



EOSARDA Board Meeting

Sunday, 20 November 2022

11:00 am

via Zoom

Attendees:

Geoff Clarke	Gavin Currie	Barb Englehart	Gerry Johnson
Lamar Mason	Bob Pitruniak	Arlo Speer	Wendy VanderMeulen
Dave Western			

Regrets:

Ron Gardner

1. Opening Remarks

– Dave Western

The main reason that we are meeting this morning is to ensure that all is in readiness for this afternoon's Council of Dancers. We will also have our first opportunity to hear how the Fall registration process is unfolding, and we will be discussing the fallout from the SVSRDA's dissolution, particularly when it comes to the Skirts 'n Flirts.

All in all, this should be a pretty short meeting, so let's get at it.

2. The Agenda was accepted as presented.

3. Record of 16 October Board Meeting

MOTION: -- Lamar Mason/Gerry Johnson ... that the record be accepted as circulated.

CARRIED

4. Committee Reports

4.1. Executive Committee

4.1.1. Financial Report

– Bob Pitruniak

Material circulated ahead of this meeting is what will be presented to the Council of Dancers meeting this afternoon.

Bob reminded us that because our banking arrangements require two signatures for any withdrawal, we are not able to make payments through e-payments.

4.1.2. Registrar

Appendix A

– Barb Englehart

The attached data were collected from the Club registrations received to date.

The numbers are down considerably however given the impact of COVID 19 resulting in the closure of Clubs, the readiness of people to dance, and the aging membership, the numbers are not as bleak as they could be.

At the time of the preparation of this report there were 3 Clubs not registered however the registrar was advised the information is coming. A Club is not considered registered until all of the required information has been received by the registrar and fees have been paid.

Recruitment of 91 new dancers is encouraging. Some Clubs intend to implement their recruitment plans beginning in the new year so that number will hopefully increase.

4.3. Swing into Spring

– Bob Pitruniak

The group that has been holding SSD and other dances wishes to hold a dance in the spring for its dancers. 29 April is a potential date but the group is concerned about any negative impact that date might have on *Swing into Spring*. At this point, the group is scheduling a dance for the weekend before *Swing into Spring*, but is prepared to revise that plan if *Swing into Spring* goes ahead on its usual.

The EOSARDA Board agreed that the *Swing into Spring* committee should proceed as an autonomous committee organizing the annual event.

Chapter 27 of the EOSARDA Procedures Manual needs revision. Arlo (with input from the *Swing into Spring* committee) offered to draft a revision to Chapter 27 for Board review.

- 4.4. **MOTION:** Wendy VanderMeulen/Geoff Clarke that the reports be accepted as presented. **CARRIED**

5. Business Arising from the Past Records and Decisions

5.1. COVID-related liability for facility rental

– Dave Western

To be discussed further at this evening's meeting of the Ontario Federation.

The initial issue was raised as a result of requirements imposed by the Upper Canada School Board, the body responsible for the venue where *Swing into Spring* is traditionally held. At this point, we are not aware of any similar requirements being imposed by other facility owners; however, perhaps the Council of Dancers meeting later this afternoon will provide information from others.

6. New Business

6.1. SVSRDA Dissolution

6.1.1. The Dance Committee has committed to do what it can to continue the Christmas & Mother's Day dances that were sponsored by SVSRDA.

6.1.2. The *Swing into Spring* committee has indicated it will explore ways to include the Mother's Day Dance as a part of the larger dance weekend.

6.1.3. The Board agreed that we will continue to offer Skirts 'N Flirts Club (in New York State) the EOSARDA services as we are able.

6.1.4. Historical records

Gerry Johnson is working on lists of past directors and executive members of EOSARDA and former clubs.

We will mention this work at the Council of Dancers meeting in hopes that other members will offer assistance or information.

