

Metro Square and Round Dance Association
Annual General Meeting, Sunday, 21 September 2008
Sackville Heights Community Centre

Attendees:

Don and Carol Scott Chairman, Central Region Reps
Dottie Welch Secretary, Metro Matters Editor, Sail Sets
Barry and Dyanna Bendle Treasurer
Bernard Conrad Timberlea Twirlers
Bob & Inge Ruohoniemi Scotia Dancers, National Society
Jim and Pat Briggs Publicity, Stardusters

Regrets:

Mary Sargeant Lake City Swingers, Coordinators

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

2. Adoption of the Agenda
Motion to adopt as circulated by Barry, 2nd Bob, passed.

3. Minutes, 20 April 2008
Motion to accept as circulated by Bernard, 2nd Barry, passed.

4. Business Arising from Minutes

a) **Advertisement for Parks and Recreation** fall brochure was designed and submitted and came out very well. It is inside the back cover, the only coloured ad in the brochure.

b) **International Dance Day listing:** Dianne Milligan said they only want listings of open dances.

c) **Listing of the beginner classes** for the province was done by Dottie for the 50+ Expo and used also for the Retired Employees Association (160) and at Cole Harbour Health Fair.

d) Note that at the last summer dance the beginner class listing was also in demand by the dancers.

5. Correspondence (nothing new)

6. Reports from Officers

a) Chairman - Don Scott

Things went well this year. Summer Dances were down slightly. The parades were well received. 50+ Expo went over well.

b) **Treasurer** - Barry Bendle

Summer Dancing:

Door	\$1095.00	
50/50	56.00	
Donations	233.50	(210 + 23.50)
Total Income	1384.50	

Expenses

Misc candy etc.	\$ 22.00	
Leaders	350.00	(400-50 from Kerry)
Hall Rental	825.00	
Total Expenses	1197.00	

Net deposit: \$1384.50 - 22.00 - 350 = 1012.50

Summer Dance Profit: \$1384.50 - \$1197.00 = \$187.50
 Summer Dance Profit of \$187.50 will go to Fund Raising efforts of Festival 2010

Balance Reported Sept 29, 2007 \$3327.36
 (Actual Bank Balance on Sept 2007 statement \$3322.86)

	Expenses	Income	
Oct 07 Accounting Correction	4.50		
Oct 07 Registry Joint Stocks	26.70		
Oct 07 Copying	21.08		
Oct 07 Insurance	5.00		
Sackville Meeting Room	25.00		-82.28
Bank Statement Balance Feb 26, 2008			3245.08
Jun 08 Cole Harbour Place	825.00		
Aug 08 Trailer	271.04		
Aug 08 Summer Dance Net			
Deposits 798.50 + 214		1012.50	-83.54
Balance Sept. 20, 2008			3161.54
Sep 21 Bob for copying	10.40		
Sep 21 Registry Joint Stocks	27.21		
Sep 21 Festival 2010	187.50		-225.11
Balance Sept. 23, 2008			2936.43

Motion Barry, 2nd Bob, Treasurers report accepted as presented.

c) **Publicity** - Pat Briggs

Sent all the information out to the places suggested. Pat saw one for the Stardusters in the Community News. Scotia Dancers put their open houses in Coffee News and the Chronicle Herald.

The Winter Fair ad shows square dancing from years past.

> Pictures from the Parades have been sent by e-mail from Briggs to Welchs.

d) Metro Matters Editor - Dottie Welch

No time to produce an issue yet.

e) **Central Region Rep** - Don Scott

Federation's AGM is the 4th of October at the Nappan Experimental Pavilion. Dance after with Bluenose RV Dancers at Loch Lomond campground near Amherst.

40th Anniversary of Federation being celebrated on Sept. 27th, 2008 at Avon View High School. All Available Leaders and Past Presidents have been invited.

Festival 2009 will be held at Old Orchard Inn (Near Wolfville, Exit 11 off Hwy 101) 24 & 25 July, 2009.

f) Reports from Other Organizations: Bob Ruohoniemi

DANS: CD, DVD and Booklet package for use in the schools is nearing completion. The DVD is now in final edit.

CSRDS: In London, Ontario, Ron & Dot Connell, Les & Maxine Cross received their Special Certificate and Long Service Award for attending all 16 of the Canadian Nationals held so far. Another dancer receiving this was May Greenough, who was one of the first chaircouple for the Edmonton convention in 1978. She is now age 94, no longer dancing but still attending.

The decline in numbers across the country is still averaging 10% per year.

Each individual dancer must sign in at every dance to confirm attendance at a particular event. Also the card numbers given to each dancer should be recorded by the club executive. Payment is due by October 31st to allow payments across Canada to be compiled and reach the Insurance Company before the end of December.

Publicity Committee also met. Many cuers are now using the name Choreographed Ballroom Dancing instead of Round Dancing.

> The toll free number is very effective and should be used wherever possible. They recommend that the number should be monitored in the province that is holding the next convention.

Halifax National Festival 2010:

Total registered is about 370 dancers, 69 are Nova Scotians. 2010 rates for nearby hotels are in place and available on the webpage.

We had four squares presenting our promotional dance for Halifax in 2010. It was received with a standing ovation. Look for repeat performances.

We are slowly filling in positions for Committee Chairs, but we are still looking for more volunteers.

There were about 1800 dancers in London of which 2/3rds were dancers from Ontario and relatively few from outside Canada.

