

EOSARDA Board Meeting
Wednesday 11 June 2025 – 2:00 pm

Via Zoom

Attendees:

Shirley Brown	Dave Hutchinson	Michelle Gravelle	Gerry Johnson
Carole Lauzon	Bob Pitruniak	Arlo Speer	Dave Western

Regrets:

Barb Englehart	Ron Gardner	Lamar Mason
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1. Call to Order

1.1. Opening Remarks ~ Dave Western

2. Review of past meeting records

~ Arlo Speer

2.1. 24 March 2025 Board meeting

2.2. 27 April 2025 Council of Dancers Meeting

2.3. 27 April 2025 Board Organizational Meeting

MOTION: Speer / Brown that the records be accepted or approved as presented.

CARRIED

2.4. Confirmation of 09 May e-vote to appoint Dave Hutchinson to the Board

MOTION: Speer / Lauzon that the e-mail decision to appoint Dave Hutchinson to the EOSARDA board be confirmed. **CARRIED**

3. Committee Reports

3.1. The Club Liaison Committee is preparing an information document to help our members better understand the extent of dancing in Canada and the roles of our national, provincial, and regional organisations. When a draft is complete, Club Liaison will circulate it to the Board for approval and distribution to members.

4. Business Arising from Previous Meetings and/or Reports

4.1. Ability to send funds by e-transfers ~ Bob Pitruniak

Tabled until the next. Meeting.

4.2. Status of Fair Squares project Appendix A ~ Lamar Mason

5. New Business

5.1. Renewal of Zoom Account Approximately \$240 ~ Arlo Speer
The Board agreed to the account should be renewed.

5.2. EOSARDA Fee Structure ~ Dave Western

- The following motion was presented and TABLED at the April 2025 Council of Dancers meeting:

MOTION: Speer/Mason that in accordance with discussion at the November Council of Dancers meeting, the EOSARDA fee be increased by \$5 so that the EOSARDA dancer and club fees would each be \$7. **TABLED**

- The following chart summarises costs to dancers of various fee options:

Fee Paid by	Fee paid to	Current Fee	Fee with \$2 Increase	Fee with \$5 Increase
Dancers and Dance Leaders	EOSARDA	\$2	\$4	\$7
	Ontario Federation	\$1	\$1	\$1
	Canadian Society	\$5	\$5	\$5
Total		\$8	\$10	\$13
Clubs and Associations	50 EOSARDA	\$2	\$4	\$7
	Ontario Federation	\$3	\$3	\$3
	Canadian Society	\$5	\$5	\$5
Total		\$10	\$12	\$15

Results of consulting with clubs.

~ Dave Western

4 replies – Meri Squares, Glengarry Tartans, Napanee Pioneers, and Quinte Twirlers

The Board agreed to recommend to the Council of Dancers that motion 4.1 from the April Council of Dancers Meeting be accepted.

5.3. Draft 2025 – 2026 budget

Appendix B

~ Bob Pitruniak

MOTION: Pitruniak / Lauzon that we accept the updated revised 2025/2026 budget as presented to this meeting, with the \$350 funding for the currently un-funded item for CSRDS pins. **CARRIED**

Our treasurer will update the budget accordingly for presentation to the Council of Dancers.

There was discussion about continuing to provide CSRDS pins to new dancers. We currently have 52 CSRDS pins left. A replacement order would require \$350 to restock. No decision was made about providing the pins. The issue will be added to the agenda of the September Board meeting. The funds were added to the budget in case there is a decision to continue providing the pins. If we decide to discontinue providing the pins, the allocated funds will go unspent.

6. Next Meetings:

Council of Dancers – Sunday 06 July at 13:30

A two-item for the agenda:

- A decision on Motion 4.1 from the April 2025 Council of Dancers meeting.
- Approval of the 2026/2026 budget

Board Meeting – Sunday 21 September at 13:30

Appendix A: Fair Square Project Report

We have confirmation from 7 clubs of their participation in Fair Squares. Two other clubs have been in communication, and we expect that we will be providing promotional materials to them. The events range from demos at local fairs to information booths at local farmers' markets. We have been flexible with the type of event because it has to work for the club and the opportunities available. As long as there is good visibility and an opportunity to interact with people to talk about square dancing and hopefully get contact information for future dancers, we are happy to support their initiatives.

We have purchased 3000 fridge magnets with the EOSARDA logo and website on them, along with 10 backpacks with the EOSARDA website that will be used as free raffle items to help collect contact information. Clubs seem enthusiastic about these promotional items. Clubs have also requested EOSARDA business cards and brochures. We will have to run another print of the EOSARDA tri-fold brochure that was developed a few years ago. We are working on logistics to deliver materials to clubs.

Two clubs inquired about including caller costs in their Fair Squares request. We have advised them to submit those fees as part of their New Dancer Recruitment claim.

We have spent about \$1000 of the \$2000 in the 2024-2025 budget. Because I am out of the country, I am unsure if I can get the cost for the brochures included in this year's budget as planned. I am still working on those logistics.

Two clubs have asked for dancers, and we are sending out an EOSARDA bulletin to get volunteers.

Other initiative

Once we have the Fair Squares Project finalized, we want to bring a second initiative to the clubs. We will offer to a generic lawn sign at a reasonable price. We are unsure how clubs will respond but we will give it a try. Cost is best if we print a generic sign rather than one with specific club information so clubs may not feel there is value. It is worth a try as this is an item that can be easily distributed throughout a club's catchment area and provides multi-season visibility.

Submitted by Lamar Mason
Chair, EOSARDA Publicity Committee

Appendix B: 2025 / 2026 Budget

Committee	Year End	Budget	Cash on Hand for
	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27
	Estimate		Estimate
Bank	10,000	8,000	5,500
GIC	10,000	10,000	10,000
Total Cash	20,000	18,000	15,500
REVENUE			
EOSARDA Dues	4,500	7,475	
EOSARDA Dances	1,600	1,600	
Square Time			
Misc			
Interest	300	225	
Total revenue	6,400	9,300	
EXPENSES			
Operations	Bank Fees	10	
	Cards	50	50
	OSRDF/CSRDF Dues	3,500	3,450
	OSRDF Mtg Travel Exp		
	EOSARDA Travel Expenses	200	200
	Board Meetings	240	300
	Council of Dancers Mtgs		
	Office Expenses	40	60
	Badges		30
Dance	EOSARDA Dances	1,065	1,100
Publicity	Publicity	1,000	700
Technology	Website Hosting	140	140
	Repairs & New Equipment		200
Club Liaison	New Dancer Recruiting Subsidy	3,000	3,000
	Dance Leader Training Subsidy		1,200
	CSRDS Pins		
	Visiting dangles	180	250
	New Dancer Celebrations	225	300
	Square Time Printing/Postage		
	Recognition and Awards		
	Compliance fees		
	Total expenses	9,640	10,990
Profit/loss			
	-3,240	-1,690	

Assumptions

- 575 Dancers + clubs + assoc registering for 2025-26
- 7 Portion of reg fee staying with EOSARDA
- 6 Portion of reg fee passed to OSRDF