

**E.O.S.A.R.D.A. Board Meeting Minutes  
February 21, 2016  
Citizen Newspaper Conference Room,  
Baxter St.,Ottawa  
1:30 pm to 4:30 pm**

In attendance: Dave Western, Gavin Currie, Jim Sawtell, Dave Currie, Pierre Reinhard, Richard Sharman , Andy Himberg-Larsen, Bob Summers, Bruce Warner, Germaine Hull, Shirley Hull

Guests: Ziggy Segstro,

Date: Sunday, February 21, 2015  
Time: 1:30 - 4:30 pm  
Place: Ground Floor Board Room, Ottawa Citizen's Building,  
Baxter Road, Ottawa

**1.1 Call to Order @ 13:30**

**1.2 Regrets** - Dave Western

Ronald Gardner, Mary Anne Reinhard, June Tripp, Barbara Englehart, Jane Trach, Jim Trach

**1.3 Approval of agenda**

**Addition of :**

**2. Opening Remarks**

- Dave Western - **See Attached #1**

Report, Consider questions presented, Need new Directors, Need to know who is returning to the board next year

**3. Previous Minutes**

- 3.1 Approval of Minutes – January Board Meeting - Dave Western,  
To Accepted: Andy, Richard 2nd , Accepted
- 3.2 COD minutes – Being Revised and will be sent out by Ronald Gardner

**4. Reports**

- 4.1 Operations Committee
- 4.1.1 Changes to Board Membership - Dave Western
- 4.1.2 Treasurer's Report - Charlene Gardner - **See Attached #2**  
Motion to Accept: Gavin, Bruce 2<sup>nd</sup> Accepted
- 4.1.3 Registrar's Report - Barbara Englehart – **See Attached #3**  
939 members now
- 4.2 Dance Committee
- 4.2.1 Committee Report - Barbara Englehart - **Nil**
- 4.2.2 Swing into Spring 2015 - Andy Himberg-Larsen – **See Attached #4**  
- only thing is using the same restaurant as last year  
- 40 people registered – still trickling in.  
- Call bruce if you need room at the hotel
- 4.3 P&P Committee - Mary Anne Reinhard - **See Attached #5**  
4 clubs have responded
- 4.3 Club Liaison Committee - Richard Sharman - **See Attached #6**
- 4.4 I.T. Committee - Bob Summers – **NIL**  
I would like to discuss EOSARDA's new Facebook presence  
- who will moderate it

- controls that we might want to put on the group
- etc
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- We got one response got back from dancers about moderating -- from Beth Tillsbury.\
- Added 2 links – to New Dancer Initiative.

- 4.5 OACA - Dave Currie – Nil
- Report was suppose to be sent.
  - Cued situation, - callers not interested in cuing
  - Encourage experienced dancers to cue at a goofer night – email sent to Ziggy
  - John Sharman – Considering a new caller meeting

- 4.6 RDTA - Jim Sawtell – See Attached #7

## 5. Business Arising from the Minutes

- 5.1 The Future of Round Dancing in Eastern Ontario - Round Dance Working Group
- Ziggy Segstro – See Attached #8
  - Club Liaison will follow up with Ziggy,
    - New Round Dance initiative
    - 10 – 12 Week course in September 2 step, Waltz
  - Need Callers to let their clubs know about this.
  - Presentation to COD in April
  - Approach ballroom dancing clubs.

- 5.2 New Dancer Celebration a.k.a. “Graduation 2016” - Richard Sharman
- Chuck and Billy have the pins, Richard to follow up with them.
  - should we offer ticket to the EOSARDA dance??

### Motion: Andy Himberg-Larsen

To provide new dancers from 2015-16 dance year, free tickets to Frosty Fling 2017  
2<sup>nd</sup> Bruce Warner, Approved

- 5.3 Promotion of out-of-region dance events (cruises, conventions etc) - Dave Western
- Discussion on how to promote, when, how, if
  - Richard - We should promote though flyers and mailchimp.
  - Gavin – Agree but not on the Calendar will be too crowded.
  - Bob – Facebook page?
  - Bob – 2<sup>nd</sup> Calendar “out of area Events” – links would need to be maintained.
  - Germain – need to let new dancers know about these events.

