

Summary of the Sunday, November 16th, 2008 Teleconference:

President Alan Clays "Called the Meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. CST". There were eighteen Board Members on line. There were two regrets and Saskatchewan's representatives were not available at this time.

The Board had resolved a teleconference problem resulting in a lost contact for the last teleconference. Fortunately, we had a solution at our disposal as our President's line was lost twice during this teleconference. After the second disconnect, the President was given a toll-free line to call.

A concern was raised regarding the proper procedure for dancers to sign in at dances. Gary was asked to check with our insurance company regarding this issue. Gary did check and received the following advice:

"Sign in procedure for dance functions effective 01 January 2009:
The insurance company does not require any record of attendance at functions, but it is in the Members best interest to keep a record in the event of an accident. It is the recommendation of the CSRDS Board of Directors that all Clubs, Associations, Federations and Canadian National Conventions use whatever method they wish to record attendance, but some record be kept."

A concern raised at the AGM in July 2008 in London, ON regarding the CSRDS Bursary Application and the Awards Nomination Form was researched. It was found that most provinces had no issues with either of the two forms.

Another concern raised at the AGM in July 2008 in London, ON was the re-naming of "round dancing" to "choreographed ballroom dancing". Some parts of Canada are using the "choreographed ballroom dancing" terminology which seems to enhance interest in the round dance clubs. After some discussion, the Board has chosen not to change any name, just add in the terminology "choreographed ballroom dancing" after the words "round dancing" in the Rules and Regulations under the term: Definition.

The location and date of our next CSRDS Annual General Meeting was discussed. The decision was made to hold the 2009 AGM in Winnipeg, MB on the weekend of September 19th and 20th, 2009.

The Treasurer, Roy Church, reported that the revenue from June 30th to October 31st, 2008 was \$33,188.00. The sources of this revenue were from the 2008 Canadian National Convention and the CSRDS membership monies that had already been received. Expenditures to October 31st, 2008 were \$25,784.03.

Alan thanked Gary Geldart for taking on the task of Membership Chair following the resignation of Martin Mallard. Martin found it necessary to resign due to health problems. Gary requested that the membership information be forwarded by the beginning of December as some clubs were requiring "Named Insured Certificates". These certificates can only be produced by the insuring company following payment of the new year's premium.

Marion would like to hold a Public Relations teleconference shortly to spur interest in the area of "Social Communication". If there is anyone in our dance organization

interested in pursuing this type of PR with Marion, please, let her know.

Chuck Jordan reported that the three callers who had applied for a bursary completed all the forms necessary to receive the bursary funds. Each of these callers will be receiving five hundred dollars.

Gary reported that all of the Honours and Awards certificates have been presented.

At the July 2008 AGM, one dancer suggested to Norman Demeule that perhaps a dance could be held in order to raise awareness and raise some funds for the Special Donations, Endowment Funds Committee. After some discussion it was decided to leave it alone at this time.

Marion reported that she now has three volunteers assisting her with the website. Marion's three assistants are: Glenda Harris, Frank McNeil and Dan Roy.

Marion reported that there was a real surge of telephone calls on the toll free line during mid September.

The Basic Letter of Agreement had been revised by Norman Demeule. With the Board's approval, Norman will tidy up the deletions required and the revisions inserted. That is one big job done; but, Norman is taking on the task of updating two volumes: The Bidding Process and The Convention Guidelines.

At this time, Norman stated that there were no concrete applications to host 2012. Is there a city interested in taking on the task of organizing a Canadian National Square and Round Dance Convention in 2012? Let Norman know.

Preparations are under way for Convention 2010 in Halifax, NS. Bob reported that the NS Host Committee will be obtaining revised budgets for an approximate attendance of 800 dancers. Presently, they have budgeted for 1600 dancers. We encourage dancers, and leaders as well to register as soon as possible to assist the NS Host Committee in their preparations for Convention 2010.

The Final Report for the 2008 Canadian National Square and Round Dance Convention hosted by the London, On Convention Committee has been completed and distributed as required by the Convention Guidelines. President, Alan congratulated the London, ON Host Committee for doing an excellent job of preparing this report.

The next Board Meeting (Teleconference) was set for Sunday, May 3rd, 2009.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:55 p.m. CST.

This summary was prepared by Lorraine Kozera, CSRDS Secretary.