7. Club Reports

- a) Coordinators, Dottie: Starting a week Monday on Sept. 29, 2008.
- b) Lake City Swingers, Dottie: Starting next Thursday, Sept. 25th with the first of three open houses.
- c) Fun Squares, Rumor: 1st open house had only 3 couples, 2nd open house had less than a square so they all went home, but others came at 8:30 and found all dark and no sign of explanation.
- d) MMM/Ocean Waves, Tidal Waves: Both started last week.
- e) Sail Sets, Dottie: Starting on Tuesday, Sept. 23, 2008.
- f) Scotia Dancers, Bob: Scotia held 2 open houses this month, 2 new dancers, open houses will continue to the end of the month. 7 club members at present.
- g) Stardusters, Pat: held 2 open houses, have 5 prospective new dancers, one more open house.
- h) Timberlea Twirlers, Bernard: 1st dance on the 15th, 1 single new dancer. Have 6 couples. Pat Matheson had a heart attack 3 weeks ago, they put in a stint. He is doing fine but bored.
- i) Dancing Shadows, Dottie: Alex has retired, remaining members are hoping to continue on an occasional basis using his recorded cued dances.
- j) Golden Squares, Dottie: This group has closed because Alex has retired.
- k) Fun Time Rounds: Lionel & Janet Crowe have started Beginner classes on Wednesday night at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church Hall. The Club continues to dance on Monday at Bloomfield School.
- l) Contra Time Dancers, Dottie: First dance on October 11th at St. Matthias Church in Halifax. They are generally scheduled for once a month mostly on the first Saturdays. Schedule will be in the Calendar of Events.
Smokin' Contra Band had their first dance, also at St. Matthias Church, on Friday, Sept. 19th. They had about 24 couples attending of mostly young and very energetic dancers. About half were first time attendees. Amy Louder asked where people had found out about the dance: Face Book 3, The Coast 6, Word of mouth 4, Farmer's Market concert last week 10.

Near Clubs:

- a) 20th Anniversary of LeHave River Ramblers on 25th October. Callers will be Laurie & Elizabeth Hutchcroft, Laurie Illsley, Barry Bendle, and Pat Matheson. They have 4 couples and 1 single man for class.
- b) Dice Hill Squares has 2 1/2 new couples.

8. Old Business

a) Summer Dancing

Clubs need to be checked to make sure they have someone coming to do the door. Ocean Waves and Fun Squares were missing. Thanks to Scotts for filling in when necessary.

The clothing exchange is an excellent project. Thanks to the Briggs.

b) Parades 2008

Halifax/Dartmouth Parade had 3 squares dancing on the Bridge and 6 couples dancing on the float. We had a large and appreciative audience. Dottie called. The float does in fact fit through the toll booth.

The Eastern Passage Parade had 6 couples dancing. Our float received the award for the best dancing group.

Thanks to Pat Briggs for getting the dancers and Gary & Susan Lucas for assisting in Dartmouth.

c) **Grand Parade on July 1st:** We had 5 couples dressed in red and white and danced about 45 minutes. Dottie called. Well received. Note that she will be away at that time next year.

d) **Cole Harbour Health Fair and Harvest Fair:** Had just one square - Ruohoniemis, Scotts, Briggs and Mercers with Bruce calling. Danced upstairs this year, good audience. Fair held from 11 am to 4 pm. They danced from 1-3. We should have had dancers there in the morning before attendees disbursed to other places.

9. Election of Officers (All returned to current positions by acclamation.)

Chairman: Don and Carol Scott

Vice Chairman: Bernard Conrad will chair a meeting if needed

Treasurer: Barry and Dyanna Bendle

Secretary: Dottie Welch

Metro Matters Editor: Dottie Welch

Publicity: Jim and Pat Briggs

Central Region Rep: Don and Carol Scott

10. New Business

a) New Year's Eve, Wednesday, December 31, 2008

> Ask Terry Hebert to call since last year was snowed out. St. Andrew's Church, \$24 couple, \$12 single.

b) Heart Fund Dance 2009

> 27th or 28th February at North Woodside CC, Live Fiddle Music.

c) Summer Dancing 2009

Discussion about the consistent lack of attendance in August except at the final Live Music dance.

> Dance June 4th to July 30th. Motion Bernard, 2nd Bob. Passed
June 23rd will be a trail in for those heading for Wolfville. Maybe they could dry camp in the parking lot. Live Music on the 30th.

d) Registry of Joint Stock Update

Removed Alex and Kathleen Ritchie and Forbes and Marlene Keating.
Corrected address for Bendles.

11. Updates to **Special Dance Schedule:**

Sept 27 Federation 40th Anniversary Fall Frolic
Oct 4 SRDFNS AGM and dance at Loch Lomond with Bluenose RV Squares
Oct 18 Lake City Swingers Swing Into Fall
Oct 25 LaHave River Ramblers 20th Anniversary Dance
Nov 1 MMM/Ocean Waves Harvest Moon Dance
Nov 7 39th Maritime Square & Round Dance Convention, PEI
>> Apr 6 Timberlea Twirlers 50-60's Dance
Apr ? Fun Squares Apple Crisp
May 9 Coordinators Sail Into Summer
May ? Stardusters Fund Raiser for Halifax National 2010, Pie Night
May 21 Dice Hill Squares Mulberry Dance
July 24-25 Provincial Festival 2009 at Old Orchard Inn

12. **Date and Location of next meeting:**

November 23rd, 2008, 6 pm, Sackville Heights Community Centre

13. **Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn, Carol, 9:50.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dottie Welch, Secretary