**Action: Richard add to Square Times, “Check out EOSARDA website”**

**Action: Graduation mentioned and promote |EODANCE**

- 5.4 Young Dancer Initiative
- 5.4.1- Steering Committee Report - Dave Western
  - 5.4.2 - Young Dancer Initiative - Directors’ Reports - All Directors
- Dave – only 2 clubs have asked for a demo. No commitments made
- Mississippi Squares this Thursday
  - Swinging Swallows – have requested material to sent to third party
  - Germain and Shirley – contacted 4H club and youth clubs
  - Charlene – Bay waves, 4H in kinburn – trying to make contact to arrange a demo.
  - Gavin – Capital Carousels – don’t have the resources
  - It is going to be a hard sell promoting now for fall 2016

**Action: We need immediate follow up on these leads.**

5.5 Trillium Long Service Award nomination - Dave Western  
Sheila & John Maxwell – 25 years service.

Peter Courdin will help to ensure this nomination gets expedited.  
Approved by all

5.6 Location of the April Council of Dancers - Dave Western  
St Andrews Presbyterian Church April 17 2:00 pm  
5.7 Fall Fest 2016 – pushed to next meeting

## **6. New Business**

6.1 Facebook presence  
Bob Summers – Emails sent out  
Beth Tillsbury responded – Facebook page that is business related  
– has followers who can comment but not post  
Needs Several Monitors  
eoDance page link  
Bob, Ron, Beth to meet.

## **7. Other Business - Nil**

**Next meeting – March 20<sup>th</sup> Citizen Building 1:30**

**Recorded by Charlene Gardner**  
**Submitted by**  
**Ronald Gardner**  
**Secretary**

**Next Meeting:**  
**March 20, 2015**  
**At Citizen Newspaper Conference Room,**  
**Baxter St., Ottawa**  
**Board Meeting: 1:30 – 4:30**

**Reports:**

**Attachment #1 - Submitted by Dave Western – Opening Comments:**

It seems like only yesterday that this Board met for the first time to plan its agenda for the 2015/16 Dance Year. Now here we are with only two meetings left after today until the end of our term of office.

Let's take a few minutes to think about how well we are doing vis-a-vis our goals and how much each of us, as Directors, has contributed to this collective effort.

In no particular order:

Have we managed to stem the decline in our dancer population?

Is the Association financially healthy?

Have we successfully launched the Young Dancer Initiative?

Have we maintained and improved our internet presence?

Are our regional dances alive and well?

Are we getting the message out to the general public about how much fun Square and Round Dancing is?

How are we doing on our intra-club communications? Are clubs aware of what is going on?

Have we recognized major club milestones in an appropriate manner?

How well are we dealing with the current Round Dance "crisis"?

Beyond the question of financial health, there are likely no definitive answers to most of these questions. Progress has been made in some areas, but much remains to be done, and those gains that have been realized are often not shared equally across the region.

Overall, it's a work in progress.

That being said, while there is an on-going need to recruit new Directors, continuity of effort and building on experience are two major contributors to success. You, the members of this Board have, over the course of the past year, demonstrated your dedication to the Square and Round Dance movement, combined with a refreshing openness to innovation and creativity.

Whether you are long-term Board members or are sitting on the Board for the first time, the experience you have gained is invaluable and cannot be easily replaced. I hope that you are all planning to continue to serve on next year's Board of Directors.

**Attachment #2 - Submitted by Charlene Gardner**

Treasurer's Report October

I would also like to inform you that the Capital Steppers recruitment fund has been all used up. In fact, we have given out \$ 1106.34 in recruitment bursaries so far this dance season. At this time I may not make the board meeting as I have another meeting at 3pm on the same day.

EOSARDA Inc Ont 417231

Balance Sheet (Cash basis) As at 29/02/2016

**ASSET****Current Assets**

|                       |           |                  |
|-----------------------|-----------|------------------|
| Petty Cash            | 0.00      |                  |
| TD Bank               | 14,418.95 |                  |
| Chequing Bank Account | 0.00      |                  |
| Total Cash            |           | 14,418.95        |
| Investments           |           | 10,000.00        |
| Accounts Receivable   | 0.00      |                  |
| Total Receivable      |           | 0.00             |
| Total Current Assets  |           | 24,418.95        |
| <b>TOTAL ASSET</b>    |           | <b>24,418.95</b> |

**LIABILITY**

TOTAL LIABILITY 0.00

**EQUITY**

|                                   |  |                  |
|-----------------------------------|--|------------------|
| Owners Equity                     |  |                  |
| Capital Steppers – Recruitment    |  | 0.00             |
| OSRDF - Incentive Grant           |  | 4,000.00         |
| Retained Earnings - Previous Year |  | 18,131.13        |
| Current Earnings                  |  | 2,287.82         |
| Total Owners Equity               |  | 24,418.95        |
| <b>TOTAL EQUITY</b>               |  | <b>24,418.95</b> |
| <b>LIABILITIES AND EQUITY</b>     |  | <b>24,418.95</b> |

