



**Border Booster Square & Round Dance Association
Annual General Meeting Agenda
Saturday, February 21, 2009 10:00 a.m., Monkland Community Center**

Welcome/Bienvenue: The meeting was opened at 10:05am by president Erwin Rollauer.

Presentation of Clubs: Clubs represented are:

Voting members of voting clubs	assoc/reg	voting	total
a) Brome Squares	reg	0	0
b) Circles and Squares	reg	3	3
c) Fiddle & Bow	reg	2	2
d) Laurentian Squares	reg	1	1
e) Maple Country Swingers	reg	2	2
f) Rosemere Squares	reg	4	4
g) Seaway Swingers	reg	6	8
h) Single Wheel	reg	1	1
i) Swinging B's	reg	4	4
j) Swinging Stars	reg	6	9
k) A La Ronde/Purple Slippers	reg	3	3
l) Cornwall Carousels	reg	0	0
m) Montreal Acey Deuceys	reg	1	1

Non Voting clubs

n) Charmin Promenadors	assoc		1
o) Northern Lights	assoc		0
p) Montreal Melody Mixers	assoc		0

Total Voting 33

We have quorum, we can continue.

Additions to agenda - approve Agenda:

Stephanie Charters is a proposed director who will be the secretary, so we can continue.
Add item c to Business arising "Approve business done at BBSRDA Directors meetings"

Moved by Theresa MacInnes Seconded by: Ken Chisholm; unanimously approved.

Approve minutes of last AGM (February 16, 2008):

Moved by: Theresa MacInnes seconded by: Carole Desmarchais ; unanimously approved.

Message from the president:

This has been the best of times and the worst of times.

We have had another bumper year of new class members. This is possibly due to the free introductory half year. Most people in the class have continued on into the fee paying session. That is good. We have also run for most of the year without a secretary – that is bad. The last AGM was just barely legal which shows not enough new dancers know about BBSRDA or care enough or old dancers are burned out and going through the motions.

Here is a brief list of what we did – see the minutes of directors meetings for details:

February 23, 2008

1,000 copies of the promotional DVD were approved; CSRDS donated \$1,400.00 towards the translation, executive and committees were formed; digital versions of the new constitution were sent out.

May 24, 2008

Constitution and by-laws are on the BBSRDA web site; a motion was carried to allow the Fall dance to be on a date other than October 25 if it is so needed; new directors were appointed; the \$25.00 disbursement was handled; Baby Boomer follow-up was tabled to Nov 8 meeting; a motion was carried to include more people (up to 300) for the free fall dance program; a motion was carried that the former Peaches and Pairs be reimbursed for boardwalk expense; a motion was carried that the deadline for caller/cuer bursaries be extended in 2008 only and we accept the CSRDS form; only one dance can be considered protected.

August 23, 2008

BABY BOOMER follow up tabled to next meeting; application form for caller/cuer grants is on the web page; recommendation for BBSRDA caller/cuer equipment tabled to next meeting; motion was carried to take part in Heart Stroke activity;

November 8, 2008

Gary provided survey of new dancers – where they came from – it was recommended not to attend Baby Boomer again; a recommendation to disbursement committee to purchase BBSRDA owned caller/cuer equipment; A report on the Heart & Stroke activities we participated in; Treasurer reported operating expenses will have to go into 2006 funds; More directors accepted; Dave Hamock attended caller school and provided a report; the motion to keep open the draw for free class was amended to extend the time period for the 50% attendance to graduation; clubs were advised they could start asking for the 50% grant; CSRDS asked if we cared about changing ROUNDS to CUED BALLROOM – we showed no interest in changing the name.

January 24, 2009

Recommendation to buy Don's old equipment for \$1,200.00 can instead of US equipment for \$2,500.00us plus tax; suggestion to help clubs get Williams hearing enhancement equipment; a suggestion to change how and what is taught in class level classes; over half of clubs have been given the class reimbursement; reminder that having email or an email contact is very important; motion was carried to have BBSRDA web site made the official publication of BBSRDA and we stop publishing the dance book – needs to be confirmed at AGM; we may need a place for storage – typical costs are \$60.00 a month.

Both Laurentian Squares and Swinging B's were in default and would have been considered Associate if we had not accepted their directors reasons for not attendance.

