



## border boosters square and round dance association

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### To All Members of BBSRDA:

BBSRDA was formed in 1967 by 6 clubs working together for the promotion all the activities of our dance community, **and reached a high of 35 square and 5 round dance clubs in 1993**. We currently have 13 square dance clubs and 3 round dance clubs as members of BBSRDA.

**Our 1994 membership consisted of 2,159 registered CSRDS members**; currently we have 461 registered CSRDS members, consisting of 13 square and 3 round dance clubs.

Please consult the BBSRDA web site and familiarise yourself with the current constitution and by-laws.

During the past few years with the dwindling membership the association income has not met the operating expenses; **all necessary expenditure's have been kept to the bare minimum**.

The very successful Convention 2006 funds have been invested as GIC's and are for the promotion and recruitment of new dancers. This fund is administered by a disbursement committee. The suggestions of this committee may be **ratified** or **rejected** by the membership, at our annual general meeting.

A **one time** grant from the above fund to cover the operating shortfall of the Association was approved by the membership at the 2009 AGM.

We have now reached the point in time when we do not have enough income to cover expected expenses. Convention 2006 funds cannot be used for BBSRDA operations. The association must be self supporting.

### Ongoing Expenses:

Badges (travel/director)	\$200
God & welfare	\$100
Government/CSRDS/bank	\$100
Grad package	\$ 50
Secretarial/postage/paper	\$300
Publicity	\$200
Web	\$500
	Total 1450.00

**(This does not include dance expenses since they should be self supporting)**

### Income:

<b>\$25.00 x 16 clubs</b>	<b>\$400.00</b>
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**The traditional sources of income:**

- 1) **Dance book:** Up to about 1998 the dance book brought in approximately \$900.00. The dance book was discontinued in 2009 as it became a costly expense and was normally outdated by the time it went into print. The web site was deemed to be the proper route to follow.
- 2) **Dances:** Up to 2002 the fall & spring dance generated over \$500.00 (sometimes much more) there was a time when, if you did not purchase a ribbon in advance you were not able to attend a dance. (1500 ribbons sold for the Saturday afternoon & evening dances)

The last fall dance expenses were approximately \$800.00 (very reasonable).  
We had approximately 90 who paid to come to make \$100.00.

**The dues have been \$25.00 for over 10 years. They need to be increased. But even doubling them will not help.**

**Here are some of the choices we face:**

- 1) **Raise dues to \$35.00 which will gain us \$560.00. Still short \$850.00**
- 2) **Due remain at \$25.00 but each club will be required to pay \$2.30 per member. (Income \$1405.30)**

**A notice of motions for the 2010 AGM will be made that:**

**“The BBSRDA Board of Directors be empowered to withdraw from 2006 Convention funds an amount not to exceed \$1000.00 on a yearly basis until such time as the Association income meets its operating expenses.”**

**“The disbursement committee limit any and all expense recommendations to only those that are directly involved with the recruitment of new dancers and caller/cuer training”**

**We the current board of directors strongly believe that all of us, Dancers, Callers and Cuers must remain united in our efforts to improve our declining membership and by working together keep our association strong and operating till such a time as the situation improves.**

**This is the only way the pastime we all love, and has given us so many hours of enjoyment, will survive.**

**Each member club is entitled to six voting members at the AGM, but all members can attend the AGM. We recommend and encourage as many members as possible attend the 2010 AGM and make their views known.**

Erwin Rollauer  
President BBSRDA.