Attachment #3 - Submitted by Barbara Englehart

**EOSARDA 2015-2016****REGISTRAR'S REPORT AS OFFEBRUARY 19, 2016**

|                                       |            | <b>Last Report</b> |
|---------------------------------------|------------|--------------------|
| NEW SQUARE DANCERS                    | 115        | 100                |
| RETURNING SQUARE DANCERS              | 679        | 678                |
| NEW ROUND DANCERS                     | 10         | 0                  |
| RETURNING ROUND DANCERS               | 58         | 58                 |
| NEW LINE DANCERS                      | 25         | 25                 |
| RETURNING LINE DANCERS                | 25         | 25                 |
| <b>TOTAL TO DATE</b>                  | <b>912</b> | <b>886</b>         |
| <br>                                  |            |                    |
| CUERS , CALLERS, LEADERS AND PARTNERS | 27         |                    |
| <br>                                  |            |                    |
| <b>TOTAL MEMBERSHIP TO DATE</b>       | <b>939</b> | <b>913</b>         |
| <br>                                  |            |                    |
| TOTAL CLUBS TO DATE                   | 30         |                    |
| TOTAL ASSOCIATIONS TO DATE            | 4          |                    |

**ISSUED: FEBRUARY 19, 2016**

Attachment #4 - Submitted by Mary Barbara Englehart

### **DANCE COMMITTEE REPORT**

#### **FROSTY FLING - FEB. 6, 2016**

- 1 HALL RENTAL - The cafeteria at St. Patrick's High School is not suitable for dancing, especially rounds. It has been suggested that next year we just use one hall for Squares and Rounds.
- 2 REFRESHMENTS- Thank you to MaryAnne and Pierre for looking after the refreshments.
- 3 TICKET SALES: Sold 153 ribbons in total.... Out of 200 purchased.
- 5 SHARE THE WEALTH- We gave out 4 prizes... over \$30.00 each... (Charlene will have the exact \$ amount)
- 6 CALLERS/CUERS- The callers and cuers did an excellent job . Everyone seemed to have a good time.

Special thank you to Gerry & Jim Sawtell for cueing at the dance.

- 7 VOLUNTEERS: In addition to our own dance committee, Mississippi Squares volunteered to help with the set up/take down and registration . Thanks to June and Charlene for looking after the Share the Wealth. Thank you to Charlene for staying even though you weren't feeling well.
- GREETERS AT THE DOOR: Thank you Maryanne & Pierre and to anyone else I may have
- 8 missed.
  - 9 Overall I think the dance was a success.

#### **FALL FEST**

- 1 The Dance Committee has not yet had an opportunity to meet to discuss Fall Fest. I will send out a message to Dance Committee members in early March (after I get back
- 2 from my cruise) asking for thoughts/ideas on what we should do. If any ideas come to mind send me an email.

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Attachment #5 - Submitted by Mary Anne Reinhard

Subject: Report for Publicity

Hello Dave,

We have received some feedback from Clubs as to how they attract new dancers and I have begun work on the Club pamphlet. I am hoping to share that with my committee and then bring it to the Board in March. Hopefully with input from the Board I can then have a prototype ready (or a perhaps some printed) for the Council of Dancers in April.

Mary Anne



Attachment #6 - Submitted by Richard Sharman

## **Liaison Commitee**

Square Time 62.1 went out in early February. The Mr. Fixit ad wasn't placed properly on the page and so his name, address and phone number were missing. We've agreed not to charge him for this ad. There were also several errors in the Club Listings in the back. I've asked each club to verify the information there and send me any corrections.

Mailchimp messages continue to be sent; rather like buses there are none for a while and then several in a row. I've asked Terease and Shirley if the Swinging B's and Limestone Dancers would like another broadcast sent about their upcoming events.

I'd also like to ask the Lift Lock squares about their Spring Spree, though I see they're not part of EOSARDA.

I sent mail to clubs with new dancers to see if they are holding New Dancer Celebrations, and if they would like an EOSARDA rep there then to send details of their event. Most have replied and would like an EOSARDA rep. Exceptions are The Dynamite Tays (no new dancers), the Village Squares (no special new dancer celebration), Stonebridge Squares (no rep required), Kanata Squares (no rep required), and Swinging Swallows (no reply yet).

