

**MINUTES OF STAR COUNTRY SQUARES EXECUTIVE MEETING
NOVEMBER 17, 2025**

Present: President Joe Marcotte, Vice President Trevor Stevens, Secretary Linda Potyok, Treasurer Heather Leask, Publicity Director Roxy Rollins, Dianne Richardson, Support Dance Coordinator

A quorum was confirmed and the meeting was called to order at 7:18 p.m.

Approval of Agenda

It was moved by Trevor and seconded by Heather that the Agenda be approved.

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APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

It was moved by Trevor and seconded by Dianne that the Minutes from October 20, 2025 meeting be approved.

CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

Financial Update

A financial update was presented and discussed. Our bank balance is \$10,631.22. That was after Federation dues were paid for this year.

Registration of Dancers for BC FED and Canadian FED

Federation dues were paid for this year. Membership cards will follow.

Feedback from Intake Efforts

We have five or six new dancers this intake. Discussion results from advertising efforts.

Feedback from Mainstream Bootcamp

Tuesday attendance has been great with up to three squares. Same format will continue.

Lumby Squares

Dianne reported that Lumby Squares has registered 18 members with B.C. Fed. Four of those are young people. Seven members have registered for the Penticton Festival. The club has been promoting the 2026 Penticton Festival and all dancers are looking forward to it. Lorraine and Dianne have been busy sewing ties and scarves for members to wear. They are working on a banner for the Penticton Festival. Dianne said they all appreciate it when members from Vernon can join them on Sundays.

Planning for our Dancing Season

Party Nights, Plus and Round Dancing

Discussion re upcoming party nights, plus and round dancing in the new year.

Upcoming Party Nights (Aloha and Christmas)

Volunteer Recruitment

The upcoming party nights are Aloha and Christmas. Barb did the volunteer recruitment which was great. We have volunteers for those nights covered until Christmas. Clean-up involves staying a bit longer until after callers have packed up their gear and left. We are a club and volunteers are needed to pitch in and help before and after each event. It's beneficial to the club

if people feel part of the club in all aspects. At the party nights we offer round dancing and dances at for all levels. For the upcoming party nights we will have paid callers ie Nelson, Allan, Stella and Peter.

May Sock Hop Weekend Planning

We have booked the hall for Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Gord Reudig advised that Steve Edlund could be available to call as well at the sock hop. Discussion re sock hop weekend planning and guest callers for that weekend. Pre-registration was discussed, given the size of our venue. The weekend is in the planning stages. Friday will be a trail in dance. Saturday we may have a morning workshop and perhaps a plus dance or introduction to contra. The evening dance on Saturday would be the sock hop with Steve and Gord. We discussed possibly offering round dancing with a teach by Deb and Ray or Peter and Stella in the back room. Sunday breakfast and trail out dance. Expenses discussed. The poster will be ready next month.

Canadian National Convention Penticton 2026

All our dancers will be ready to dance at the Convention, once they have completed the SSD program. Anyone interested in attending the festival should register as soon as they can.

Organization of Squares

Discussion with respect to organizing squares so all dancers have their best experience. On Thursdays we recognize that there are a lot of new dancers in the same squares that may not be comfortable yet with the moves taught. Allan suggested perhaps a buddy system would be helpful. That is, if a more experienced dancer would approach a new dancer and guide them to a square where

they are not always dancing with the same people. Allan can rotate the positioning of the squares so that the new dancers are in the front squares and squares are balanced. Allan will call a couple of mainstream tips throughout the evening as well as tips for everyone, tips for those who have completed SSD and if time a tip for those who are attending the Mainstream Bootcamp on Tuesdays.

THE NEXT EXECUTIVE MEETING IS DECEMBER 15, 2025 AT 7:00 P.M. VIA ZOOM

Motion to Adjourn

By Joe/Roxy

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WITH NO OTHER BUSINESS OUR PRESIDENT ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 8:09 P.M.