

Summary of the May 3rd, 2009 Sunday Teleconference

There were nineteen Board Members on line for this CSRDS Board of Directors' Meeting. President Alan Clays "Called the Meeting to Order at 4:00 p.m. CDT.

Alan welcomed Saskatchewan's new representatives to the Board. A motion was made to accept Bill and Shirley Treleaven to the CSRDS Board of Directors.

Alan asked for a "Moment of Silence" in memory of deceased Board Member Martin Mallard.

The Agenda and the November 16th, 2008 were both accepted as presented.

Business Arising from the November 16th, 2008 Minutes were:

1. Sign In Procedure: Gary reported that the insurance company doesn't require any record of attendance at functions, but it is in the members' best interest to keep a record in the event that there is an accident.
2. Toll Free Line: Bob reported that a Nova Scotia couple had consented to take the responsibility of answering the Toll Free Line, but then declined to take on the task. Marion was asked to supply a detailed description of what is involved in having the Toll Free Line.
3. Social Communication: Marion reported that due to health issues she was unable to pursue the "blogging" idea. Marion was wondering if this type of communication would work for the square dance community.
4. Convention'08's Final Report Password: Marion provided the password right after the November Teleconference.

Roy Church presented the Treasurer's Report informing us that our

Revenue to March 31 st , 2009	\$52,923.42
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Expenses to March 31 st , 2009	\$54,294.06
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Gary Geldart reported that our total dancer membership is 13,200,

57 Federations/Associations, 433 clubs, 481 callers/cuers/leaders.

Marion Knight reported that she was unable to do what she had planned due to health issues. When Marion's health improves she will get back on track.

Chuck Jordan forwarded a report indicating that there were no requests for bursaries at the time of this meeting. Chuck reported that he would like to make some adjustments to the "Request for Bursaries".

Gary Geldart reported that there were no nominations for awards as of this meeting.

Marion Knight reported that the web site was kept up-to-date.

Norman Demeule reported that he had made revisions to the three convention documents, namely: The Basic Letter of Agreement, the Volume on Bidding for a Convention, and, the Volume on Convention Guidelines. Norman was THANKED for a gigantic task well done. Norman wished to THANK Lorne Bowerman for preparing the original three documents.

Bill Taylor reported that he has been unable to make contact with the appropriate Federal Department to change our By-Law regarding the change approved at an AGM regarding the "limiting of two persons to represent a province" on the Board of Directors.

Bob Ruohoniemi reported that he had revised (effective March 1st, 2009) the necessary areas for the Directors' Manual. These revisions occurred in Sections G, TC and A.

Inge Ruohoniemi reported that she had surveyed the Society Convention materials. Obsolete items have been discarded. Inge reported that she would prepare a detailed list of supplies that are in the boxes. The Convention 2010 Banner is being designed and manufactured.

Bob Ruohoniemi reported that Convention 2010 had 524 registrants as of April 20th, 2009. Convention 2010 has prepared a budget based on 1300 registrants. Bob informed us that the university is available for lodging while the dancers are attending the convention.

Norman Demeule reported that there have been no applications for 2012. Norman asked Saskatchewan's representatives if there was any indication that Saskatchewan would bid for the 2012 convention. Then the Manitoba representatives were asked if there was a possibility of hosting the 2012 convention in Manitoba. At this time no one has come forward to lead (chair) a convention committee in Manitoba.

Alan Clays reported that there has been an indication that a bid will be made shortly for the 2014 convention.

Norman Demeule asked Bill and Shirley Treleaven to ask the Saskatchewan Federation to consider hosting the 2016 convention.

Lorraine Kozera reported that everything has been set up for hosting the CSRDS AGM in Winnipeg, Manitoba on Saturday, September 19th, 2009 at 9:30 a. m. at the Viscount Gort Motor Hotel. The guest room rate is \$105.00 plus taxes per night. The meeting room for the full day is \$125.00.

A discussion arose regarding the definition for our square dance category. A motion was made and carried to remove the words "country/western dancing" from our definition.

Continuing with the definition of square dancing , a discussion arose regarding the “Old Tyme CD Callers Association”. The majority of the Board Members felt that our organization is identified as “modern western square dancing”. All the Board Members were asked to contribute information relating to the definition of square dancing and our President volunteered to put this information together and forward the definition to all the Board Members for acceptance of the revised definition. When the Board Members approve the revised definition, then, a Notice of Motion would need to be sent to all Federation Presidents. This motion would be voted on at the AGM in Winnipeg, MB on September 19th, 2009.

Bill Taylor raised a concern regarding the revised membership deadline. The Board accepted the extended deadline of February 28th, 2009. Some Ontario clubs were unable to forward their membership by the deadline date.

Lorraine Kozera made the Board aware of dancers re-entering the dance activity after the February membership deadline. They would not be covered until the next calendar year.

The Board of Directors nominated and accepted Gary Geldart, assisted by Maureen Geldart, as the Director of Membership (filling the position which became vacant with the passing of Martin Mallard).

Roy Church asked the Board Members to provide him with the names and addresses of the Federation Presidents or contacts inviting them to nominate their provincial representatives to the CSRDS Board of Directors.

The next CSRDS Board meeting is to be held on Friday, September 18th, 2009 in Winnipeg, Manitoba.

Roy Church adjourned the meeting at 5:55 p. m. CDT.

Summary prepared by Lorraine Kozera, CSRDS Secretary