President Erwin Rollauer asked that in future a director not attending a director's meeting MUST advise the Secretary or the President by telephone or email before the meeting (and if it is NOT a health reason provide someone else to represent him or her at that meeting.)

Business Arising from last AGM:

a. **Motion to continue with a new Disbursement Committee**

Moved by: Russell Biggs Seconded by: Bert Lajoie unanimous, motion carried.

Short description of disbursement committee: The committee makes suggestions on how to spend 2006 Convention "windfall" which must be approved by the directors at a directors meeting.

b. **Hearing Enhancement Equipment purchase** . See item E of New Business of Feb 16, 2008 AGM.

This was proposed both at the February 16, 2008 AGM and also proposed at the last Directors meeting of January 24, 2009 . (1/3 of dancers have some form of hearing aid and/or trouble hearing caller over general

noise)

a motion was made and carried “to have 2009-2010 disbursement committee consider hearing enhancement purchase”.

Moved by: Fern Sinotte Seconded by: Shirley Pow Chong

c. Approve all business carried out at the BBSRDA Directors meetings from AGM of 2008 to date of AGM 2009.

Moved by: Glenda Harris Seconded by: Earleen Biggs; unanimous, motion carried

Reports:

Treasurers report: - Bob Plamondon presented the Financial Statement and budget for coming year. Small corrections will be made for 2006/2007 column of Statement of Revenues and Expenses.

An explanation of the forecast for the coming year (actual vs forecast) was given. We will need to look at whether to increase dues or use funds of Convention 2006 to cover expenses.

Motion: BBSRDA board of directors should be authorized to draw funds for administrative costs/operating expenses for this year only.

Moved by Bob Plamondon Seconded by John Egan

Some comments from the discussion of the motion: Bert suggests we should use the money for extra-ordinary expenses only. Anything that is administrative cost or day to day operation costs should not come from 2006 convention money. Suggestion that Forecast of Administration only costs should be prepared – separate expense reports for the disbursements and day to day operation. It was noted that the Disbursement Committee is only authorized to suggest, not to act. It was mentioned that the purpose of the fall dance is to bring in external callers, if it is not popular we may need to consider cancelling it. It was stated that the goal of BBSRDA is to support dancers, to be able to have a balanced budget, by controlling expenses. Budget for fiscal year should be approved in September.

Amendment to the above motion: to contribute up to \$2000 for this year only towards operating with separate analysis for next AGM.

Moved by: Penny Lafave Seconded by: Joan Goudreau unanimous, motion carried

Motion: BBSRDA Board of Directors to present to the membership a suggested fee structure to cover operating expenses for BBSRDA plus any applicable amendments to constitution for voting on at next AGM.

Moved by: Gary Geldart Seconded by: Philip Parent unanimous, motion carried

Motion to accept Treasurer's report Moved by: Fern Sinotte Seconded by: Shirley Pow Chong unanimous, motion carried

CSRDS report: – Gary Geldart mentioned that unless the attendance for convention 2010 picks up, 2010 may be the last Canadian national convention. A small discussion regarding SOCAN to further awareness; when hiring callers make sure they are licensed.

Disbursement Committee report: - Russell Biggs mentioned there were no changes since the last report to the last Directors meeting – the report is attached

Dance Director report - John Egan reported the following:

Spring: hall is rented at 180\$; caller, 150\$, cuer 125\$ = total: 455\$

Fall: communication for proposed caller (Jim Lee) is difficult; John has offered: \$150 for travel, \$300 calling + cueing, hall may go up to \$220; projecting \$700.00

Some discussion followed. Someone stated a local caller is preferable to no dance. Joanne Okapuu suggests Queen of Angels if Kirkland is too expensive, it's \$50 an hour. Gary Geldart mentioned that \$700.00 cost requires 13

squares of paying attendees (104 people at \$7.00 each).

The AGM suggests a cap of \$700.00 for the fall fest.

Good and Welfare report: - Carmen Leroux reported that Since last director's meeting (Jan 24) she sent out 2 sympathy cards and 1 get well card. Carmen Leroux resigned as Good and Welfare Director due to health reasons.

We all thank her for many years of service.

