

Chapter 17

The EOSARDA Eagles

17.1 Dance Team Objectives

To promote and publicize Square Dancing across Eastern Ontario and to encourage the improvement of dancing skills in the region.

17.2 Background

- a) Every year EOSARDA receives a number of requests for demonstration dances at various venues ranging from music festivals to local fairs and street festivals. Prior to the formation of the Eagles, these requests were passed on to the Callers' Association, since without a Caller the event could not take place. If a Caller was available he or she would recruit dancers from their club or clubs as appropriate. But Callers are few in number and they are very busy people. Although they do their best to respond favourably when they can, they cannot always respond positively to these requests. Consequently a number of these requests went unfulfilled every year, and we were losing valuable publicity opportunities.
- b) Even when a Caller was available, it could be difficult to find sufficient dancers with the appropriate dancing skills to meet the needs of the event and EOSARDA was not in a position to help under such circumstances since the Association did not have a comprehensive list of registered dancers and their skill levels.
- c) The Eagles was formed to help redress these difficulties.

17.3 Rules of Operation

- a) There are no restrictions on the kind of events at which the Eagles will appear. However, where an event is to take place in a club's geographical area, that club will be given the first opportunity to participate in the event. Clubs may also elect to have the Eagles supplement their club effort.
- b) Where a club requests that the Eagles take part in a club recruiting activity, the club is asked to have club members on hand to "work the crowd" and distribute club-oriented publicity material.
- c) Generally speaking the Eagles require a minimum of 48 hours notice in order to accept an invitation to participate in an event. There may be some circumstances in which shorter notice will be accepted, provided that sufficient people can be found to participate.
- d) Our dancers do not expect to be paid for participating at public events. However, there is an expectation that our professional Callers will be compensated for their efforts. Exceptions may be made for charity events but that decision is up to the Caller who will be working at the event.
- f) While the team will not charge clubs to appear at in-club events such as Open Houses, Graduations etc, donations in the form of honoraria will be accepted to help defray travel costs.
- g) The team will not take part in any event at which team members are expected to pay admission or to incur additional expenses which are not reimbursed by the event organizers.
- h) For more information, or to book a performance by the Eagles please contact the President of EOSARDA