

1067 registered dancers including 33 callers and cuers down
from 1145 for 2009

There are 43 new dancers included in total registrations down from 88 in 2009

All clubs and associations have been registered. We will no doubt pick up some stragglers and new bodies down the road.

Revenues from all registrations to date included in Treasurer's report	\$ 5,631.00
Amount to be forwarded to Federation based on these numbers	\$ 3,386.00

b) Dance Committee - Gavin Currie

Following the presentation of the Committee's report (see **Appendix 2**), the proposed change to the date for Fall Fest 2010 was approved. Council of Dancers needs to be notified of the change.

It was pointed out that the new date will resolve the scheduling conflict with Tumbling Leaves that has occurred for the past few years.

The Board unanimously adopted a motion by Andy, seconded by Don and subsequently amended by Gavin that:

“The Heading on EOSARDA's Dance Calendar be amended to delete the reference to EOSARDA Dance dates being ‘cast in stone’ and to add wording that reflects the fact that future dance dates are ‘proposed’ and for further information clubs should contact the Chair of Dance Committee to check out dates available for their own dances so as to avoid conflict with EOSARDA dances.”

c) P, P and P Committee - Barb Dennison

People continue to check the Kijiji.link so ads should stay there with telephone numbers.

d) Club Liaison Committee - Bob Summers

Bob reported that it appears new dancers need to be encouraged to attend EOSARDA dances. Most of the free dance coupons issued to the 78 new dancers last spring were not used.

Capital Steppers, Grenville Gremlins, Swinging Bees are all having anniversary dances in the new year. Certificates recognizing these events will be presented to by the Board

e) IT Committee - Bob Summers

Bob reported that the EOSARDA website continues to serve our basic needs and is updated regularly to keep our information current. However, more and more we are noticing that the website misses a lot of opportunities. There is nothing on the website that addresses issues that visitors and especially potential new dancers would like to see. Instead, the front page provides a description of what EOSARDA does and how it fits into the Square Dance movement; while illuminating, it's not what most people, new visitors or seasoned dancers need to see every time they visit the website.

We are currently re-evaluating how effective our website is. We'd like to make it more colourful and fun. We'd like to have the front page highlight the upcoming dances and events. Perhaps

we could allow clubs to update their own club information and enter their own dance information.

It will take a lot of work. It won't happen overnight. The current website and maintenance costs are free – thanks to our very generous webmaster, Pat Gauthier. If we want to automate features, will that be possible within our current framework?

The journey is starting. Perhaps you have ideas about what should be on the EOSARDA website. We hope to involve our dancers in the process of this redevelopment. The P, P and P committee volunteered to work with Bob on the Web Site Redesign Project.

Karin Nikischer added that she would like to see all of EOSARDA's information posted on FaceBook. She was encouraged to discuss this idea with Bob Summers.

f) Festival 2014 - Dave Western

Dave reported that a draft contract with the OCC was circulated to the Festival Board for comments, following which it was forwarded to Federation for approval in principle. The Federation Board met yesterday but we have not yet been informed of the results of their deliberations.

We have also negotiated a very favourable contract with the Westin which, as reported last month, will be the headquarters hotel for the Festival.

Unfortunately, Peter Courdin and Karen Remy have resigned from the Festival Board for personal reasons. Their contributions to the Board's deliberations were much appreciated. They will be missed. We are looking for someone to fill their shoes and take over the Finance portfolio.

g) OACA Report - Andy Himberg-Larsen

Andy reported that 3 of our new callers attended the North-East Callers School. He also updated the Board on the OACA's plans for the Gey Cup Dance.

h) RDTA Report - Jean Clingin

Jean reported that Don and Daphne's Pakistan Relief Charity Dance raised over \$1400, an amount to be matched by the Federal Government. Unfortunately our announcement about the dance was not picked up by the media.

There was a discussion about SOCAN licences for special dances.

i) Hearing Assistance Working Group - Barb Dennison

Barb reported that Andy will do a demonstration of the new hearing assistance equipment for Council of Dancers.

