

E.O.S.A.R.D.A. Board Meeting Minutes
March 20, 2016
2nd floor Cafeteria,
Baxter St., Ottawa
1:30 pm to 4:30 pm

In attendance: Dave Western, Gavin Currie, Jim Sawtell, Jane Trach, Jim Trach, Dave Currie, Pierre Reinhard, Richard Sharman, Bob Summers, Mary Anne Reinhard, June Tripp, Barbara Englehart
Guests: Ziggy Segstro, ???

Regrets:

1.1 Call to Order @ 13:30

1.2 Regrets - Dave Western
Ronald Gardner, Andy Himberg-Larsen, Bruce Warner

1.3 Approval of agenda ???

2. Opening Remarks - Dave Western - **See Attached #1**

3. Previous Minutes

3.1 Approval of Minutes – February Board Meeting - Dave Western,
Amend to change: add Bruce Warner, Germaine and Shirley Hull to attendance, remove Jane and Jim Trach – amendment changes motion – Shirley, 2nd – Bob, all approved
To Accepted: Andy, Richard 2nd, Accepted

3.2 COD minutes –

Acceptance of Minutes from COD November – any comments, send to Ron; Bob to put revised on website; approval will come from the COD, change Stonebridge Squares Dean Bean to Dean Benson, remove Trackers from represented clubs

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**
Revised - Motion to Accept: Gavin, Bruce 2nd Accepted

4.1.3 Registrar's Report - Barbara Englehart – **See Attached #3**

(NOTE: numbers are up but Dave mentioned that our numbers would be down without the line dancers (3 of line dancer is probably around the same as last year)

4.2 Dance Committee
4.2.1 Committee Report - Barbara Englehart – **See Attached #4**

NOTE: Frosty Fling will be Feb 4/2017, Fall Fest will be either Oct 15th or Nov 5th depending on venue availability, afternoon only, and ribbons will go on sale in September, use local callers and cuers, basic/MS/easy rounds in one hall, plus/A1/phase 2 on the other

4.2.2 Swing into Spring 2015 - Andy Himberg-Larsen – **Nil**

NOTE: after Apr 1st – can't register for food, no idea what registration is at but rumor is it is looking good

4.3 P&P Committee - Mary Anne Reinhard - **Nil**

NOTE: samples were passed around and a copy will be emailed to each board member once finalized

4.3 Club Liaison Committee - Richard Sharman - **See Attached #5**

NOTE: all clubs have now been assigned to a director, packages were handed out, Bob took Quinte Twirlers (Apr 29th), Charlene took Andy's envelopes and Bruce's – check packages for accuracy of numbers

4.4 I.T. Committee - Bob Summers – **See Attached #6**

NOTE: will remove discussion group from website after ST comes out if there is no action on it (Richard mentioned it in an article)

4.5 OACA - Dave Currie – **Nil**

NOTE – have 6 people interested in caller teach – new date to be announced

4.6 RDTA - Jim Sawtell – **Nil**

5. Business Arising from the Minutes

5.1 The Future of Round Dancing in Eastern Ontario - Round Dance Working Group
- Ziggy Segstro – **Nil**

5.4 Young Dancer Initiative

5.4.1- Steering Committee Report - Dave Western

5.4.2 - Young Dancer Initiative - Directors' Reports - All Directors

Dave – Harbour Lites and Mississippi Squares demos have been completed – 1 girl became interested at HL, lots of questions but no follow up with MS, Meri Squares would like a demo (NOTE: a)it was brought up that Dynamite Tay is folding - they are in an older community – should we try to promote there? If possible, we should each try to get out to one of their remaining dances b) clubs should reconsider their dance schedule if they have a lot of snowbirds)

5.5 Trillium Long Service Award nomination - Dave Western

Trillium Nominations – our nominee for long service has passed away – will revise application to post-humous, contact next of kin, there have been no nominations for the merit award – have until Federation's meeting in April to apply

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 – See Dance Report

6. New Business

6.1 Returning Board

2016/2017 Board – not returning – Pierre, Maryanne, Jane, Jim, Bruce

Possibly not returning – Dave Currie, Ron Gardner

6.2 COD agenda – “FREE!!!!” is the theme – Dave will send out – possible items include: usual reports, need new board members, round dance presentation for their fall kick off, Fall Fest (yes we are having it), free publicity package, Frosty Fling (attendance, free for new graduates), young dancer initiative, SIS update, Facebook update, Trillium award nominations, reminder to get your visitor dance dangle applications in, encourage each club to bring someone new to the meeting, after usual reports we will have round table discussion (“what changes would you like to see”) REFRESHMENTS – several board directors offered to bring squares, cookies, fruit tray etc.. Barb will bring ice

6.3 Senior Lifestyle ad – June to follow up – ad or article? How much? Will they have a second one in the fall? Etc (decided not to put anything in for March as the dance season is wrapping up)

6.4 On-Line ST – benefits – colour photos, quicker distribuion,; will be in addition to the paper copy; Richard to follow up with increased cost?; what to charge clubs for the on-line copy

7. Other Business –

7.1 Dave to email Teresa, Helen, and Andy re volunteers for SIS (from EOSARDA)

Next meeting – St Andrews Presbyterian Church, Perth Ontario

Board meeting April 17th perth 11:00
COD April 17th perth 2:00

Recorded by Charlene Gardner

**Submitted by
Ronald Gardner
Secretary**

New Board Meeting

June 5th, 2016

At Citizen Newspaper Conference Room,

Baxter St., Ottawa

Board Meeting: 1:30 – 4:30

Reports:

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

Opening Remarks - March 2016 Board Meeting

March already! Where does the time go?