Those clubs that are having a new dancer celebration and would like an EOSARDA rep present are:

Bay Waves, Constance Bay  
Between 2 and 7 new dancers  
Friday April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 7:30                      Hoping Charlene could be rep.  
262 Len Purcell Dr, Ottawa, ON  
The Bay Waves <bay.waves@live.ca>

Date Squares, Ottawa  
8 new dancers  
? Unknown. Probably June

1238 Parkway Drive, Ottawa  
Richard Sharman <rsharman@pobox.com>

Grenville Gremlins, Kemptville  
4 new dancers  
Monday 18 April 7:00 – 10:00 (ceremony about 8:30)  
? Leslie Hall Clothier St, Kemptville  
Bernie Power, Kemptville Square Dance <kemptvillesquaredance@gmail.com>

Harbour Lites, Prescott  
April 20 7:00 (ceremony ususally at 8:00)  
7 new dancers  
St.Andrews Presbyterian Church in Prescott 425 Centre St at the Corner of Dibble St..  
Marlene & Gerald Casselman <gm.casselman@gmail.com>

Kanata Squares, Kanata  
2 new dancers  
Thursday April 21<sup>st</sup>, 7:30  
Dick Brulé Community Centre 170 Castlefrank Rd, Kanata  
David & Marie Currie 613-521-5292 david.currie@sympatico.ca

Limestone Dancers, Kingston  
4 new dancers  
Thursday April 28, 7:30 at  
165 Robert Wallace Drive, Kingston  
Collin & Shirley Brown <colshirl35@gmail.com>

Meri Squares, Ottawa  
12 new dancers  
Tuesday April 19<sup>th</sup> 6:00pm  
Westminster Presbyterian Church, 470 Roosevelt Avenue, Ottawa.  
Sharon Fotheringham <smfotheringham@gmail.com>

Mississippi Squares, Carleton Place”, 17 or 18 new dancers,”Tues 19 April 7:30 – 10:00  
Brunton Hall Carleton Place  
Jane Trach <jjtrach@bell.net>

Napanee Pioneers, Napanee

3 new dancers

Friday, May 27<sup>th</sup>; Potluck @ 6:00, dancing from 7:30 to 9:30 including ceremony

Southview Public School, Napanee

Wilf & Muriel Brough <brough@kingston.net>

Quinte Twirlers, Belleville

6 new dancers

April 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm

Harmony Public School – 626 Harmony Road in Belleville

Debra Twiss <debra.twiss@gmail.com>

Seaway Squares, Dunbar

3 new dancers

April 18<sup>th</sup>. 7:00 – 9:30 ?

? Dunbar Rec Centre, 3244 Marcellus Rd, Dunbar,

Harold Moore <haroldearlmoore@gmail.com>

Swinging B's, Cornwall

9 or 10 new dancers

March 18 8:00pm

? Knox St Paul United Church, 800 Twelfth St E, CornwaLL

Teresa Macinnis <tmacinnis350@gmail.com>

Attachment #7 - Submitted by - Jim Sawtell

Round Dance Teachers Association

Report for February 21, 2016

The Round Dance Teachers Association has not had any meetings recently. There has been no formal discussion since early November when we met briefly.

The Round Dance at Frosty Fling ended at half time because of the sticky and uneven floor in the Cafeteria of St Pat's High School which resulted in a few dancers hurting their knees and other dancers complaining that they could not dance on that floor. It should be noted that there was only one couple representing beginning round dancers at Frosty Fling. A couple of Rounds were done between Squares in the Gym during the last half of the afternoon. There was a good group of Round Dancers in there.

During the last number of years I have observed that the majority of Round Dancers are from the Square Dance Community. In our classes over the past ten years, very few dancers have enrolled who had not been dancing Squares first.

Jim Sawtell

Attachment #8 - Submitted by Ziggy Segstro

### **EOSARDA Board Meeting - Feb. 21**

First, I want to thank the Callers Assoc. for agreeing to assist the Capital Carousels in its efforts to recruit dancers into round dancing.

Second, I am pleased to inform you that the sessions for beginner/square dance rounds is a definite go. Susan Conners from Kingston will be the cuer/teacher. Specific details such as actual dates, costs, etc. have yet to worked out. A draft flyer/registration form has been developed and will be published in the next Square Time. Additional copies will be made available to all square dance clubs in due course.

Once of the requests that we made to the Callers Association was for us to be able to put on round dance demonstrations at their clubs. We have not heard anything regarding this, and I am asking if that is something that can be done. If so, I would ask that club representatives contact me or Pat Black to arrange for a demonstration.

I believe that one of the suggestions made at the last meeting by Andy, was something to the effect that there could be round dance tips at square dance clubs at lower levels of square dancing such as at Mainstream. A cuer is not really necessary in order to do that. I'm sure that Gerry or Jean can make available to those clubs some pre-cued music to allow easy round dancers to do their stuff.

#### Contact Information

Ziggy – 613-837-4366    [ziggy1030pickle@yahoo.com](mailto:ziggy1030pickle@yahoo.com)

Pat Black – 613-723-3033    [pataps@bell.net](mailto:pataps@bell.net)