

Minutes of the SRDFNS Annual General Meeting, 16 October 2010

North Woodside Community Centre, Dartmouth

Attendees:

Ralph & Barb MacDonald	President, Highland Representatives
Ralph & Valerie Brown	Past President, South Shore Representatives
Dottie Welch	Secretary, ANSSRDT Liaison, Website
Russell Trimper	Treasurer
Bob & Inge Ruohoniemi	CSRDS Representatives
Don & Carol Jean Scott	Awards Committee Chairman, Central Region Representatives
Gerry & Marion McLellan	Finance Committee Chairman, Fundy Representatives
Harold & Clara Redden	Parade Trailer & Archives

Regrets:

Bill & Gertrude Oldford	Valley Representatives
Lionel & Shannon Parsons	Cape Breton Representatives
John & Lynda Reid	Publications

- 1) Welcome and call to order by Ralph MacDonald at 2:00 pm.
- 2) Moment of Silence for any of our dancers who have passed away.
- 3) Adoption of Agenda
Gerry McL. moved adoption with additions, 2nd Harold, passed.
- 4) Minutes of 2009 AGM
Highlights read by Ralph MacD. Motion by Dottie to accept as circulated, 2nd Ralph B, passed
- 5) Business Arising from the Minutes (none)

6) Correspondence

- a) Letter from Don Ward resigning his position as Vice President. "It has been a privilege and a pleasure to have served on the Executive over the years, but I must recognize it is time to step back and just enjoy square dancing and leave the organizing details to others who have the energy to do so."
- b) Letter from Gertie and Bill Oldford resigning as Valley Representatives. They have tried without success to find replacements.

7) Reports

a) Treasurer and Audit: Russ Trimper

See the Operating Account and Balance Sheets for complete details.

Operating Balance at July 31, 2009		3173.01
Operating Income:		
Club Dues	625.00	
Personal Subscriptions	45.00	
Miscellaneous	1.00	
Total Operating Income	671.00	
Transfer from Finance	1000.00	1000.00

Income that was collected and then paid to CSRDS for membership and insurance, to DANS for club subscription, or transferred to Festival 2010:

CSRDS Membership	1460.00
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DANS	25.00	
Donation to F2010	400.00	
Total In then Out		1885.00

Operating Expenses:

Archives	70.22	
Awards	50.42	
DANS membership SRDFNS	50.00	
CSRDS membership SRDFNS	5.00	
Internet	50.00	
Meetings	92.86	
Office Expense	59.15	
Publications	529.27	
Publicity	70.00	
Registry Joint Stocks	56.06	(double payment because check lost)
Service charge	30.00	
Trailer	265.36	
Total Operating Exp.		1328.34

Operating Balance at July 31, 2010 3515.67

Depreciation Trailer 411.22

Russ moved adoption of his report, 2nd Barb MacD, passed

b) Finance Officer: Marion MacLellan

Official Finance Committee Year End Report was presented.

Capital Account Balance July 31, 2009	\$ 148.31
Revenue from two GIC accounts held at TD was	\$1,026.30
Transferred to General Account	\$1,000.00
Bank Service Charge	.60
Funds in Capital Account July 31, 2010	\$ 174.01

Current Investments are:

TD Bank GIC @ 2.55% maturing March 18, 2011	\$13,979.16
TC Bank GIC @ 2.35% maturing March 28, 2011	\$14,247.15
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Total GICs	\$42,473.46

Marion moved adoption of her report, 2nd Bob R, passed

c) Reports from Officers

+ **President:** See attached report from Ralph and Barb MacDonald.

Secretary: Query about printing or e-mailing reports and minutes

i) For Exec meeting: Either e-mail reports at least two days before the meeting or bring copies.

The Financial officers will e-mail and bring copies of their reports.

ii) For AGM: Send Notice of Meeting and Club Registration form in September mailing.

Notice this year included the statement that last year's minutes are on the website.

iii) After the AGM send the minutes to the Executive for a check. Then e-mail the reports and the minutes to all the Club Representatives as an attachment and place it on the website.

Past President: Ralph and Valerie Brown

Although it is part of our duties or responsibility to find people to fill positions vacant on the Federation Board, we regret that we were unable to get anyone to volunteer, although we have tried over the last several months. Dottie Welch has volunteered to resume secretarial duties if we can't find anyone else.

We had a brief discussion about how to encourage the current dancers to volunteer for organization positions. Suggestion was made that we occasionally take a laptop to dances and set it up to show the website. Note that the Federation owns a portable TV that can show a DVD.

d) Committee Reports:

Awards: Don Scott

There was no Mayflower Award presented this year. Club Longevity Awards were presented to Sunrise Squares for 25 years on 8 May 2010, and to Cumberland Twirlers for 35 years on 12 September 2010. At Ken and Fran Eagles retirement party on 12 May 2010 we gave them a Special Appreciation Award for their many years of calling. On 1 October 2010 we presented congratulations to Pat and Marilyn Matheson on their 50th Wedding Anniversary.