New dancer celebration season is already underway, with Cornwall kicking things off last Friday. And yesterday saw Kingston's big St. Patrick's Day dance - a sure sign of spring. It won't be much longer before we are kicking up our heels at Swing-into-Spring.

For many of on this Board, this is déjà vu all over again. We have seen many dance seasons come and go; have attended so many Graduations or New Dancer Celebrations that we have lost count; and cannot even begin to remember all of the Open Dances that we have attended over the years.

But especially when we attend New Dancer Celebrations, we need to keep in mind that for many of our dancers the whole dance thing is still fresh and new. Some will be graduating from Basics for the first time, while others are completing their first year at a new dance level.

Just last week I had the pleasure of being in a square with a brand new A-1 dancer who had just completed an introductory workshop. The look on his face when he successfully completed his first A-1 tip (with a little help from the rest of us in the square) was wonderful to behold. Fostering and maintaining that sense of wonder and accomplishment is something for which we all need to keep striving.

This poses a particular challenge for a Board such as ours, which, by the very nature of things tends to be composed of experienced dancers who have been around for some time. Most of us have been there, done that and got the t-shirt to prove it.

Our collective wisdom and experience is invaluable, but it can come at a price. New ideas and new ways of doing things can become threats rather than opportunities. "That's not how we do things" and "We tried that once and it didn't work" are two of the fastest ways I know to guarantee failure.

I have sincerely enjoyed working with all of you this year and I hope that all of you will continue to serve on next year's Board. But we also need to add new blood to the Board in order to ensure that can profit from their new ideas and that we continue to represent the interests of all of our dancers.

With that in mind, I ask all of you to do your very best to encourage suitable volunteers at all dance levels to join next year's Board of Directors.

Attachment #2 - Submitted by Charlene Gardner

Information available upon request

Attachment #3 - Submitted by Barbara Englehart
EOSARDA 2015-2016
REGISTRAR'S REPORT AS OF MARCH 20, 2016

	Last Report	Current
NEW SQUARE DANCERS	115	115
RETURNING SQUARE DANCERS	681	679
NEW ROUND DANCERS	10	10
RETURNING ROUND DANCERS	58	58
NEW LINE DANCERS	25	25
RETURNING LINE DANCERS	25	25
TOTAL TO DATE	914	912
CUERS , CALLERS, LEADERS AND PARTNERS	27	27
TOTAL MEMBERSHIP TO DATE	941	913
TOTAL CLUBS TO DATE	30	30
TOTAL ASSOCIATIONS TO DATE	4	4

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Attachment #4 - Submitted by Barbara Englehart
DANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

- 1 FROSTY FLING - Saturday, FEB.4, 2017 - ST. PATRICK'S HIGH SCHOOL - if it is available
- 2 FALL FEST 2016 -Saturday, Oct. 15 or Nov. 5 (conflicting dances on Oct. 22 & 29)

Two halls required to accommodate all levels of square & round dancing.
Hall 1 - Basic, Mainstream, Plus, Easy Rounds,
Hall 2 - A1, A2, Advanced Rounds/Choreographed Ballroom

Venue - to be determined - suggestions welcome. Ie Bell High School is one being considered.

Callers/Cuers -Local callers/cuers -To be determined. Dave Hutchison was suggested for one caller.

Afternoon dance, only vs afternoon & evening.

Need to bring this to the attention of Federation for their input.

Ribbons to be available for distribution at the start of Dance Season- Sept. 2016.

This is an EOSARDA dance... I don't believe we need to discuss with CoD first since the EOSARDA Dance Manual says we sponsor two annual dances.

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Attachment #5 - Submitted by Richard Sharman

Club Liaison Report, March 2016

13 Mailchimp messages were sent; there are currently 76 subscribers.

Square Time 62.2 went to the printer on Friday. This issue has 48 pages, with 10 full-page paid ads and 2 half-page paid ads, and two full-page no charge ads (Swing Into Spring Registration & Flyer). 240 copies were ordered.

New Dancer Celebration

The early Graduation Night for the Swinging B's caught me off guard – it was last Friday whereas most are in April. 100 CSRDS lapel pins were ordered and were received in time to give to Shirley. Also, 100 double-sided black & white copies of the EOSARDA flyer were made, and tickets printed for free admission to Frosty Fling. Packages for the clubs have been made to give to the EOSARDA board meeting today.

Richard Sharman

Attachment #6 - Submitted by – Bob Summers

IT Report for EOSARDA Board Meeting 20 Mar 2016

- The Capital Carousel's plan to teach Round Dance to Beginners was added to the Highlights on the front page.
- The Discussion Group was removed for lack of use and the many spam and garbage postings that it attracted.
- Not much progress has been made on the eoDance Facebook project. We received two offers of help; I responded to one of these people twice by email and once by phone and so far haven't got a returned message. More work to do yet.
- Last month the Board requested we find a place to add "out-of-district" events. The web calendar was not deemed only appropriate (ie, best for local events). The number of such out-of-district events requested is very small, not warranting a separate page. The solution at the moment was to include them in the drop-down list of *Conventions and Festivals* that was added to the main event page last month. The drop-down list phrasing now adds the word "Dances" (ie, "Dances, Conventions and Festivals for travellers").