

**STAR COUNTRY SQUARES
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - THURSDAY MARCH 12, 2026
HALINA CENTER, VERNON B.C.**

Present: President Joe Marcotte, Vice President Trevor Stevens, Treasurer Heather Leask, Secretary Linda Potyok, Communications and Publicity Roxy Rollins, Lumby Liaison Dianne Richardson

President Joe Marcotte called meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

Quorum Established.

Motion Agenda be Accepted
Heather Leask/Peter Tennant
CARRIED

Motion to Accept MARCH 6, 2025 AGM MINUTES
By Barb Stevens/Dianne Richardson
CARRIED

REPORTS

President - Joe Marcotte

Receipt of report acknowledged

Vice President - Trevor Stevens

Receipt of report acknowledged

Treasurer/Financial Report - Presented by Heather Leask

Motion by Roxy Rollins to Accept the Financial Report As Read

Acceptance of Financial Report As Read

By Roxy Rollins/Debra Bourdages

CARRIED

Publicity Report - Roxy Rollins

Receipt of report acknowledged

Lumby Liaison - Dianne Richardson

Receipt of report acknowledged

NOMINATIONS AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

2026/2027

President	Joe Marcotte
Vice President	Trevor Stevens
Treasurer	Heather Leask
Secretary	Linda Potyok
Publicity	Roxy Rollins
New Dancer Coordinator	Monique Van Bergen (Peter and Stella Tennant)
Communications Director	Ginette Andress

SUPPORT POSITIONS

Webmaster	Lise Somerville
Coffee Curator	Barb Stevens/Dave Thorpe
Directory	Trevor Stevens
Dangle Wrangler	position not filled
Decorations	position not filled
50/50 Draw	Marjolaine Hart
Food Curator	position not filled
Front of House Greeter	Marjolaine Hart

Historian
Sunshine Person
Water/Banner Person

position not filled
Yvonne Leduc
Yvon Lemieux

Caller's Contract Proposal

Proposal to renew contract with caller Allan Peterson for the 2026/2027 season. Allan's weekly caller rate will increase by \$25 a week for a total of \$150 per week for two hours of calling as of April 1st, 2026

Motion to Accept Renewal of Allan Peterson's Contract

By John Fawcett/Heather Leask
CARRIED

OTHER BUSINESS

June Mitchell - Proposal

June Mitchell, a long time member of the club is turning 100 years old this year. It is proposed that we make her a life-time member. We will send a card as well. All agreed.

Osrda/Spring fling

Further discussions will be had with Brian Elmer and Rosalyn Garnett as to joining OSRDA and the upcoming Spring Fling.

THE NEXT MEETING IS WEDNESDAY MARCH 4TH, 2027 AT 6:00
P.M.

Motion to Adjourn

By Heather Leask/Stella Tennant

CARRIED

WITH NO OTHER BUSINESS OUR PRESIDENT ADJOURNED THE
MEETING AT 6:55 P.M.

Star Country Squares AGM March 2026

President Report

I would like to thank all the members of this club. I believe we have the most absolute FUN experience coupled by the friendliest folks around. A perfect combination to ensure a loyal base of dancers. We are forever grateful for your continued participation with Star Country Squares.

2025 was a year of reflection and progress. This year we proposed a new look for our club in its 25th year. The colours and images represent our community and our pastime. Our club hosted a memorable anniversary dance to celebrate our history. A history which has provided the current foundation for a growing and prosperous future.

Our Thursday night dances provided alternating teaching and dancing. There were some challenges adapting the program to accommodate the levels of the dancers. Overall, and with great patience, I believe we accomplished our goals. Thanks to Heather who utilized an evaluation process to ensure all dancers had time on the floor to dance at their own levels. We had some great FUN at our monthly themed party nights. Thanks to the volunteers who help with decorating and clean up. Kudos to Roxy, Barb and Marjolaine for their decorating skills and making sure there were photo ops for lasting memories.

Nelson Reeme is providing Plus dancing to our group. After initializing his own weekly dance program, he now leads an hour of Plus dancing at the beginning of Thursday night dances. This draws people from other regions to join us and makes for lively dance nights. Thank you, Nelson and Kadie!