Barbara would like to see an expanded discount for receivers, i.e. subsidies to dancers for their own receivers. It was pointed out that depending on the size of the bulk order, the price for a receiver would be reduced by \$10.00 to \$18.00 per receiver. Given our financial situation and

the possible number of receivers that could be ordered, the Board decided not to proceed with Barbara's recommendation at this time.

Andy added that you don't have to be hard of hearing to use the new equipment as they assist hearing of Calls and Cues in halls where acoustics or high background noises are a problem.

5. Old Business

a) EOSARDA Eagles - Dave Western

To date 10 dancers and 2 callers. Have volunteered to join the Eagles.

b) Agenda for Council of Dancers - Dave Western

The draft agenda for the afternoon meeting with the Council was approved.

c) EOSARDA Shirts - Billi Langtry

We have a large inventory of square and round dance shirts (300) in the form of tee-shirts and sweatshirts. There is not a full range of sizes.

After some discussion the Board decided to maintain its previous decision on this matter and to distribute the remaining shirts free of charge to the clubs present at Council of Dancers

e) Financial Information on the web - Bob Summers

Deferred to next meeting.

5. New Business

6. Other Business

Meeting was adjourned at 12:30.

Appendix 1
Revised Agenda - EOSARDA Board Meeting - November 21, 2010

Date: Sunday, November 21, 2010

Time 11:00- 1:00

Place: Main floor Board Room, Ottawa Citizen's Building, Baxter Road, Ottawa

1a. Call to Order

b. Approval of agenda

2. Regrets and Opening Remarks – Dave Western

3. Approval of October Minutes

4. Reports

a) Operations Committee

i) Financial Report - Bruce Warner

ii) Registrar's Report - Linda Warner

b) Dance Committee - Gavin Currie

c) P,P and P Committee - Barb Dennison

d) Club Liaison Committee - Bob Summers

e) IT Committee - Bob Summers

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Appendix 2 - DANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

21 November

2010

FROSTY FLING 2011

Frosty Fling will be held at Mother Teresa High School on Feb 5. Nancy Morgan has agreed to help Billi and Chuck Langtry coordinate the dance with a view to acting as overall coordinator for the dance in 2012. Callers will be Paul Adams and Brian Crawford; cuers will be Jean Clingin and Jerry Sawtell. Once again, there will be a sale of used clothing with proceeds going to the Heart and Stroke Foundation. The organizers have decided to retain the focus on basic level dancers, but will encourage the callers to add mainstream tips.

JAMBOREE 2011

The Committee has not received any proposals from member clubs willing to organize the dance jointly with EOSARDA. Consequently, this dance will not be held in 2011.

AUGUST AFFAIR 2011

If a dance is held in August, it will be organized as part of the preparations for Festival 2014.

FALL FEST 2011

With respect to Fall Fest, the Dance Committee has been exploring options for encouraging increased attendance at EOSARDA Dances. In this regard, we have been in touch with Don Moger to see if he might be available to call at Fall Fest next year. He is not available on Oct 15, but is available on Oct 29. As far as we know there are no open dances in the area which would normally be scheduled for this date. Consequently, we are proposing that Fall Fest 2011 be held on Oct 29. We have raised the issue with EOSARDA Board Members by e-mail. Most members replied and the majority of those who did were strongly in favour of making the change. No one opposed it, although there were a few comments raising some concerns. I would now like to obtain the support of the Board at this meeting to take the issue to CoD.

JAMBOREE 2012

I would like to propose that Jamboree 2012 be considered on the same basis as Jamboree 2011 i.e. that it be a dance organized jointly by EOSARDA and a member club, with EOSARDA covering any loss and any profit being split between EOSARDA and the club. A joint organizing committee would be set up to run the dance. Expressions of interest would be accepted by the EOSARDA Dance Committee up until June 15, 2011.

Gavin Currie
Chair
Dance Committee