

Hello fellow dancers:

I hope everyone has been enjoying this remarkable week of summer weather...it makes us forget that we've already had snow. It sure made taking down Halloween decorations and putting my garden to bed a lot easier than battling the wind and rain or snow of last year!

### **Annual General Meeting**

Thank you to everyone who took the time to join us for our first virtual AGM. At least 28 members were in attendance. A special thank you to Michelle Gravelle for organizing the Zoom meeting and helping a couple of our members get comfortable with the technology. Here's hoping they will use their new-found skills to try virtual dancing as well!

At the meeting, we passed a motion to add a new clause to the Constitution that officially allows us to hold virtual meetings. Not something the founders of the Club considered 50 years ago! We also had a good discussion of our finances and the new Dancer's Etiquette and Code of Conduct. Based on the discussion, we will tweek the wording on the latter two items and repost the final versions on the website shortly.

### **Electronic communications**

This will be the last complete e-newsletter you receive from Colleen's email address. In future, you will receive Club information and newsletters from [info@merisquares.ca](mailto:info@merisquares.ca) with a link to the newsletter. Clicking on the link will take you to the newsletter on the [www.merisquares.ca](http://www.merisquares.ca) website. We are making this switch to avoid using a member's personal email for Club communications and to limit concerns about imbedded hyperlinks in our messages. It also means that past communications can be found in a single location on our website, so they can be consulted at any time.

### **Help with virtual dancing**

As we all know, we will not be dancing in person for some time. If you are interested in getting help with understanding how to dance virtually, Wendy is ready to lend you a hand (for a fee). She has already provided "lessons" to a couple of members and they report it has really helped them enjoy the online dances and feel more comfortable with them. Why not give Wendy a shout to see how she can help you ([wendyv@sympatico.ca](mailto:wendyv@sympatico.ca))?

### **Fundraising for CGIT**

We were recently approach to see about sharing a fundraising effort for the Canadian Girls in Training (CGIT) group at Westminster Church where we dance. Whenever possible we like to help the other groups with whom we share use of the church. The Westminster CGIT is selling honey products to raise funds for Camp Kalalla. You can get more information on the Honeython at <http://kalalla.com>. Orders can be placed with Maureen Cleary at [MLcleary@rogers.com](mailto:MLcleary@rogers.com) by Sunday.

### **Poster challenge**

EOSARDA is holding a poster challenge. You will have received the EOSARDA bulletin with the details last week. I would just like to encourage any of our creative members (or their family or friends) to consider designing a poster that square dance clubs can use to promote square dancing. Dancers are our best advertisers, so get your creative juices flowing and let people know how much fun square dancing is. You can find the November 5 EOSARDA bulletin with the details at <http://www.eodance.ca/bulletins.php>.

### **Stay connected**

As time passes and we do not see each other on the dance floor, it gets harder to feel connected. I urge everyone to reach out to fellow members and to the Executive with news or needs. It is important to stay connected. The time WILL come when we can be together again and enjoy the music, dancing, and friendships that we have developed.

Take care everyone and stay safe!

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