

UVISDA
Regular meeting on Sunday September 7th, 2025
at Royston Hall
Time: 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM

1. Welcome: Meeting began at 11:03 AM. Bob Chalmers thanked everyone for coming.

2. Attendance: We do have quorum. (14 present)

Executives: Bob Chalmers, President & Chair; Keith Kent, Treasurer; Esther Wong, Vice President

Delegates: Bonnie Haapala & Helena Hiltz from Amalgam-Eighters, Stacey Ruegg and Ron Berg from Star Dusters, Mireille Earle from Ripple Rockets, Diana and Jake Ring from Ring's Squares and Rounds, Connie Ritchie and Wendie Harrington from Island Gems, Dave Floyd and Doreen Miskae from Ocean Waves.

Welcome to Helena Hiltz as the new delegate for Amalgam-Eighters.

Stacey Ruegg volunteered to be Secretary. Thank you, Stacey.

3. Agenda: Bob informed the members to add additions to the agenda during Old Business or during New Business.

4. Minutes of General Meeting May 31st, 2025: It was noted that the motion from May 31 meeting about "no pets" did not include the name of the mover. It was identified to be Diana Ring. Connie moved, Dave 2nd, minutes be adopted as revised. Carried.

5. Treasurer's Report: Keith advised that we have a \$3192.29 bank balance. Since the last meeting, we have had revenue of \$1123.25, expenses of \$758, giving us a net income of \$465.25 since May 31. See typed report at bottom of minutes. Questions about GIC's were also answered. The rate of interest is 4%, over \$2000. Motion was made by Ester Wong and seconded by Stacey Ruegg to accept the financial statement as presented. Carried

6. Executive Reports:

President's Report:

There is interest in the LVI and the UVI dance associations partnering to hold the future annual joint dances. There appears to be interest in holding the joint dance later in the spring rather than in April due to travel concerns. I have also had success with the Old Time Fiddlers at the Fallen Alders. They are interested in combining our efforts to promote dancing.

There were no other Executive Reports.

7. Correspondence:

We did get minutes from LVIWSRDA and UVICTA. The significant correspondence will be referenced in future meetings.

8. Old Business Arising from Minutes:

UVISDA Dances:

September 28th, 2025. Nanoose Hall with Garry Dodds and Pat Zeeman, back-up Darrell Roberts
November 30th, 2025. Nanoose Hall with Elizabeth Hohner, no back-up
September 27th, 2026. Nanoose Hall
November 29th, 2026 Nanoose Hall

UVICTA Dances:

Feb 15th, 2026 Roundarama
April 26th, 2026 Freshman Frolic
June 7th, 2026 June Special

Special Event Dances:

October 19th, 2025 LVIWSRDA/VDCTA/CTN - Colwood Hall
November 2nd, 2025 Crossing Bridges – Nanoose Hall
March 29th, 2026, Joint LVIWSRDA & UVISDA, Garry Winters

Badges: No badge requests have been received as of this date from the Ripple Rockets, Star Dusters or the Ocean Waves. Those requests from Amalgam-Eighters are in progress. Connie has provided the badges and they will be presented on September 28th, 2025. Bob raised the question whether UVISDA should present the badges at the Club dances rather than the UVISDA dances to get more UVISDA visibility? Connie suggested that we keep presenting the badges at the UVISDA dances and if the individuals do not attend, then take and present them at their local dances. Club delegates are encouraged to ask at their club dances whether there are any dancers interested in acquiring a badge for their years of square dancing. There is recognition that not all dancers are interested in the badges.

Social Supplies Storage: Nanoose Place have agreed for us to store 2 totes at the hall. After copious discussion, Stacey moved, Wendie 2nd, that UVISDA purchase 2 totes for the kitchen supplies, and our holdings be consolidated down to fit in them. All were in agreement. Bob will purchase 2 totes. Decisions will be made at the September 28th dance as to what items to keep and what items to dispose of. If you can spare a few minutes to help Ocean Waves with this, please do so at the Sept 28 dance.

How Long to Keep UVISDA records: Bob moved, Bonnie 2nd. To keep important documents (ie: Meeting Minutes, Financial Records, Constitution & ByLaws) for 7 yrs. Carried. Photo albums – will be brought to a couple dances, people can take any photos they want, the rest can be disposed of.

Fallen Alders and Old Time Fiddlers: The next date that works will be the 4th Sunday of October, the 26th. Bob will work on finding a caller for this event. Clubs can assist by providing some competent dancers. This is an opportunity for UVISDA to demonstrate square dancing to the community, and perhaps gain some new members to join our clubs.

9) New Business:

Club Reports: printed below.

UVICTA report: will not be attached but any important items from the UVICTA meeting will be shared with the UVISDA Executive Committee members.

Promoting Square & Round Dancing: Individuals talked about their club efforts like posters and radio to promote dancing. It was brought up that Wendie updates region 8 website, so representatives, please send her any updates. Representatives, please go back to your clubs and talk up and ensure members know about UVISDA.

Social Responsibilities for UVISDA Dances:

We have a rotating schedule for the clubs to manage the dance socials. For September 28th, we just need to bring milk and cream, cookies and snacks. However, we do need to be sure that the totes that will remain at Nanoose Hall will be kept supplied with the other necessary items. Rotation will be Ocean Waves Sept. 2025, Amalgam-Eighters Nov 2025, followed by the Star Dusters, Ripple Rockets, Island Gems and Ring's Square and Rounds. And then we repeat.

Karin Sorger and Dave Floyd have volunteered to manage the Social responsibilities for the September 28th dance on behalf of the Ocean Waves.

Securing a Secretary and Someone to help with Promotion: Please, everyone keep in mind if you could help with these responsibilities.

