

Metro Square and Round Dance Association

Minutes of Annual General Meeting, Sunday, 4 March 2012

Sackville Heights Community Centre, 7 pm

Attendees:

Don and Carol Scott	Chairman, Central Region Reps
Dottie Welch	Secretary, Metro Matters Editor, Sail Sets
Bob and Inge Ruohoniemi	National Society

Regrets:

Barry & Dyanna Bendle	Treasurer, Timberlea Twirlers
Russ and Mary Trimper	Publicity, Stardusters
Mary Sargeant	Lake City Swingers, Coordinators

1-3. Welcome, Agenda and Minutes:

1. Welcome: Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm by Don Scott
2. Adoption of the Agenda:
Motion to approve as circulated by, 2nd Bob, passed.
3. Minutes of 4 December 2011 General Meeting
Motion to approve as circulated by Dottie, 2nd Inge, passed.

4. Business Arising from Minutes:

- a) Christmas Daddies Video:
Russ Trimper requested from CTV the possibility of using some of the footage from Christmas Daddies performance this year. No answer yet.
Don Scott and Gary Welch both took footage during Christmas Dances this year.
Editing is yet to be done.

5. Correspondence: (None)

6. Reports from Officers:

- a) **Chairman, Don and Carol Scott:** Nothing new to report.
- b) **Treasurer, Barry Bendle:** Barry sent report by e-mail
Balance as of December 4, 2011: \$2785.43
Balance as of March 1, 2012: \$2785.43
Motion to approve report as presented by Barry, 2nd Bob, passed
- c) **Publicity, Russ & Mary Trimper:**
Breakfast TV filmed on the morning of December 22nd at Bloomfield School. Two squares of dancers were present in fancy Christmas attire. The footage was shown the next morning (Friday, December 23rd).
Ron McIsaac's Country Music Demos: A square of dancers performed demonstration dancing during three Country Music Shows organized by Ron McIsaac. The events were January 8 and February 5 (two squares) at the Kinsmen's Community Centre in Lower Sackville, and January 29 at a benefit for Martin's River Fire Hall. Dottie Welch called for all 3 events.
- d) **Metro Matters Editor, Dottie Welch:** Nothing new to report
- e) **Central Region Representative, Don Scott:**
Next SRDFNS meeting is April 20th in Bridgewater before the Honolulu Hoedown.

f) **DANS:**

- Dianne Milligan is retiring March 2013.
- The Winter 2012 DANS Revue has an article entitled "Square Dancers on the South Shore" that discusses the promotional efforts of Cathy and Paul Langille.
- The "Community Links - Aging Well Together" March 2012 issue includes an article entitled "Square Dance - for Fun and Fitness".

g) **Canadian Square and Round Dance Society, Bob & Inge Ruohoniemi:** (see report)

- The Society Board has recommended that all Canadian square dance flyers and correspondence include society website <www.squaredance.ca> and the toll free number 1-866-206-6696. Both systems have volunteers looking after them to provide current information to dancers and to the general public.
- It was reconfirmed that the Liability Insurance for each year begins only from 1 January. New dancers coming to the activity are not covered until they are included in the next year's insurance policy. Additions to the membership can be made until the end of February. The Society is working on some better way to deal with new dancers.
- The Festival 2014 Committee is busy making the arrangements for the Convention to be held July 17-19 2014, at the new Ottawa Convention Centre. One portion of the Centre was tested July 21st, 2011 at a special fund-raiser. The next dance there will be held on Friday, 20 July 2012. Those planning to attend F2014 are encouraged to register for the Festival before reserving a hotel room.
- The Society Appeal to Support Japanese Square Dance Earthquake and Tsunami Victims. Has raised \$3,200 of which \$2,500 is from NS. Some provinces are still considering their donations.
- The Society Board is searching for someone to become the Chair of the Society Publicity Committee. Anyone interested is asked to contact the NS Society Directors. The Publicity Committee would deal with things such as CARP advertising, media advertising, and producing material to better inform the public about the five actives (Squares, Rounds, Contras, Lines, Clogging).
- The Canada Council of the Arts will be conducting a survey of all forms of dance in Canada. Consultants have been hired to prepare the survey. The Canadian Square & Round Dance Society members will be asked to participate.
- The next Society Board meeting will be by teleconference on 22 April. The Society AGM 2012 will be held in Ottawa on July 20th.

7. Club Reports

- a) **Coordinators, Dottie:** Dancing 2-3 squares most nights. Sail Into Summer will be on Friday, May 4th (note change in day and a week earlier).
- b) **Lake City Swingers, Dottie:** One single lady is in regular attendance and progressing rapidly. Another is waiting for safer driving after the snow and dark. Don Scott is calling one tip a night.
- c) **Fun Squares:** no report
- d) **Harmony Squares, from Kerry by email:** Dancing Sundays with 3 couples in class and 6 couples in the club. We do not have a badge made yet but it is in progress. Come and visit anytime but call Kerry first because they don't dance every Sunday.
- e) **MMM / Ocean Waves:** No report
- f) **Parkland at the Lake, Dottie:** Dancing one square on first and third Wednesday afternoons (2-3:30) each month. Visitors are always welcome. Two dancers attended the Heart Dance.
- g) **Tidal Waves:** Dancing 1 square but only danced twice since New Year's.
- h) **Sail Sets, Dottie:** Dancing 2 couples to 2 squares. Lots of knee problems.

- i) **Stardusters**, Russ & Mary: No report
- j) **Timberlea Twirlers**, Barry: No report
- k) **Dancing Shadows**, Dottie: Still haven't managed a dance this winter.
- l) **Fun Time Rounds**: No report
- m) **Contra Time Dancers**, Dottie: Held our first dance at the Lutheran Church on Windsor Street near Quinpool Road. The crowd was small but with this better dance floor hopefully numbers will improve.
- n) **Contra Intro at Ardoise**: We have held three successful Introductory nights.

8. Old Business

- a) **New Year's Eve, Saturday, 31 December 2011**
 St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, charge \$10 per person
 Dottie Welch calling and cueing
 Christmas Carols Charades
 Income:
 22 Dancers in attendance (\$220 income)
 50/50 Draw: \$16 in tickets purchased, Christine Dixon won \$8
 Total Income = \$228
 Expenses: Hall \$75, Caller & Cuer \$125
 Net Profit to Metro: \$28
- b) **Heart Fund Dance, Feb 25th at North Woodside gym:**
 18 Couples, 13 musicians, raised \$505, Mary sent thank you to Fiddlers.

9. Current and New Business

- a) **Summer Dancing 2012:**
 Starting on Thursday, June 7, 2012 and ending July 26, 2012. 8-10 pm
 St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church.
 Tentative Schedule presented by Dottie and discussed.
 When the schedule is ready it will be passed to Paul Langille for the SRDFNS
 Summer Brochure (tentatively due on March 1st) and put on the website.

10. Updates to Special Dance Schedule:

Apr 16, 2012	Timberlea Twirlers 50-60's Dance
Apr 21, 2012	Fun Squares Apple Crisp, St. Luke's Church
May 4, 2012	Coordinators Sail Into Summer (Friday and 1 week earlier)
May 10, 2012	Starduster's Pie Night Fund Raiser
May 17, 2012	Dice Hill Squares Mulberry Dance
Oct 13, 2012	Lake City Swingers Swing Into Fall

11. Date and Location of next meeting:

AGM Sunday, September 30, 2012, 7 pm, Sackville Heights Community Centre

- 12. Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn, Dottie, 8:30

Respectfully Submitted,
 Dottie Welch, Metro Secretary