

# **Metro Square and Round Dance Association Annual General Meeting, Sunday 3 October 2010**

Sackville Heights Community Centre

## **Attendees:**

Don and Carol Scott	Chairman, Central Region Reps
Dottie Welch	Secretary, Metro Matters Editor, Sail Sets
Bernard Conrad	Timberlea Twirlers
Barry & Dyanna Bendle	Treasurer
Bob & Inge Ruohoniemi	CSRDS Reps
Russ & Mary Trimper	Stardusters

## Regrets:

Betty Conrad sent her regrets  
Mary Sargeant sent her regrets

1. Welcome by Don Scott at 6:10 pm
2. Motion by Carol, 2nd Bob R, to adopt the agenda as amended with additional New Business.
3. Minutes of the last meeting (16 May 2010)  
Motion by Dottie, 2nd Inge to accept as distributed, passed

## **4. Business Arising from the Minutes**

- a) Fun Squares are back in good standing with SRDFNS and have been since June.
- b) Halifax Forum: Barry reports that there isn't any good place to dance.  
Farmer's Market: Just opened, we have not yet looked for dance possibilities.
- c) 50's Expo: Don made our offer to demo in our usual space once an hour between noon and 4. But they replied that they couldn't coordinate it. Perhaps there was confusion about conflicts with the main stage performances or with other demos. We did not have a booth this year.
- d) Cole Harbour Place wanted us to participate in their fun and health fair on 11 September 2010. Dottie was away, Don sent the information to Bruce but it never got organized.
- e) Breakfast TV: Dottie received a panic call from Breakfast TV on Tuesday before the National Convention wanting us to perform Wednesday morning (setup day). No way could that happen!
- f) SRDFNS produced a list of Clubs that offer Beginner Dancing. It was available at the National and mailed out with the September club mailing.

## **5. Correspondence**

- a) Dottie sent our \$300 cheque to St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church for 10 summer dances.

## **6. Reports from Officers**

### **a) Chairman: Don Scott**

It has been a good year for us:

- 1) Change of dance venue for the Summer has produced a profit
- 2) We had a good National Convention
- 3) New Year's dance went on this year with a net profit of \$36

4) Did not lose any more clubs this year

5) Had graduate dancers in some clubs

**Negative Items**

1) No participation in the summer parades this year

2) Did not do the Fun and Health Fair at Cole Harbour Place

3) Could not make satisfactory arrangements with the 50+ Expo

4) Lost some dancers

**b) Treasurer:**

Bank Balance in May \$2371.57

**Income:**

Summer dance door \$ 860.00

Summer dance 50/50 income 57.50

Clothing Donations 14.50

Total Income 932.00

**Expenses:**

Hall Rent St. Andrew's \$ 300.00

Callers and Cuers \$ 330.00

Candy \$ 3.44

Joint Stocks Registration \$ 28.03

Total Expenses 661.48

Bank Balance September 25, 2010 \$2642.09

Moved by Barry to adopt financial report, 2nd Russ, passed.

**c) Publicity:** No chairman, no report

**d) Metro Matters:** Dottie Welch

No issue in the works at this time

**e) Central Region Reps:** Don Scott

Federation AGM is on 16 October, 2010

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**f) National Society:** Bob Ruohoniemi

Society had a very successful Canadian National in Halifax this summer

New Board of Directors and Officers

President: Bob Ruohoniemi, Nova Scotia (Bob and Inge)

Vice President: Eric McCormack, New Brunswick (Eric and Dianne)

Treasurer: Roy Church, Newfoundland (Roy and Joan)

Secretary: Lorraine Kozera, Manitoba (Lorraine and John)

Membership Chair: Mathieu Laporte, Quebec

Public Relations: Stephanie Charters, Quebec

Professional Development Chair: Bill Treleaven, Saskatchewan (Bill and Shorley)

Honours and Awards Chair: Wendell Brown (Wendell and Edythe)  
Convention Coordinator: Norman Demeule, Alberta (Norman and Loretta)  
By-Laws Chair: Bill Taylor, Ontario (Bill and Bonnie)  
Directors: Darcy and Beth McGifford, British Columbia

Society Webmaster: Dan Roy, Ontario  
Tele-conference scheduled for 21 November, 2010

#### **g) National Conventions**

Next convention scheduled for Ottawa in 2014 with plans to use the new Convention Centre yet to be built.

**h) DANS:** The Federation needs a new representative to DANS.

Motion to accept the reports of the officers by Carol, 2nd Barry,

#### **7. Club Reports**

a) **Coordinators, Dottie:** Back in action, same time and place.

b) **Lake City Swingers, Dottie:** Back in action, 1 new dancer but lost one couple.

Swing Into Fall is October 16th usual place with Live Music, Strawberry and Blueberry Shortcake.

c) **Fun Squares:** Planned to open last night

d) **Metro Merry Makers / Ocean Waves:** Back in action

e) **Tidal Waves, Barry:** Back in action but off the next couple of weeks due to Kerry's wedding today "third time lucky". One square give or take.

f) **Sail Sets, Dottie:** Also back in action but missing a few of the long-time members.

g) **Stardusters, Russ:** At our latest executive meeting, we learned there were 3-5 individuals between the ages of 12 and 16 that have expressed interest in coming to this year's class. This presents some problems as our constitution sets the age limit for club membership at 18. It was agreed to accept them as class members as long as they are accompanied by a parent/guardian. A decision on changing the age limit in our constitution will have to be considered before the class is finished in April 2011.

