

**MINUTES OF STAR COUNTRY SQUARES EXECUTIVE MEETING, MAY
13, 2026**

Present: President Joe Marcotte, Secretary Linda Potyok, Publicity Roxy Rollins, Communications Director Ginette Andress, Lumby Liaison Dianne Richardson

Regrets: Vice President Trevor Stevens, Treasurer Heather Leask, New Dancer Coordinator Monique Van Bergen

A quorum was confirmed and the meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was moved by Ginette and seconded by Linda that the Agenda be approved.

CARRIED

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

It was moved by Roxy and seconded by Joe that the Minutes from the April 15th, 2026 meeting be approved.

CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

Financial Report

Discussion re finances and upcoming Sock Hop registration numbers. At this date we have 43 registered for sock hop.

Graduation Dance Details

New dancer graduation will be on Thursday May 21st. We will have pre-rounds with Stella and Peter and Allan Peterson to Emcee dance, which begins at 7 p.m. Cake and coffee will be served.

May Sock Hop Weekend

We need volunteers Thursday evening, Friday evening and Saturday afternoon for decorating. Sunday morning we'll need people to assist with continental breakfast and clean up after trail out and greeters for the weekend.

Saturday pancake breakfast hosted by the Halina Center.

Ginette and Tom will pick up continental breakfast items: Muffins, bagels, cream cheese, fruit trays, juices, et cetera for Sunday morning.

Ginette and Tom have offered their home to host a Volunteer Appreciation Open House to follow after the trail out dance on Sunday. Guest and local Callers and Cuers and Executive welcome and of course all of our volunteers. Snacks and Charcuterie, appies to be provided. Please bring your own drinks.

Club members please bring snacks for Friday and Saturday evening dances.

Night Market

Discussion re participation in night market September 11th. Great opportunity to promote Vernon and Lumby clubs.

Website Feedback

Discussion on how to improve communication through website for public and club members. Suggested that we create an email address starcountrysquaresinfo@gmail.com to website for inquiries and comments.

Will meet with Lise and continue to discuss additions and changes to website.

Tuesday's Steps to Plus Feedback

For plus moves taught this Tuesday next Tuesday will be a review and then move on through the program. We have one to two squares attending at this time.

In May Joe will continue teaching and in June Allan will teach Tuesdays 4 to 5:30 Steps to Plus. July and August Tuesdays 4 to 5:30 summer dancing with Allan as Emcee.

Promoting Lumby and Salmon Arm

The Salmon Arm Club is planning to do a promo in Salmon Arm on June 27th at the Multicultural Festival and would appreciate our support.

Lumby Days in June, there will be a stage dance. Will to be calling and Lumby club would like Vernon club support for that event. Dates and times to be confirmed.

Lumby Graduation

Graduation party May 31st at 1 p.m. Lumby has 14 graduates, 13 SSD and 1 mainstream.

Plans for September Intake

Ginette presented opportunity for club to participate in night market September 11th. With our square of dancers we will do a demo to promote both Lumby and Vernon clubs and have public join in with our angels to teach an intro to square dancing. Flyers to be handed out to public. To be discussed further as Ginette receives more info from organizers.

Discussion re the possibly of two intakes next year and what Tuesdays will look like.

Canadian National in Penticton

In the convention program we plan to advertise our local clubs. We will perhaps call our ad "Dancing in the Okanagan" and have Brian Elmer as contact representing OSRDA or just advertise our clubs in Vernon, Lumby and Salmon Arm and share the cost.

Roxy has secured a 12 foot duck to display at Convention.

She is hoping to do the decorations Tuesday the week of convention and will need volunteers.

THE NEXT EXECUTIVE MEETING IS JUNE 22nd, 2026 AT 7:00 P.M.

Motion to Adjourn

By Joe/Linda

CARRIED

WITH NO OTHER BUSINESS OUR PRESIDENT ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 8:04 P.M.