 18 April 2021 ???**