We held Open House nights on September 23 and 30th. On September 30, we had 9 new individuals including 3 under age 16. Everyone seemed to enjoy themselves and we are hopeful the 9 will join us as class members. Our class will operate on Thursday nights from 7:00-8:30. Club dancing will be on Thursdays from 8:30 – 10:00.

h) **Timberlea Twirlers, Bernie:** Dancing two squares when all there, plus have a new couple. Started on 13 September.

i) **Dancing Shadows:** Hope to begin "Winter" dancing after the Crowe's finish "Summer" cueing for the Valley group.

j) **Fun Time Rounds:** Started but skipping two weeks while the Crowes are away.

k) **Contra Time Dancers:** Had our first dance on 25 September with a good sized crowd. Next dance will be Oct 30. Come in costume if you wish.

#### **8. Old Business**

##### **a) Summer Dancing**

See the financial report above. Our new dancers came on a regular basis. We had several visitors around the time of the National Convention. The new venue worked okay, we did need the fan on

some evenings. Rod Padmore has the fan in storage at this time. Having the names of host clubs and representatives helps in case of an emergency.

b) **Canada Day:** Dottie called for one square to dance at Grand Parade for the Canada Day Pancake Breakfast. As usual, we were well received.

c) **Natal Day Parades:** About 30 squares danced at Sackville Landing on Friday and Saturday morning during the National Convention. Before the National we realized that there were very few dancers who expected to have energy to dance on the Monday morning following the National. It was not worthwhile to bring the float to Halifax for just the Eastern Passage Parade, especially since many of our usual float dancers were not available.

We discussed our future use of the float which is in need of repairs if it is to continue to be used. Due to our aging dance population, which is making many less willing to dance on the float, we concluded that we do not anticipate being able to continue this means of publicizing square dancing.

Motion by Russ, 2nd by Carol, that we inform the Federation that the Metro Association will not be requiring the trailer for the foreseeable future. Passed

## 9. Election of Officers

Chairman: Don & Carol Scott

Vice Chairman: (vacant)

Secretary: Dottie Welch

Treasurer: Barry & Dyanna Bendle

Publicity: Aim is to get information out to the general public about dance events for beginners.

Bernie nominated Ross and Mary Trimper. Accepted.

Metro Matters Editor: Dottie Welch

Central Region Representatives: Don & Carol Scott

## 10. New Business

a) **New Year's Eve**, Friday, 31 December 2010

Dottie confirmed with Sandy MacDonald that we can use St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church.

Barry Bendle is willing to call, Lionel Crowe is willing to cue.

> Dottie will produce flyers for New Year's and get the information on the website.

Contact: Barry & Dyanna, with Don & Carol, Dottie & Gary

> b) **Heart Fund Dance:** Aim for Friday, 25 February, at North Woodside CC.

Dottie to check on hall availability. (It is available and has been booked.)

c) **Registry of Joint Stocks:**

Renewal Bill was paid by September 30th.

Changes in Board of Director information:

Delete Jim and Pat Briggs

Russell Trimper, retired, 42 MacCormack Lane, Eastern Passage, B3G 1A3

Mary Trimper, retired

Carol, retired

> Dottie will complete the financial report and update the Officer listing

**d) Second Hand Clothing needs a new mistress**

Pat Briggs has three boxes. She would like to pass all of these on by New Years. Direct Pat to sort and discard the items that are unlikely to sell. Combine the rest with the clothes Dottie has.

Suggestion that we might be able to store the boxes in the church during the summer dances.

Note: **Value Village at Bayer's Lake has some small new stuff left over from one of the shops at the National.**

**e) Festival 2010 Transfer of Funds**

With the Thank You notes sent to volunteers working on Halifax National Festival 2010, the Burns indicated that there would be a dinner to thank the volunteers in the Spring. A request has been made to allocate some of the 2010 profits towards this. There has been some discussion among the Stardusters regarding these plans. Many would prefer to see the funds used for a more productive cause. Also, next Spring is deemed to be too late for this event.

The opinion of those present is that this is an inappropriate allocation of funds from the National Convention. We wish to transmit this opinion to the Federation AGM.

Moved by Russ, 2nd by Bernie, passed unanimously.

Russ suggests that the clubs should be consulted before the Federation decides what to do with the profits from the National.

**f) Publicity ideas**

We tossed around ideas about Christmas Daddies and Breakfast TV. Russ will look into these and other possibilities.

**11. Updates to Special Dance Schedule**

Oct 16, 2010 SRDFNS AGM and Lake City Swingers Swing Into Fall

Nov 5-6, 2010 Maritime Square & Round Dance Convention, Old Orchard Inn

Oct 19, 2010 MMM / Ocean Waves Harvest Moon Dance, 7:30, Bloomfield Centre

Dec 31, 2010 Metro New Year's Eve Potluck Dinner and Dance

Apr 11, 2011 Timberlea Twirlers 50/60's Dance

Apr 16, 2011 Fun Square's Apple Crisp Dance

May 12, 2011 Starduster's Pie Dance

May 14, 2011 Coordinator's Sail Into Summer

May 19, 2011 Dice Hill's Mulberry Dance

June 3-4, 2011 Advanced Atlantic Adventure, Saint John, NB

**12. Date & Location of Next Meeting**

December 12, 2010 at 7 pm

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**13. Adjournment**

Motion by Barry B to adjourn at 8:30 pm

Respectfully submitted,  
Dottie Welch, Metro Secretary