

**MINUTES OF STAR COUNTRY SQUARES EXECUTIVE MEETING
FEBRUARY 16, 2026**

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

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

CARRIED

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

It was moved by Trevor and seconded by Joe that the Minutes of the November 17th, 2026 meeting be approved.

CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

Financial Report

Balance in Star Country account is \$11,497.23 as of February 12, 2026.

Discussion re budget, financials and expenses.

Budget to be discussed further at next meeting.

Discussion re advertising costs and being aware of those costs moving forward.

It was moved by Heather and seconded by Dianne to accept the Financial Report as presented

CARRIED

Feedback from Party Night

We had four squares. It went well, a fun time had by all.

Lumby Squares

Dianne reported that Lumby has gotten their badges and name tags. Badges turned out really nice. The Lumby club has applied for a couple of grants. Everyone is having a lot of fun. Joe has been calling for the past month and it's been great. The Lumby dancers are doing very well and keeping up with the lessons. The club is looking forward to promoting a great deal in the fall and hopefully recruiting new dancers.

OSRDA March Spring Fling

The OSRDA March Spring Fling is to be held on March 14, 2026 1 to 4 p.m. at the Halina Center.

A prior zoom meeting was held with Brian Elmer and Rosalyn Garnett (representing the OSRDA) to discuss the proposed upcoming Spring Fling. The OSRDA is hosting the dance to introduce themselves and indicate they are active again in the region. Brian and Rosalyn believe it (OSRDA) may be a good foundation for new, upcoming clubs. There was discussion about how they can support other clubs. There are funds available that may be applied for to assist with promotion, advertising et cetera.

The dance is by donation. New dancers will also be invited.

The OSRDA is paying all costs of the dance.

Because of the Spring Fling we are cancelling the monthly party night, March 19th. We will still have a regular dance that evening.

Other Dances in the Region

Westside Squares is starting up again. Brian Elmer and Rosalyn Garnett have organized the upcoming dances and Joe will be calling. They have rented a hall in West Kelowna for Monday March 2nd to hopefully recruit new dancers and start the SSD/Mainstream program.

Linda is hosting a Fun Dance (intro to square dancing) in Oliver on February 28, 2026. This referral came to us from Lorraine and Dianne. John, Liz, and Linda will be calling. Lorraine and other experienced dancers from the South Okanagan are planning to attend to act as angels and assist.

We have an upcoming dance on March 22, 2026 in Chase featuring the Brenzy siblings Nick and Caitlyn.

Will is offering a six week Intro to Square Dancing in Armstrong from March 11th to April 15th from 6 to 8 p.m. The lessons will be offered to see if there is enough interest in starting a club there.

We have the "Chase the Fun" poster and information for members. Dancers planning on attending should register for festival soon and book hotel rooms as they fill up quickly. Dry camping is also available.

May Sock Hop Weekend Poster, Registration Distribution

Joe presented the registration form. Discussion re possible revision of registration form. Saturday

workshops were discussed and clarified. The sock hop will be advertised through the B.C. Fed site and sent to other clubs in B.C. and Alberta.

The registration and the poster were approved by the executive, as revised.

Canadian National Convention Penticton 2026

Organizing the Convention is well underway. There are ongoing meetings and updates. Nothing much to add at this time.

Vernon, Lumby and Salmon Arm have contributed to the photos holding our sign advertising the International Convention. 500 people have registered thus far.

WEBSITE

Joe would like Lise to renew the website for another year. He has had good feedback from the American web creator regarding our site with a few recommendations. Further discussion on how to use and get the most out of our website.

It was moved by Heather and seconded by Trevor to purchase a one year professional upgrade of the website.
CARRIED

AGM

Our AGM is scheduled for March 12, 2026 at 6 p.m. at the Halina Center dance to follow.

There are many positions to be filled some of which include: New Dancer Coordinator, Publicity Director,

Communications Director. We have a number of support positions as well that need to be represented.

Dianne indicated she would like to sit on the executive as a liaison to Lumby.

THE NEXT MEETING IS THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MARCH 12, 2026 AT 6:00 P.M. AT THE HALINA CENTER DANCE TO FOLLOW

Motion to Adjourn

By Joe/Heather

CARRIED

WITH NO OTHER BUSINESS OUR PRESIDENT ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 8:23 P.M.