

Metro Square and Round Dance Association
Annual General Meeting, Sunday, 27 September 2009
Sackville Heights Community Centre

Attendees:

Don Scott	Chairman, Central Region Reps
Dottie Welch	Secretary, Metro Matters Editor, Sail Sets
Barry & Dyanna Bendle	Treasurer
Bernard & Betty Conrad	Timberlea Twirlers
Jim and Pat Briggs	Publicity, Stardusters

Regrets:

Mary Sargeant	Lake City Swingers, Coordinators
Bob & Inge Ruohoniemi	National Society
Lionel & Janet Crowe	Fun Time Rounds

1. Welcome: Meeting called to order at 6:00 pm by Don Scott

2. Adoption of the Agenda:

Motion to approve as circulated by Jim, 2nd Barry, passed

3. Minutes of 22 March 2009

Motion to approve as circulated by Dottie, 2nd Carol, passed

4. Business Arising from Minutes:

Open House information was received from the Metro area clubs. A brochure was created for the 50+ Expo listing known Open Houses and NS clubs who teach beginning dancers. It has been circulate around the province and placed on the SRDFNS website since then.

5. Correspondence:

Don received a phone call regarding the Cole Harbour Fall Health Fair scheduled for 11 September, 2009. With only a week's notice it was impossible to muster a caller and dancers to participate.

6. Reports from Officers

a) **Chairman, Don Scott:** Report to the SRDFNS

After x number of years as chair couple, there has been little change in the overall condition of the Association. The number of clubs is diminishing and the apathy is still evident in the lack of club members participating and the overall numbers support us.

The attendance at summer dances was the worst in memory since we started the single night concept, and the location has not improved the attendance. The consensus of those at the last dance was that we have to, once again, change locations due to decreasing numbers and price increases. We cannot continue to loose funds each year.

We have tried to make members aware of the need for this organization, the benefits of its continuation, and the need for their support. Unfortunately there has been little increase in help. With the upcoming 2010 National we see little immediate hope of expanding the number of active Directors. So we must continue to struggle on with those we have, the dedicated few.

I can not do the parades next year, so a driver will have to be found if we are to continue to participate in the advertising and public events. We need to increase the public awareness of Square Dancing, but this requires membership support. There is a core of dedicated people who support and continue to do all

the work, and we are grateful to them. Without their work Metro would founder and end. Thanks for your continued support.

b) **Treasurer, Barry Bendle:**

Summer Dances Income		
Clothing Donations	57.55	
50/50 Draw	53.50	
Door Receipts	910.00	
Total Income		1021.05
Summer Dances Expenses		
Hall Rental	810.00	
Candy	11.00	
Leaders Fees	310.00	
Cash Shortage	10.00	
Festival 2010 Donation	132.05	
Total Expenses		1273.05
Summer Dances Net (loss)		(252.00)

Yearly Report October 2008 through September 2009:

Balance on 30 September 2008		\$2936.43
Income		
From Summer Dancing	1021.05	
Expenses		
Summer Dancing	1273.05	
Metro Insurance for 2009	5.00	
Heart Dance Hall Rent	30.00	
Trailer Mileage	279.83	
Bank Service Fee	10.00	
Total Expenses		1597.88
Balance on 28 September 2009		2359.60
Registry of Joint Stocks	28.03	
Balance on 29 September 2009		\$2331.57

The Heart and Stroke Foundation of Nova Scotia received \$575 in donations at the Heart Dance on April 17th, 2009 (the dance was delayed because Dottie was too ill to call).

Barry is working on some way to avoid the banking fee.

Barry moved, Carol 2nd, that we accept the Treasurer's report, passed.

c) **Publicity, Pat & Jim Briggs:**

Pat put an announcement about the Stardusters' Open House in the Community News, the Daily News, on Seaside FM Radio, and on Eastlink Cable. Jim answered two phone call queries. She didn't have the information about other open houses. It needs to be given directly to Pat next year.

d) **Metro Matters Editor, Dottie Welch:**

The National Convention has priority. Hope to have an issue by New Years. Note that Between Tips needs a new editor.

e) **Central Region Rep, Don Scott:**

The Federation's AGM is 17 October at North Woodside Community Centre. We are looking for a Central Region location to store the trailer since we are the only region using it. Trailer is 20 feet long, 8 feet wide and about 7 feet high when closed.

- f) **Halifax National Festival 2010**, Dottie Welch:
- We will need a crew to put down the click flooring and remove it.
 - Decorating committee will need help in placing and removing decorations.
 - Registration will need help at the desk on Wednesday and Thursday.
 - Fashion Show models are needed to showcase unique outfits.
 - Plan to participate in the Banner Parade on Thursday morning.
 - Calling all Nova Scotians to participate in the Opening Ceremonies: wear the attire, march in, line up, welcome our visitors, and dance the first tip.

DANS: The Square Dance in the Schools package is very close to completion.

CSRDS, Bob Ruohoniemi: The Annual General Meeting was held in Winnipeg last weekend. There were no major items affecting the members. Society fees remain the same for 2010-2011.

