

**MINUTES OF STAR COUNTRY SQUARES EXECUTIVE MEETING JUNE
22, 2026**

Present: President Joe Marcotte, Vice President Trevor Stevens, Treasurer Heather Leask, Secretary Linda Potyok, Publicity Roxy Rollins, Communications Director Ginette Andress, New Dancer Coordinator Monique Van Bergen

A quorum was confirmed and the meeting was called to order at 7:09 p.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

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NEW BUSINESS

Financial Report

Heather gave a financial report. Balance at this time \$10,258.45.

May Sock Hop Weekend

The executive held a wrap-up meeting after the sock hop. We have booked Halina Center for next year's sock hop. Both Steve Edlund and Gord Ruedig are available to call. Dates May 28, 29 and 30, 2027.

Plans for September Intake

Joe suggests two intakes of new dancers. September 10 and 17 to be free open house. September 24th first of 12 week new mainstream program will begin. Graduation for the on December 10th. December 17th, Christmas dance.

On January 7th we return and the next two sessions will be free on January 14th and 21st, open house. January 28th to April 8th will be second session of new mainstream program, 50 moves. Graduation on April 15th.

OSRA potentially will have Spring Fling the end of April.

Ideas for Next Season

Joe suggests the schedule for Tuesdays and Thursdays as follows: We would like to offer plus from 6 to 7 with Nelson. Those dancers should feel confident in their plus moves. 7 to 9 p.m. will be a mix of mainstream and new dancers. Various options were discussed to include our new dancers, those who are mainstream dancers and need to get to speed and steps to plus.

Dancers need to be confident at the level that are dancing before moving onto next level but still challenged. What is interesting to the dancers that are in between levels? Changing the choreography can challenge any mainstream dancer. Suggested asking for feedback from our club members and how they felt with their square dance experience and what could make it better. Offer the full speed mainstream dancing alternating with new dancers tips.

Heather suggests possibility of offering another plus class for new plus dancers on another day a week or weekend workshops.

Discussion continued re best options for our Tuesday and Thursday dance schedules.

Roxy suggested using Tuesdays for our present club dancers moving forward and learning plus, not having new dancers attend Tuesdays at this time.

Heather suggests Tuesdays first hour practice mainstream and second hour steps to plus.

Roxy suggests a social barn type atmosphere on Thursday.

Ginette possibilities of having new dancers 7 to 9 on Thursdays, 6 to 7 plus dancing. Tuesdays mainstream boot camp 4 to 5 and 5 to 6 steps to plus.

Tuesdays you must be a member and there will be a charge to attend. To be discussed further.

Trevor stressed a lot of our energy needs to go into getting new dancers and building our club.

Executive to explore and provide feedback from our discussions.

Canadian National in Penticton

Roxy was in Penticton today to do final calculations for decorations, et cetera. We are finalizing the details of putting the festival together.

Promotions

Ginette has been communicating with committee for Artisan Market on Friday nights to secure a spot where we can do a demo dance, a flash mob perhaps. It would be fun to have audience participation and handouts to advertise our club.

Joe suggests handing out a small card, a business card or coasters that we could distribute to restaurants, doctors offices, chiropractors, physiotherapists et cetera with a QR code, website, phone number. It would be great to give to our members as well to distribute when they have an opportunity.

IPE in Armstrong. Will contacted IPE to get to inquire about a spot for a demo square there. Ginette will take the lead and follow that up.

THE NEXT EXECUTIVE MEETING IS AUGUST 10, 2026 AT 7:00 P.M.

Motion to Adjourn

By Joe/Linda

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WITH NO OTHER BUSINESS OUR PRESIDENT ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 8:30 P.M.