“Try it Tuesdays” continues to benefit our club! It offers introduction to Square Dancing for the community. Out of those who try, we know several will come back. This extra space and time give our new Callers practice time and dancers a chance to sharpen their skills with Mainstream Bootcamp. We can adapt our Tuesdays to provide for the current needs of the club. Any suggestions would be greatly appreciated and received by our executive.

The batch of new callers in this region is impressive. The callers are working diligently to hone their craft, choreographing moves and timing to keep the dancers moving. Slowly but surely their confidence builds and soon they will be part of new clubs in our region. Small roots are building in Armstrong, West Kelowna and Oliver.

We are witnesses of how, passionate people can make a difference in their community. The ideas turned into reality with the Lumby Squares. Thanks to Dianne and Lorraine's fervent efforts, and Will's creative energy, that club is up and running.

The future of Square Dancing includes a reconfiguration of Mainstream and Plus levels. We will work with our talented Club Caller Allan Peterson to determine how best to mold our program to incorporate the goals of our club. We intend to canvas our dancers to see which levels they would like to work towards. Looking at the list, once our current program is completed; we will be halfway through Plus already.

We invited our good friend, Gord Ruedig from Powell River to call at our 2nd Annual Sock Hop. We included a Plus dance with Nelson (who graduated his dancers, as mentioned before). It was a great dance, well attended and the root beer floats were to die for. This year we're coming back even bigger and better, involving the whole weekend and including another caller, Steve Edlund. Ray and Deb Schmidt along with our own Peter and Stella Tennant will provide Round Dancing for the event.

The planning has been underway for the Penticton National Festival this summer. It will require a great deal of volunteers. Star Country Squares, being the nearest club, will be called on and I expect everyone of you will gladly chip in what you can to make this an incredible experience.

I would like to personally thank our executive. There are many moving parts to make our club run and we cannot do it without these dedicated folks. Secretary, Linda, Treasurer, Heather, Lumby Liaison, Dianne, Promotions, Roxy (My personal favourite), Webmaster, Lise and Yvon as water provider, Sunshine Person, Yvonne and our Vice President, Trevor (thanks Barb too). We encourage each member to step up for a role with our executive or a supporting role. Many hands make light work.

Thank you all so much!!

Vice-President's Report AGM – March 12, 2026

It has been a privilege to serve as your Vice-President during the past year. My main role has been to support our President, Joe, and assist where I could with the many tasks he takes on.

I would especially like to recognize Joe and Roxy for the tremendous amount of work they do behind the scenes. A great deal happens so that the rest of us can simply arrive, change our shoes, and enjoy two hours of dancing. It is very easy to take that effort for granted, and their dedication and countless hours of work are greatly appreciated.

I would also like to thank the other members of the executive for their contributions. Heather, our Treasurer, has spent many hours getting the club's finances in order. Linda, our Secretary, keeps our meetings organized and running smoothly. A special thank you to Dianne for stepping in as New Dancer Coordinator and helping welcome and support new dancers to our club.

As with any club, our strength depends on the involvement of our members. As we grow, there will naturally be more to do—more chairs and tables to set up and take down, more clean-up, and more of the small jobs that help keep our evenings running smoothly. When more members share these tasks, the work becomes lighter for everyone and helps build the strong community that makes our club special.

We will also continue to need new members. The best advertisement for square dancing is still word of mouth, so please tell your friends and neighbours about the fun we have each week. Social media can also be a very helpful way to promote the club. If you use Facebook or other platforms, sharing posts or mentioning our club can help us reach many more people. Your enthusiasm, your invitations, and your willingness to spread the word are some of the best ways to bring new dancers into our club.

Respectfully submitted,
Trevor Stevens
Vice-President

PROMOTIONS/ADVERTISING REPORT

for Star Country Squares AGM – March 12, 2026

by: Roxy Rollins

This year I tried a few things differently, only purchasing 2 Morning Star Ads at the beginning of our September 2025 Intake.

Social media seems to be the most practical use of energy, with me posting on any local Facebook groups available for free. Try it Tuesday's is a regularly updated poster, put in locations around town and on Facebook venues and on our Facebook page.

