

# **Metro Square and Round Dance Association**

## **Minutes of Annual General Meeting, Sunday, 4 December 2011**

Sackville Heights Community Centre, 7 pm

### **Attendees:**

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

### **Regrets:**

Mary Sargeant Lake City Swingers, Coordinators

### **1-3. Welcome, Agenda and Minutes:**

1. Welcome: Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm by Don Scott
2. Adoption of the Agenda:  
Motion to approve as circulated by Mary, 2nd Carol, passed.
3. Minutes of 2 October 2011 Annual General Meeting  
Motion to approve as circulated by Dottie, 2nd Bob, passed.

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

- a) **50+ Expo interested dancers:**  
Dottie managed to contact two of the three couples. Thanked us for following up but no one came to any dance as far as we know.
- b) Christmas Daddies Video:  
> Don Scott and Gary Welch will both try to take some Christmas Dance videos.
- c) Update of Marketing Brochure for Superannuates  
Dottie produced a new October 2011 version of this. Bob took 30 copies to the luncheon on 2nd November where there were 150 to 180 people at the Best Western Plus in Burnside. All the copies disappeared.  
Copies of the new handout were distributed to those present at the meeting.
- d) Joint Stock Financial Update  
Completed by Barry and Dottie in good time, no feedback so our report must have been satisfactory.

### **5. Correspondence: (None)**

### **6. Reports from Officers:**

- a) **Chairman, Don and Carol Scott:** Nothing to report, busy moving house to house.
- b) **Treasurer, Barry Bendle:**  
Balance for AGM Report October 2010: \$2785.43  
Balance unchanged as of December 4, 2011.  
Motion to approve report as presented by Barry, 2nd Carol, passed
- c) **Publicity, Russ & Mary Trimper:**  
Picture of dancers at 50+ Expo is in the Year of Aging Well 2012 Calendar produced by Chebucto Links. email: info@agingwelltogether.ca

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

New Issue produced for distribution at the Swing Into Fall dance in October. Also a new Central Region Club List was produced.

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

Cathy and Paul Langille have taken on the Publicity and Vice Chair positions of the Square and Round Dance Federation of Nova Scotia.

f) **Canadian Square and Round Dance Society, Bob & Inge Ruohoniemi:**

**CSRDS AGM:** The CSRDS held **AGM 2011** in Montreal on 22 October.

**CSRDS Awards:** The Criteria for the Award of Excellence and the Long Service Award will be reviewed and clarified.

**Insurance:** Due to increased number of requests to the Insurance Provider for Named Certificates of Insurance, a new format has been adopted. If you have internet access, you complete a form on the website which goes to the Membership Chair and they obtain the certificate. The Membership Chair can also be contacted by phone if you don't have internet access. Clubs/Associations are already provided a Certificate of Insurance on the Club Membership Certificate and this is generally sufficient for proof of insurance. Please note that we should not be promoting/volunteering to provide a Named Certificate of Insurance. A Named Certificate requires CSRDS to add (whatever the hall's name) to our Insurance Policy. Adding the hall to our policy does not protect CSRDS member against fault committed by the hall. It absolves the hall from action brought by CSRDS members. As a matter of reciprocity, we should be asking for proof that the hall is insured, not issuing a Named Insurance Certificate that absolves the hall of their normal responsibilities.

**Across Canada Dance Dangle:** The Board has agreed to investigate the production of some badge or dangle indication that a dancer has danced in a particular province. The draft version should be ready by April.

**Japanese:** The Society Appeal for Japanese dancers was reviewed and provincial directors were encouraged to inform their dancers. Earthquake and Tsunami Fund: So far \$1475 has been sent to DANS from Nova Scotia. This is on the Society webpage.

The **National Arts Council** is planning a Dance Mapping Study. The Council is hiring consultants to develop an Internet based survey to be completed by the end of March 31, 2010. More information will be communicated as it evolves.

The **Canadian Dance Assembly** is undertaking a 5 year promotional plan. More information about National Dance Day in April 2012 will be provided.