7. Club Reports

- a) Coordinators, Dottie: First dance is tomorrow.
- b) Lake City Swingers, Dottie: First open house was last Thursday. We had one new couple from the Contra dancers and a single lady from the Red Hat group. Also there is a possible sister pair coming this week.
- Swing Into Fall will be held on 17 October, 2009 at N. Woodside CC with the usual Live Music followed by Strawberry and Blueberry Shortcake, 8-10 pm.
- c) Fun Squares, Don: Scotts were at their first open house last night. They had one new couple taken by the Scotts and a couple of squares of club dancers. Closed next week because of the Bluenose RV Squares and Scotia's Final Dance.
- d) MMM/Ocean Waves, Dottie: Laurie Naugler reported 2 squares dancing last Tuesday.
- e) Tidal Waves, Barry: Tidal Waves is now separate from Ocean Waves and caller run by Kerry Fletcher, dancing Friday, 8-10 at Bloomfield.
- e) Sail Sets, Dottie: There were the usual 2 squares out for our first dance last Tuesday.
- f) Scotia Dancers, Don: Final dance will be on October 3rd, free, lunch. The club is 43 years old. Bob and Inge Ruohoniemi have the historical records.
- g) Stardusters, Pat: First open house last Thursday, 3 squares of regular members there and 7 single women. There will be a 40th Anniversary Dance on the 5th of November.
- h) Timberlea Twirlers, Bernie: 6.5 couples, no newcomers yet.
- i) Dancing Shadows, Dottie: We danced to the CDs from Alex until the Crowe's began their summer Sunday Rounds in the Valley. We plan to dance again when that ends for the winter.
- k) Fun Time Rounds, Barry: The Monday Club and Wednesday Class groups have started for the season. The plan is to discontinue for January and February due to the bad roads in the winter.
- l) Contra Time Dancers, Dottie: We had about 28 dancers last night who enjoyed music provided by our usual fiddler, a young substitute guitarist, along with the occasional contribution of a banjo by one of the dancers. The third year of Smokin' Contra Dancing is also up and running successfully. It is a young and energetic group.

8. Old Business

a) Summer Dancing

The number of dancers was disappointing this summer. We agreed that we must change our hall to one that is less expensive. Note that Phil Jack went looking for another possible facility for the Stardusters. He did find a room at Alderney Gate for \$25 per night. St. Andrew's still costs \$30 per night. Possibilities will be investigated.

b) Parades

We participated in two successful parades. Heavy overnight rain threatened to cancel the Dartmouth parade but ended in time for a safe performance under cloudy skies. We had 3 squares dancing on the bridge and 6 couples on the float. The 2010 Board Members were invited to dance on the float in Dartmouth and came in their tartan outfits. We had 6 couples on the float in Eastern Passage. Thanks to Dottie and Kerry for calling and to Don and Carol for obtaining the float and driving. We received the award for Best Non Commercial Float in Eastern Passage.

> The parade committee asked Pat if the square dancers could organize participation by some of our National Festival visitors in the parade next year. The theme in 2010 will be the 100th Anniversary of the Canadian Navy.

c) Current Club Charges:

Stardusters \$125 per year, visitor is \$10/couple/night.
Fun Squares is \$130 per year, \$7/couple/night for visitors.
Lake City Swingers, Coordinators & Sail Sets are \$5/person/night.
Timberlea Twirlers is \$8/couple/night for club and \$10 for guests.

9. Election of Officers: All agreed to continue as we are.

Chaircouple: Don & Carol Scott,
Vice Chair: Bernie & Betty Conrad
Publicity: Jim & Pat Briggs
Treasurer: Barry & Dyanna Bendle
Secretary & Metro Matters Editor: Dottie Welch

10. New Business

a) New Year's Eve 2009: Thursday, 31 December 2009 at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church. Plan to try again to have Terry Hebert call.

b) Heart Fund Dance 2010: Tentatively set for Friday, 26 February 2010 unless that is a conflict with the Valley Heart Dance.

c) Registry of Join Stocks annual update: The Directors information is still correct. Renewal fee is \$28.03 and due on September 30th.

11. Updates to Special Dance Schedule:

Oct 3 Scotia Dancers Final Dance
Oct 17 SRDFNS AGM and Lake City Swingers Swing Into Fall
Nov 5 Stardusters 40th Anniversary Dance
Nov 6-7 Maritime Square & Round Dance Convention in Fredericton
Dec 31 Metro New Year's Eve Dance at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church
Feb 26 Metro Heart Dance
Apr 12 Timberlea Twirlers 50-60's Dance
Apr 24 Fun Squares Apple Crisp
May 15 Coordinators Sail Into Summer
May 20 Stardusters Pie Night
May 20 Dice Hill Squares Mulberry Dance
July 29-31 Halifax National Festival 2010

12. Date and Location of next meeting:

AGM, Sunday, December 6, 2009, 6 pm, Sackville Heights Community Centre

13. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn, Barry, 7:55.

Respectfully Submitted, Dottie Welch, Metro Secretary