7. The meeting adjourned at 12:09

Appendix A: Registrar's Report

EOSARDA 2022-2023										
Updated Registrar's Report as of November 18, 2022										
	As of May 2020	As of Nov 18, 2022	Difference November 2022 vs May 2020		Total Members Registered by Club-Final				New Dancers by Club (new to the activity)	
						SQ	RD	LINE/ CLOGGING	SQ	RD
NEW SQUARE DANCERS	125	112	-13		Acey Deucey	0			7	
new to activity 109					Bay Waves	11				
RETURNING SQUARE DANCERS	611	404	-207		Capital City Lines			11		
					Capital Carousels		15			
NEW ROUND DANCERS	0	0	0		Crazy A's	0				
					Cornwall City Cloggers			19		
RETURNING ROUND DANCERS	34	21	-13		Glengarry Tartans	23			2	
					Grenville Gremlins	47			12	
					Harbor Lites	31			2	
NEW LINE DANCERS	20	0	-20		Kanata Squares	17			3	
new to the activity 0					Limestone Dancers	42	8			
RETURNING LINE DANCERS	52	28	-24		Lockits	44				
					Meri Squares	72			26	
TOTAL TO DATE	842	565	-277		Mississippi Squares	42			3	
					Napanee Pioneers	31			5	
					Ottawa Date Squares	45			24	
CUERS, CALLERS, LEADERS AND PARTNERS		16			Opeongo Squares	10			2	
					Quinte Twirlers	38			6	
TOTAL MEMBERSHIP TO DATE		581			Riverside Gypsy	0				
					Square Dance Ottawa	5			5	
TOTAL CLUBS TO DATE		23			Sunshine Squares	11				
TOTAL ASSOCIATIONS TO DATE		2			Swinging B's	31			6	
					Swinging Swallows	28			6	
<i>Note: Numbers are based on registration information received as of the issuance date of this report. Any new members that join after the issuance date of this report will be added.</i>										
					TOTAL	528	23	30	109	
ISSUED: November 14, 2022										
Updated: November 18, 2022										

Appendix B: Dance Committee Report

The Dance Committee is made up of:

- Wendy VanderMeulen, Chair
- Dave Western
- Gavin Currie
- Arlo Speer

We would welcome one or two more people to join us, as we would prefer to see a committee of 6 people. We have only two jobs: maintain the EOSARDA Dance manual (pretty much a done deal!) and plan Association dances. If you're interested in helping with this, feel free to contact anyone on the committee.

The Dance Committee was encouraged to see clubs get back to dancing this fall. We were also particularly encouraged to see the support dancers gave to the first Open Dance since Oh, when ... Frosty Fling, February 2, 2020??? The Open Dance referred to was the Fall Frolic, hosted in combination by the Ottawa Date Squares and Meri Squares clubs. Over 8 squares of dancers were in attendance, with at least 7 dancing every tip. All agreed that it was a SUPER dance!

In a similar vein, these two clubs are hosting another dance on Saturday, December 3rd. **Ring the Bells!** This dance is a multi-program dance, with an afternoon session for Plus, Advanced, and Challenge, and an evening session for SSD and Full Mainstream.

With the dissolution of the Seaway Valley Square & Round Dance Association (SVSRDA), the Dance Committee WILL work to keeping the annual Christmas and Mother's Day Dances running well into the future. However, it was too short notice to do anything for THIS year's Christmas dance, so we encourage you all to support the **Ring the Bells** dance on December 3rd.

Looking forward, the Dance Committee has booked a hall for a Frosty Fling Dance on Sunday, February 12, 2023! We have Ellwood Hall in the Jim Durrell Recreation Centre on Walkley Road (just east of Bank). We are planning a 1:30 – 4:00 dance that will be in the same format as previous Frosty Fling events. Details are still to be worked out, so watch for a Bulletin and keep an eye on our website (www.eodance.ca) and our Facebook page (www.facebook.com/groups/eosarda).

Keep dancing, keep healthy, keep warm, and let's all look forward positively to a fantastic 2023!