

Metro Square and Round Dance Association
Minutes of Annual General Meeting Sunday, 05 October 2014
Bents House, 7:30 pm

Attendees:

Don and Carol Scott	Chairman, Central Region Reps
Dottie Welch	Secretary, Metro Matters Editor, Contra Fest 2015 Sail Sets, Lake City Swingers, Coordinators
Bob and Inge Ruohoniemi	National Society
Garey and Ruby Bent	Stardusters

Regrets:

Barry and Dyanna Bendle	Treasurer, Timberlea Twirlers
Mary Sargeant	Lake City Swingers, Coordinators
Kat Kitching	Halifax Contra Dances, Contra Fest 2015

1-3. Welcome, Agenda and Minutes:

1. Welcome: Meeting called to order at 7:45 pm by Don Scott

2. Adoption of the Agenda:

Motion to approve as circulated by Dottie W., second Bob R., passed.

3. Minutes of 09 March 2014 Meeting

Motion to approve as circulated by Dottie W., second Inge R., passed.

4. Business Arising from Minutes:

- a) PSA about all open houses did not get done by Metro. Some clubs did this individually. We know that Stardusters, Lake City and Contra Time Dancers submitted PSAs.
- b) Afternoon dance – We do have the Parkland at the Lakes on Wednesday afternoons. Another Senior Residence has requested information to perhaps bring some of their residents.
- c) Historical Archive of Metro Matters: Still working on the old issues (prior to 2000).

5. Correspondence:

- a) Don has a receipt from Sackville Heights Community Centre for our \$100 donation.
- b) Dottie received and set aside the request to participate in the Natal Day Parade.
- c) Dottie received the update forms from Registry of Joint Stocks (see below)

6. Reports from Officers:

a) Chairman, Don and Carol Scott: (No report except to say that we are still alive.)

b) Treasurer, Barry Bendle: (Report sent by e-mail)

Balance as of September 30, 2013		\$2583.34
Expenses:		
Donation to Sackville Heights	\$100.00	
Bank Fee	\$ 1.00	
Balance as of December 31, 2013		\$2482.34
Balance as of October 1, 2014		\$2482.34

c) Publicity and Marketing:

- None of the topics listed in our last minutes were discussed in Ottawa.
- Various suggestions were discussed during the Publicity Round Table in Ottawa
 - Retention of dancers included suggestions for planning non-dancing socializing.
 - Beware of causing internal dissention.
- > - Bob will send Publicity Group Meeting minutes to the Metro Representatives.
 - Ended with the formation of a Society Publicity Group. Cathy Langille is the Coordinator of the National Marketing Team. (Quebec, Ontario, B. C., Alberta, Nova Scotia)
 - Ask Cathy to send copies to Dottie on her e-mails since Dottie is working on this same recruiting issue as part of the Board of Governors of Callerlab.

- 50+ Expo was held on 13-14 June, 2014. We had demo dancers there on both Friday and Saturday performing in morning and afternoon. In spite of confusion regarding our planned dance area, we carved a space out for ourselves to dance and performed between other events. Some interest was expressed by some visitors in having a caller come to their organization, and we had a few participators from the audience.

- Dottie has created an updated list of clubs in the Metro Area that welcome beginning dancers for September 2014. The list includes Square, Round & Contra clubs and now says "ages 10 to 100".
- Dottie also has the open house list for SRDFNS as a word document. She will send both to Bob R.
- Contras have recently held introductory dancing in three areas:
 - Prospect in May prior to a regularly held jam session, (about 32 dancers, lots of musical talent)
 - Tantallon in August (about 70 people)
 - Wolfville last night (61 in attendance).

d) Metro Matters Editor, Dottie Welch:

Goal will be a new issue for about January, 2015

e) Central Region Representative, Don Scott:

The SRDFNS AGM will be held at North Woodside on October 18, 2014.

SRDFNS Festival 2015: In an attempt to entice some attendees at the 64th US National in Springfield, Massachusetts into a Maritime vacation, the Federation has booked The Old Orchard Inn for July 10-11, 2015 and ANSSRDT will be coordinating our next Provincial Festival at that time.

f) DANS: The Interim Executive Director is Cliff La Jeune while Megan Metheson Hamilton is on maternity leave. Cathy Langille is an active member of the Board of Directors and thus is keeping the rest of the Board aware of the viewpoints and concerns of the square dance world.

g) Canadian Square and Round Dance Society: (from Bob and Inge Ruohoniemi)

- The AGM of the Society was held on July 18, 2014 in Ottawa
- Total Society membership for 2013-2014 was 10,362. (A decline of under 6% since previous year.)
- Membership in Nova Scotia was 1 Federation, 4 Associations, 27 clubs, 460 dancers.
- Membership fee for 2014-2015 is unchanged.
- The Articles of Continuance and the general operation By-laws under the Not For Profit Corporations Act, were approved. (Subsequently they were approved by Corporations Canada.)
- A motion to establish a system to include new dancers in the Society Liability Insurance for the period Sept to Dec was approved. (Not applying to snowbirds and dancers with the last 5 years.)

- A Publicity Round Table discussion was held during Festival 2014 in Ottawa. Various suggestions were made for promotion, recruitment, retention, and other special problems. A "Publicity Group" was formed with representatives from each province. Cathy Langille has volunteered as Coordinator for the National Marketing Team CSRDS.

- Attendance at the Ottawa National Festival was about 1060 dancers.