Archives: Clara Redden

The major event for Archives was organizing the display for the Heritage Room at Festival 2010. This including borrowing a quilt from Kings County Museum that was made by Marion Atkinson from left-over scraps of dance outfit material. Each block depicts one dance couple. This was first displayed at Festival '89 in Wolfville, NS.

We received many compliments on the display (278 signed the guest register). We had a very helpful committee and good response when we recruited couples to be on duty for an hour or so when needed. Some more items were brought in and donated to the archives during the Festival.

> It would be appreciated if someone else would take over the responsibility of storing the Archives. The Reddens have about two large closets full of material. Harold will do an inventory regarding the exact amount.

Parade Trailer: Harold Redden

Regular maintenance was carried out to ready the trailer for use in a parade. No request to use the trailer was received during this past year. It is now stored outside covered only with plastic. As soon as the neighbors have the space available, we can store it in their barn. We assume it will be for the same price of \$100.

The Reddens recommend that a decision be made soon as to the future of the trailer as interest in using it seems to have disappeared. Perhaps it could be rented out for use or disposed of. In any case, we would like to have the responsibility for the trailer taken over by someone else.

At the last Metro meeting it was the consensus of the clubs that we are not planning to request the use of the trailer in the foreseeable future. As dancers age, balance on a moving surface becomes more difficult. Motion by Don Scott, 2nd Russ, to place the trailer up for sale. Motion amended by Bob R, 2nd Gerry McL to include the possibility of giving it to some community organization who is interested in it. Passed.

Publicity: No one currently in this office. Note that Russ and Mary Trimper have taken over Publicity for Metro.

Publications: Welches will continue to produce The Phantom when enough material is submitted. This will be distributed by notice over the internet. There will be a printer friendly version.

Webmaster: Gary Welch

Detailed report submitted to those at the meeting. The following is a brief summary.

Focus during 2010 has been on updating the Festival 2010 pages. The Federation Website has been operating in "maintenance mode".

Since Festival 2010 in July, Gary has been working on compiling videos taken by Alex Ritchie and Gary into a 3 DVD set. Work continues on this. We missed photos of Mary's Islanders dancing in the Basic room. Does anyone have more photos? We do have some video footage of 4 Halifax police officers learning to square dance.

> Discussion indicated that we may wish to make copies for each Regional Representative and each Nova Scotia club as well as the members of the Festival 2010 Board and one for the Archives. We may want to make as many as 100 copies for internal distribution and to those who have requested a copy. Don can do some reproduction (about 15 minutes per DVD). Once the DVD set is completed and costs of reproduction are determined we will need to revisit this topic.

> Note: As a result of this project we have a small video camera and processing software that belongs to the Federation. We hope to experiment with short video clips on the website.

e) Region Reports

Central: Don and Carol Scott

Positive items:

It was a good year for the Metro clubs.

The change of summer dance location netted us a profit for summer dancing.

The New Year's Eve dance had a profit.

We did not lose any clubs this year and we graduated new dancers in a number of clubs.

Put on some entertainment in Nursing Homes in the Metro Area.

Negative Items:

No summer parades (Festival 2010 danced at Sackville Landing instead)

Did not participate in the health fair at Cole Harbour Place or in the 50+ Expo this year.

Lost some dancers.

South Shore: Ralph and Valerie Brown

Sunrise Squares will start their dancing October 15, 2010. A delay in starting up was that the recreation hall had to have new flooring installed. They had one couple start up last September 2009 who plan to return again this year. We won't know if there are any new dancers until October 15th.

They danced in August for the Lunenburg Bluegrass Association, and continue to dance for Ridgewood Home for Special Care a few times a year. Their Christmas Dance was well attended in December 2009 but they had to cancel their New Year's Day Frolic due to the weather again this year.

They continue to dance Plus on every second Tuesday evening at the MARC in Dayspring.

LaHave River Ramblers started to dance September 16, 2010 with one new couple and a solo dancer (2 female and 1 male). The president of this club has said their number of active dancers this fall is down by 25%. They had placed an ad in the local newspaper advertising their dancing nights and to try to recruit. This generated 1 person.

They held no summer dances. They held their Heart and Stroke Fundraiser in February and raised \$ 300. They had a well-attended Christmas dance last year.

Highland: Ralph MacDonald

The two clubs in this region had a successful year last dance year and are off to a good start this year.