2027 Provincial Host:

Connie brought up that Wendy Krueger is looking for a region to host 2027 Provincial Festival or a mini festival. Connie said she would mention it at UVISDA. Bob suggested that the Courtney Exhibition Grounds could be a possibility. Bonnie said she went to the Nanaimo conference centre and they could not provide suitable enough floors for such an event. A bit more discussion on pros and cons. Everyone to think on this.

BC Fed Representative: Denise had offered to be BC Representative for UVICTA. I will approach Denise to see if she will also be the BC Representative for UVISDA, since Norm Hopland has stepped away from that roll.

Club Reports:

Ocean Waves Report to UVISDA, September 7, 2025, by Dave Floyd

Official club dancing was over at the end of May.

Catch the Wave happened in July. Attendance was about average. Calling was provided by Jake Ring, Gord Ruedig and Fran Archambault, with cueing by Diana Ring. Sue Diederichs was our Emcee for Friday and Saturday dances.

The Fanny Bay Hall has had a linoleum floor installed over the hardwood floor. This, of course, took all the slide out of the floor, making dancing of any style difficult. Word is we are looking for another hall for next year. The campfire and sing-along following the Catch the Wave dance appeared to be a big hit. Music was provided by Pat Barr and Sue Diederichs, and popcorn and song sheets helped to put everyone in a campfire mood.

We had a small presence in the Nautical Days parade and did a demo at the entertainment venue.

Recently we did another demo at Berwick Retirement Residence.

We had a very successful club picnic at Air Force Beach. Lots of good dishes of food, and dancing on the tidal flats and pools. Thanks to Keith Kent for securing such a good venue for us and to Rick Granberg for supplying the fabulous callers and music.

To the present, our first dance last night had 40 people signed in, and Jake and Diana Ring were welcomed as our new caller/cuer couple. We had 3 squares all evening, and 2 tips of 4 squares.

Tomorrow night is the start of our lessons. I have heard the call went out for extra angels. This is good news.

Our caller in training, Denise Jensen, was unable to attend our first dance last night. We are looking forward to dancing to her calls in the near future.

Star Dusters Club Report by Stacey Ruegg

Sept 7 2025

Across the Pond was a success with close to 100 dancers and 8-9 squares at the height of dance. Thanks to all who attended and helped make it a success.

Club start up will be Thursday Sept 11 7-9pm

Class start up – 2 free lessons Sept 16 and 23, class starts Sept 30

New – Round dance (intro to rounds) starting Monday Sept 22, with two free try out dates, then lessons to follow. 7pm to 9pm.

Amalgam-Eighters Club Report - for September 7th, 2025 UVISDA Meeting

Our dances are held every 1st and 3rd Friday of the Month.

Note: Our dance times have been changed to 7:00 pm. to 9:00 pm.

For special theme dances refer to our website:

amalgam-eighters.squaredance.bc.ca — or pick up a hard copy at any of our dances.

Dances are held at Costin Hall, 3772 Lantzville Road, Lantzville, BC

A sad note:

Chuck Rieger, former Caller for the Travelling Squares passed away on August 8th, 2025.

He is survived by his wife, Diane. A Celebration of Life was held at the Holy Trinity

Catholic Church on August 23rd, 2025.

Submitted by: Helena Hiltz

Ripple Rockets Report for UVISDA September 7th 2025 by Mireille Earle

September 13th, 2025, we are having a class in the afternoon and a dance that night. Blast-off was a success and we were told that people want to come back.

Ring's Square & Rounds Report for UVISDA September 7th,2025

We will be starting Round Dance lessons in October, starting with Phase 2 + Two-Step and then continuing in January with a new round of lessons going through the Phase 2 + Waltz.

At this time, we do not have workshops scheduled. If we cannot get enough to do round dance classes, we can then look at the possibility of workshops for both Squares & Rounds.

Diana Ring

ISLAND GEMS REPORT TO UVISDA- SEPTEMBER 7, 2025 by Wendie Harrington

Island Gems start their Thursday night dances on September 11. This year we are offering a different format. There will be a workshop from 6:30 to 7:15 for those who want to start learning the higher phases. Our regular dance will run from 7:15-9:15. The beginning portion of the evening program will be geared to the workshop participants who are invited to stay. For September we are working on Waltz, Cha and rumba next and then Foxtrot. Our Thursday evenings take place at our regular venue, Wellington Hall.

In addition this year we are offering beginner lessons for Two Step. These classes will start on September 29 and will take place at Pleasant Valley Hall, a change of location. We hope to have the newer square dancers join us for this set of lessons.

Treasurer's Typed Report:

UVISDA Financial Statement **1 June to 7 Sep 2025**

Balance from last report		\$2,727.14 not 2952.14
Credits		Bank Balance 31 May
2025 \$2727.14		
Dance Income	\$1,103.25	
Ocean Waves UVISDA Fee	\$ 20.00	
Star Duster UVISDA Fee	\$ 20.00	
Amagam-Eighters UVISDA Fee	\$ 20.00	
Island Gems UVISDA Fee	\$ 20.00	
Rings Square and Rounds Fee	\$ 20.00	
Ripple Rockets UVISD Fee	\$ 20.00	
Total	\$ 1,223.25	\$ 3950.39
Debit		
Nanoose Hall Rental	\$ 200.00	
Caller	\$ 558.00	
Total	\$ 758.00	
Total		\$ 3192.39
		Bank Balance 31/08-2025
\$3,192.39		
Non-Registered Term Deposits		
Interest Rate	4.000%	
Float	\$150.00	

Meeting was Adjourned at 12:29 pm to be followed by dancer workshop at 1:00 pm.

Next Meeting: Jan 11th, 2026. Time currently set for 11am.