- In 2016 the next Canadian National Festival will be held in Regina, Saskatchewan, 28-30 July, 2016. They have a nice facility all inside the Delta Hotel. Full information including Registration Forms are available at www.saskfestival2016.com

- The Society Officers for 2014-2016 are:

President: Eric McCormack, NB Vice President: Barb Burleigh, PE
Secretary: Lorraine Kozera, MB Treasurer: Beth McGifford, BC
Past President: Bob Ruohoniemi, NS

> At the SRDFNS 2015 AGM we should be looking for new directors for Nova Scotia.

h) In 2015 the 64th US National will be held in Springfield, Massachusetts June 24-27. This will be the first time it has been held in New England and as such is the closest it is likely to be in the near future. They are on track for at least 4000 dancers. Plan to be among them!

7. Club Reports

a) **Coordinators, Dottie:** Have just started dancing on Monday evenings at North Woodside CC (we had 2 squares in attendance).

b) **Lake City Swingers, Dottie:** Had three new dancers at our first open house. Hopefully we will have a few in class. Palma will be calling this week while Dottie is away teaching Northeast Callers School in New England. Swing Into Fall is on October 18, 2014.

c) **Fun Squares:** No report.

d) **Harmony Squares:** Dancing Sunday afternoons at North Woodside CC.

e) **Tidal Waves:** (Uncertain status because Bloomfield has been closed.)

f) **Parkland at the Lake, Dottie:** Due to begin dancing on the first and third Wednesday afternoons in November.

g) **Sail Sets, Dottie:** Dancing has just begun on Tuesday evenings at Grosvenor-Wentworth Park School. We will continue to dabble in C-1 (particularly in two-couple moves when we do not have a square.)

h) **Stardusters, Ruby:** Started with Kerry's annual potluck supper. Open house September 18 and 25. They have 4 returnees who will help with the class. Alan Parker has joined. He is square dancer from other places who studied in Nova Scotia and is now returning after working five years in Quebec. Also have 2 teenagers who are part of a family of new dancers. Class from 7-8:30. Club 8-10. Thursday had 2 squares dancing not including the class and others not yet present. Also have a full Executive. Preparing for 45th Anniversary in November. (The club started in September of 1965.)

> Complaint about “Mr. and Mrs.” on the MCCA Convention registration form. (Use “Names”.)

i) **Timberlea Twirlers**: Report from Barry that they start dancing tomorrow.

j) **Dancing Shadows**, Dottie: Still attempting to dance when possible at the Crowe’s home.

k) **Fun Time Rounds**: Bloomfield Center has closed. The Crowes have offered to cue in their home if anyone is interested.

l) **Contra Time Dancers**, Dottie: We held our first dance on September 27. Next dance is November 1 at the Lutheran Church on Windsor Street. New dancers are always welcome.

m) **Halifax Contra Dancers**, Dottie: This group dances one Saturday evening per month at All Nations Reform Church on Windsor Street. They average 50 to 100 dancers (many 20-40 age group). Dances this fall are Sept. 20, Oct. 11, Nov. 15, and Dec. 6.

8. Old Business

a) **CDSS Tour Stop**, 27 September – 3 October 2015

Country Dance and Song Society is celebrating 100 years. Halifax has been chosen to be a tour stop in their Centennial Tour. Square dancers are welcome at any of the planned events. Contra Time Dancers and Halifax Contra Dances are the coordinators under the auspices of Metro.

Note this motion from the March minutes: One of the conditions of selection is that the sponsoring association shall be (or become) an associate member of CDSS. Motion by Bob R that we become members, second by Carol, passed. Dottie will proceed with the process.

9. Election of Officers

a) Bob moves that all current officers remain in office, Seconded by Inge, passed

Chairman: Don and Carol Scott

Vice Chairman: (none)

Secretary: Dottie

Treasurer: Barry

Metro Matters Editor: Dottie

Publicity: (group effort)

Regional Rep: Don Scott

(Note: Don and Carol became Chairman in September 2004)

10. Current and New Business

a) **New Year’s Eve**, Wednesday, 31 December 2014

Potluck Supper and Dance will be held at St. Andrew’s Presbyterian Church Hall on School Street in Dartmouth. (Supper at 7:30 pm and Dance from 9 to midnight plus one tip.) Dottie will call.

> Dottie will book with St. Andrew’s Presbyterian Church.

> Dottie will make a flier and send it to the reps.

b) **Heart Fund Dance, Saturday, February 21, 2015** at North Woodside Community Centre.

> Dottie will book the hall. Live music as usual if possible.

c) Registry of Joint Stocks annual update

> Dottie has paid our annual fee, financial statement is to be done.

10. Updates to Special Dance Schedule:

Oct 18, 2014	Lake City Swingers Swing Into Fall and SRDFNS AGM
Oct 24-25, 2014	Maritime Convention at Best Western Glengarry in Truro, NS
Nov 20, 2014	Stardusters 45 th Anniversary Dance, South Woodside CC
Dec 31, 2014	Metro New Year's Eve Dance, St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Dartmouth
Feb 21, 2015	Metro Heart Fund Dance, North Woodside CC, Dartmouth
May 4, 2015	Coordinators Sail Into Summer, North Woodside CC, Dartmouth
May 7, 2015	Stardusters Pie Night Dance, South Woodside CC, Dartmouth
June 25-27, 2015	U. S. 64 th National in Springfield, Massachusetts
July 10-11, 2015	SRDFNS Provincial Festival at Old Orchard Inn

12. Date and Location of next meeting:

Sunday March 8, 2015, 7 pm, Sackville Heights Community Centre

12. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn by Ruby B. at 10:30 pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Dottie Welch, Metro Secretary