Publicity report: - Shirley Pow Chong reported that Schools on south shore have replied that they are not yet ready to consider square dancing.

Correspondence:

none

Election/Appointment of Directors: The list of proposed directors follows.

Maple Country Swingers	Russell Biggs
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Rosemere Squares	Carole Desmarchais
Rosemere Squares	John Egan
Circles and Squares	JoAnne Patton Okapuu
Circles and Squares	Stephanie Charters
Circles and Squares	Bob Plamondon
MAD	Erwin Rollauer
MAD	Avena Smolkin
MAD	Lynn Egan
A La Ronde/Purple Slippers	Jolyne Daigneault
Cornwall Carousells	Gisele Gosselin
Swinging Stars	Ken Chisholm
Swinging Stars	Bernice Chisholm
Swinging Stars	Glenda Harris
Swinging Stars	Gary Geldart
Swinging Stars	Maureen Geldart
Swinging Stars	Florence Czako
Swinging B's	Roger Frapier
Fiddle & Bow	Philippe Parent
Seaway Swingers	Shirley Pow Chong
Seaway Swingers	Denis Lemay
Seaway Swingers	Louisa Belanger

Since the number is less than the maximum allowed, all are accepted.

New Business:

a. **We should consider (again) changing the format of teaching first level of square dancing (class).**

Since there are less and less people willing to commit to a 6 month class. However this needs to be addressed by all clubs and be binding on all clubs. Don Moger has indicated that there is a lot of traffic [among callers] in the states about reducing the teaching of mainstream to the 50 “most used” calls. Is that good? Is it bad? We at least need to look at it.

There are several suggestions:

. get MACA to make a proposal that we can then discuss – but clubs may feel it is those damn callers shoving something down their throats

. we can get the presidents together and have them come up with a proposal

. or BBSRDA can create a committee of callers, presidents and directors

It was indicated that MACA has a proposed list of what is to be taught by Nov, Jan, Feb and graduation for the callers to follow.

Motion that “a class committee” be established to look into modifying class and this committee be populated at the next directors meeting.

Moved by: Erwin Rollauer Seconded by: John Egan 6 for, 21 against, motion defeated

Motion: Request that MACA prepare a recommendation on class.

Moved by: Joan Goudreau Seconded by: Penny Lafave motion carried

b. **Status of class membership and retainment.** Retainment was very good.

c. **Dance book.**

A motion was made and carried at the January 24, 2009 directors meeting:

“that the BBSRDA website replace the dance book as the official publication of BBSRDA, and we discontinue publishing the dance book”

2 votes against, motion carried

Glenda Harris will continue as webmaster. The BBSRDA web site will be updated regularly.

The webmaster needs a contact in every club. The clubs must appoint someone to check their club information and be in touch with the webmaster regularly.

Motion that: Flyers for dances must be submitted at least 6 weeks prior to the date of the event.

Moved by: Gary Geldart Seconded by: Philippe Parent motion carried

All the information on the club schedule should be submitted as soon as it is available.

Now that the web site is the official publication and is open to the world, please get fun nights to Glenda ASAP!

Format of website to include what is thought to be useful.

d. **Storage for BBSRDA “stuff”.**

We have several boxes of BBSRDA dance stuff. There are boxes of old minutes and other directors stuff. We will soon have a set of caller’s equipment that needs to be stored. Board of directors should set up some norms for what should be kept and then discuss this further.

f. **Gary and Maureen after many years of exceptional service will be retiring as CSRDS reps** at the end of the 2009 season. So we need people and clubs to start thinking about who are interested in being the Quebec CSRDS representatives for 2010.

Gary mention it is a job and requires some work - aprox. 10 hours a month

g. **Send names of graduates to Erwin Rollauer** as soon as possible.

Jolyne Daigneault will be putting together the graduation packages.

h. **Auditor for BBS&RDA books** so audit can be done as soon as possible after August 31, 2009

Lynn Egan was nominated as auditor.

Next AGM Saturday February 27th, 2010

BBS&RDA date for first directors meeting: Feb 28, 2009 9:30am at 4410 West Hill.

Note all clubs must have director present to continue as a regular member.

Adjournment

motioned by Penny Lafave at 1:00pm