The **Highland Squares** have 3 class couples this year and are dancing three squares plus a few each night. They had a well-attended pot luck supper in early June and a very successful bar-b-que in August. They have not lost any active dancers this year. They have planned a full schedule of special dances at every opportunity and extend invitations to the Antigonish and Truro Clubs to join them for these special occasions.

The **Mapleleaf Whirlaways** have a full square of class this year thanks to our participation in Senior's Games in Antigonish Town and County. This has breathed new life into a group who has danced one square most nights for the past ten years, and we are optimistic that most will be long term members. We had a club bar-b-que in August and plan to invite Pictou County members to our special dances.

+ **Reports for the Valley and Fundy regions are attached.**

f) **Liaison Reports**

+ CSRDS: Bob Ruohoniemi (see attached report)

Congratulations to Bob on becoming the President of the CSRDS

+ ANSSRDT: Dottie Welch (see attached report)

DANS: Cathy Langille is willing to be our Representative

8) Halifax National Festival 2010

+ Report from Dottie Welch, Vice Chair Events, is attached.

When Metro discussed the proposed volunteer gathering in May 2011, it was the consensus of the Metro clubs that this is not a proper use or expense of the 2010 funds. Motion by Bob R that the request for funding for an appreciation gathering be denied, 2nd Harold, passed unanimously.

The items that still need to be paid include: Printing the Final Report, paying the CSRDS \$4 each for the Maple Leaf badges we sold (they provided the badges), shipping society items to Ottawa, producing the video, paying income tax on the profit.

Motion that we spend some time consulting the Nova Scotia clubs regarding the use of the funds turned over from Festival 2010. Motion made by Don Scott and 2nd by Russ Trimper. Passed unanimously.

The following ideas were generated by a brief discussion:

a) Suggesting an increase in the Bursary money available for new callers or cuers.

b) Bring in an outside caller to put on a special dance.

c) Follow up on some good publicity idea.

d) Cost share with clubs to help purchase hearing enhancement equipment.

e) Follow up on ideas to educate the non-dancer regarding square dancing.

f) Encourage clubs to organize Benefit Dances that are open to the public, hall costs supported by the Federation, profits to go to the designated benefit.

> We will send a brief e-mail requesting input. Looking for some response before January meeting.

Agree that we disperse the water jugs. Will begin to do this at MCCA.

Note: Later realized that we might need these at future Provincial Festivals so currently at Welch's.

9) By-Law Revisions (none)

10) Nominations and Election of Officers

President:	Ralph & Barb MacDonald (1 more year)
Vice-President:	(vacant)
Past President:	Ralph & Valerie Brown
Secretary:	Dottie Welch
Treasurer:	Russell & Mary Trimper
Finance Officer:	Marion McLellan
Publicity Officer:	Don & Carol Scott
Publication Officer:	John & Lynda Reid
Newsletter Editor:	(The Phantom on line – Gary & Dottie Welch)

Parade Trailer Officer: Harold & Clara Redden
Historical Archivist: Clara & Harold Redden
Awards Committee: Don & Carol Scott, Committee Member: Dottie Welch
Festival 2011: ANSSRDT, Ralph & Barb MacDonald (Festival Program)
National Society Representatives: Bob & Inge Ruohoniemi (CSRDS President)
ANSSRDT Liaison: Dottie Welch
DANS Representative: Cathy Langille
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11) Regional Representatives

Central: Don & Carol Scott
South Shore: Ralph & Valerie Brown
South Shore Alternates: Dan & Jeanette Burke
Valley: Al and Corinne McNabb (?)
Fundy: Gerry and Marion McLellan
Highland: Ralph & Barb MacDonald
Cape Breton: Lionel and Shannon Parsons

12) New Business

a) **SRDFNS Festival 2011**, July 22 & 23, Old Orchard Inn (see attached poster)
ANSSRDT has agreed to organize the next Festival.

b) Membership and Insurance

Looking for registrations until the end of October. Information and money must be in to the Insurance Company before 2011. Agreed that we will order 10 extra insurance cards so that we can cover any new dancers who begin after Christmas. Agreed that clubs who do not register in time, will be off the website until next year.

c) Personal Subscriptions

Do members of the Executive automatically receive a personal subscription? Motion by Ralph Brown that the executive get a free copy if they so desire. 2nd Carol. Passed.

> Mailing requested by Reddens, Browns, Scotts, Parsons, McNabb(?). Dottie to tell John Reid

13) Date and Location for next AGM

October 15th, 2011, North Woodside Community Centre, 1:30 pre-meeting

14) Adjournment

Motion by Harold to adjourn AGM at 5:06 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Dottie Welch, Secretary