Since July, we have been advertising weekly in the Coffee News which is distributed locally in approximately 30 locations throughout Vernon. Although the Coffee News is a little pricey, I feel it has and continues to provide public awareness every week.

I am in the process of negotiating with our OSRDA advertising efforts for future ads, to include mention of any clubs in our Okanagan Region. (This ad would have their Toll-Free Number so all calls would be answered and redirected by Brian and/or Roz of the OSRDA.)

We hope to include other "Hip" social media sites for our next intake, especially with more On-line sources such as Castanet, Instagram, and more.

Our branding change is utilized in signage and posters to entertain new eyes to our activity.

There has been some positive feedback from other clubs using other forms of advertising.

We may give lawn signs and banners a try this year, as the Salmon Arm club noted some success with it for a minimal cost.

In September 2026, we will do our best to get a large batch of new dancers by including all or our newest ideas for promoting with different sites.

We intend to stick to the budget for this upcoming season, especially with the proposed connection with the O.S.R.D.A.

Thank you,

Roxy

AGM REPORT

I have enjoyed this year serving on the Executive with the Star Country Squares. It has been a successful and busy year under the leadership of our President Joe and I have been happy to add my input on various matters.

I have also been the liaison for Lumby Squares. Lumby Squares started as a club under the mentorship of Star Country Squares and we have developed into a more independent club over the last year. Lorraine and I greatly appreciate the help we have been given from Joe and Roxy, Will, and the members of Star Country Squares who come to dance with us. We have 20 registered members and with Vernon's assistance regularly have two squares dancing. We have started the Mainstream program and are dancing at the same level as the Vernon Club. Our callers, Joe Marcotte and Will Cullen, provide excellent calling and teaching on an alternating basis on Sunday afternoons.

I look forward to another fun year with Star Country Squares.

Respectfully submitted,



Dianne Richardson
Support Dance Coordinator

Star Country Squares Budget Report

Star Country Squares	2025 Budget	2025 Actual	2026 Budget	2026 Actual
INCOME				
Grants	1,397.04	1,397.04	0.00	0.00
50/50 Income	750.00	1,125.50	1150.00	200.00
Clothing sale	500.00	410.00	400.00	
Dancers - prepay	4,500.00	3,510.00	3500.00	1260.00
Drop in Dancers	6,300.00	6,750.00	7000.00	1960.00
BC/Canada Membership			630.00	630.00
Club Membership	1,200.00	1,135.00	720.00	645.00
Special Dances	600.00	1,300.00	3500.00	95.00
TOTAL INCOME	15,247.04	15,627.54	16,900.00	4,790.00
EXPENSE				
Advertising	2,000.00	2,580.66	2000.00	
Badges	300.00	98.00	200.00	19.60
Caller/Teacher	6,000.00	5,325.00	5475.00	675.00
Coffee/groceries	200.00	309.86	350.00	64.80
Decorations	100.00		100.00	
Gifts	300.00	200.00	300.00	
Membership to Association	700.00	720.00	675.00	675.00
Hall Rental	4,000.00	4,000.00	4000.00	800.00
Office	200.00	294.83	300.00	22.88
Purchases for Club	100.00	0.00	0.00	
Special Dance Expenses		1,422.64	3500.00	
Sunshine	25.00	0.00	25.00	
Rebranding	1,500.00	1,115.87	0.00	0.00
Website			\$ 300.00	\$ 282.24
TOTAL EXPENSE	15,425.00	16,066.86	\$ 17,225.00	\$ 2,539.52
NET INCOME	(177.96)	(439.32)	(325.00)	
Over Budget		-\$ 261.36		
Cash Balance as of Feb. 28/26	11,225.57			

25th Anniversary Dance		
Door Revenue	840	
50/50 Revenue	110	
Total Revenue		950
Decorations	217.04	
Hall	200	
Calling & Cueing	500	
Earrings/Dangles	113.75	
Tumblers/Trays/Plates	46.42	
Cake	99.99	
Devilled Egg/Meat Tray	67.01	
Meals/Accommodation/Travel for	178.43	
Total Expenses		1422.64
Net Income/Loss		-472.64

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NET INCOME	(177.96)	(849.32)	(1,355.00)	1,021.48
Over Budget		\$ 671.36		

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