**Website Changes:** In the past, the National Webmaster could only act on requests for changes to the website from the Promotion Chair. The Directors can now make requests related to their Province directly. Changes regarding NS items should be sent to Bob Ruohoniemi <bobruoho@eastlink.ca>.

**National Festival:** Festival 2014 in Ottawa has 265 registrations so far. They have a full committee and are moving forward.

The Society Board plans to meet by teleconference in March/April.

**Newfoundland's** Director, Roy Church, is retiring next summer. There is no active club in Newfoundland at this time.

g) **DANS:** They have not yet obtained copy of Square dance package.

## **7. Club Reports**

a) **Coordinators, Dottie:** Dancing 2 squares, sometimes almost 3 squares. All is going well.

b) **Lake City Swingers, Dottie:** Four new single ladies have been attending when they are in town. Hopefully they will continue to dance with us. One has committed to learning the gent's part.

c) **Fun Squares:** no report

d) **Harmony Squares:** Kerry has a Plus class including dancers from Ocean Waves and Stardusters.

- d) **MMM / Ocean Waves:** Christmas party on this Tuesday. Dancing begins again after the New Year.
- e) **Parkland at the Lake,** Dottie: Dancing one square plus a few, mostly residents of the facility. One visit from the Trimpers.
- e) **Tidal Waves:** There are six couples if everyone is present.
- f) **Sail Sets,** Dottie: Dancing 2 couples to 2 squares. We have fun.
- g) **Stardusters,** Russ & Mary: Registered 48, dance 3 to 4 squares a night. Christmas dance on December 15th.
- h) **Timberlea Twirlers,** Barry: 4 to 6 couples, Christmas Dance on December 12th. Pat Matheson is having significant health problems. In the process of having chemo.
- i) **Dancing Shadows,** Dottie: Not dancing yet, but in the plans when snow flies.
- j) **Fun Time Rounds,** Barry: One couple has headed south. Christmas dance is this week. Planning to keep going through January and February weather permitting.
- k) **Contra Time Dancers,** Dottie: Fourth dance last night at St. Peter's, small crowd. Planning to change the venue starting in February.
- l) **Contra Intro at Ardoise:** January 7th will be the first of 3 test dances of contras at the Ardoise Hall, 7:30 to 9:30.

## **8. Old Business** (none)

## **9. Current and New Business**

- a) **New Year's Eve, Saturday, 31 December 2011**  
 St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church  
 Charge \$10 per person, Metro to subsidize the dance if necessary.  
 Don talked to Kerry and to Lionel and Janet. Both said, "not this year".  
 So back to the standby, Dottie will be calling and cueing.

Gary and Dottie will bring punch ingredients, and noisemakers.  
 Scotts will bring Coffee and Tea ingredients.  
 Dottie to check on supplies for decorating.  
 Arrive to decorate and set up about 6:30 pm.  
 Pay at the door.

- b) **Heart Fund Dance:**  
 Could not book Friday, Feb 24th at N. Woodside so booked Feb 25th.  
 > Dottie will produce a poster and give the information to John Reid.

- c) **Summer Dancing 2012:**  
 Starting on Thursday, June 7, 2012 and ending July 26. 8-10 pm  
 St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church.

## **10. Updates to Special Dance Schedule:**

Dec 31, 2011	Metro New Year's Eve Potluck and Dance
Feb 25, 2012	Metro Heart Fund Dance
Apr 16, 2012	Timberlea Twirlers 50-60's Dance
May 4, 2012	Coordinators Sail Into Summer (Friday and 1 week earlier)
May 10, 2012	Starduster's Pie Night Fund Raiser
May 17, 2012	Dice Hill Squares Mulberry Dance

## **11. Date and Location of next meeting:**

Sunday, March 4, 2012, 7 pm, Sackville Heights Community Centre

- 12. **Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn, Barry, 8:15

Respectfully Submitted,  
 Dottie Welch, Metro Secretary