

Metro Square and Round Dance Association
General Meeting, Sunday, 14 March 2010
Sackville Heights Community Centre

Attendees:

Don & Carol Scott	Chairman, Central Region Reps
Dottie Welch	Secretary, Metro Matters Editor, Sail Sets
Bernard Conrad	Timberlea Twirlers
Mary Sargeant	Lake City Swingers, Coordinators
Jim and Pat Briggs	Publicity, Stardusters

Regrets:

Barry Bendle	Treasurer
Bob & Inge Ruohoniemi	National Society

1. Welcome: Meeting called to order at 6 pm by Don Scott.
2. Adoption of the Agenda:
Motion to approve as circulated by Bernard, 2nd Dottie, passed.
3. Minutes of 6 December 2009
Motion to approve as circulated by Dottie, 2nd Carol, passed.

4. Business Arising from Minutes: (None)

5. Correspondence:

See letters mentioned during Heart Fund Dance discussion below.
Don received a letter from Multicultural Society inviting us to participate in their Multicultural Night at Mount St. Vincent on April 3rd. Don declined due to members being too busy planning for the National Festival in July.

6. Reports from Officers

a) **Chairman, Don Scott:** Metro is doing well but we need more members of the Metro Executive.

b) **Treasurer, Barry Bendle:**

Balance on October 31, 2009	\$2296.81
Have \$78 in cash from Pat Briggs for clothes	
Balance + cash to be deposited	\$2374.81
SRDFNS for CSRDS Membership	\$ 5.00
Don Scott for Heart Fund Coffee etc.	\$23.24
1/4 page ad in Festival 2010 Souvenir Book	\$35.00
Barry reports that the current Bank balance is	\$2311.57

c) **Publicity, Pat & Jim Briggs:** No report

Joan Embree has been collecting information about all the ways one can advertise for free. She will send the results to us for use over the summer. (423-0914, jembree@chebucto.ca)

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

December 2009 issue produced for the New Year's Eve Dance. Theme was Past 40 years of Metro, Present Club Listing, and Future 17th Canadian National. Also produced a small 2010 Metro Calendar with Sets In Order Cartoons.

e) **Central Region Rep, Don Scott:** Nothing new

f) **CSRDS** reports that there will not be a Canadian National Convention in 2012. The next National will be in Ottawa in 2014.

- g) **Halifax National Festival 2010**, Dottie Welch:
- Dancers can attend for one day for \$50 per person paid at the door.
 - Raffle tickets are now on sale for three individual items (Queen sized blue and white Quilt, Hand Carved Trout, and Nova Scotia Tartan Wreath), look for tickets at your club or special dances.
 - Volunteers needed to assist on the setup day, Wednesday July 28th.
 - Plan to participate in the Banner Parade on Thursday morning.
 - We need more Fashion Show Models.
 - Calling all Nova Scotians to participate in the Opening Ceremonies: wear the attire, march in, welcome our visitors, and dance the first tip.

h) **DANS**: The Square Dance in the schools package is still waiting the okay from DANS.

7. Club Reports

- a) **Coordinators**, Mary: Dancing regularly usually with 2 or 3 squares, Sail Into Summer is May 15. There will be some Summer Plus Dances on Mondays.
- b) **Lake City Swingers**, Mary: We have 4 new dancers who will be through Basic by the end of the season on May 20. Dancing 7-8 couples recently.
- c) **Fun Squares**: no report
- d) **MMM / Ocean Waves**: Dancing about 2 squares.
- e) **Tidal Waves**: Dancing 1 square.
- f) **Sail Sets**, Dottie: Dancing 1-2 squares. The A-1 dancers are still working on the last of the A2 list. No dance on March 16 because of March Break. Advanced Weekend tentatively scheduled to be held in Saint John on May 21 and 22. Season ends on June 1. There will be some Advanced Summer Dancing.
- g) **Stardusters**, Pat & Jim: Problems with sickness and physical problems. Dancing about 3 squares. Two couples in class due to graduate in April. Pie Night Fund Raiser for Festival 2010 on the 20th of May.
- h) **Timberlea Twirlers**, Bernie: Dancing 2 squares most nights. 50-60's Dance is April 12th.
- i) **Dancing Shadows**, Dottie: 3 couples dancing to the CDs from Alex usually on Sunday afternoons at the Crowe's home. We are perfecting a few of the more difficult Phase IV dances.
- j) **Fun Time Rounds**, Barry: The class and club started again at the beginning of March.
- k) **Contra Time Dancers**, Dottie: Had 54 dancers of all ages out on March 6th. Smokin' Contras danced March 12 and again on March 26. They fill the hall with a youth and energy. Our remaining dances are April 3, May 1 and May 29. All dances at St. Matthias Church, corner of Chebucto and Windsor in Halifax.

8. Old Business

a) **New Year's Eve 2009**: Metro New Year's Eve dance was held on Thursday, 31 December 2009 at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church. Dottie called and Lionel cued. Enjoyed our potluck supper at 7:30 and danced from 9 p.m. to Midnight plus a tip. There were 19 dancers plus the four leaders. Income: 19 x \$12 per person = \$228 and \$8 from the 50/50 draw. Paid \$80 to Hall, \$60 to each leader. Net profit of \$36 to Metro.

b) **Heart Fund Dance 2010**: On Friday, 26 February 2010 a storm of strong winds and torrential rain forced us to postpone the Heart Dance. We held the dance on Friday, 12 March with 15 musicians and more than 4 squares of dancers (40 people). \$465 was donated to the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Nova Scotia. A thank you note has been sent to Ron Noiles, leader of the Metro Fiddlers. Mary sent a thank you note to North Woodside for the free use of the gym for this benefit dance.

9. New Business

a) Summer Dancing 2010:

Because of declining attendance and increasing hall costs we are changing the hall to St. Andrews Presbyterian Church. The hall has been booked with Sandy MacDonald, cost is \$30 per night.

Dancing Thursday evenings starting June 3, 2010 and ending August 12, 2010. Note this includes July 1 which is Thursday. No dance on July 29th due to the National Convention.

Tentative Host Clubs: (These are "Voluntolds")

June 3	Metro
June 10	Timberlea
June 17	Coordinators
June 24	Lake City
July 1	Stardusters
July 8	Stardusters
July 15	Fun Time Rounds
July 22	Fun Time Rounds
Aug 5	Sail Sets
Aug 12	Metro

b) July 1 Breakfast and Parades:

July 1: Plan to dance at 8:30 on Grand Parade after the Pancake Breakfast.

The Navy asked the Burns if we would participate in the Naval Parade celebrating the 100th Anniversary. Perhaps if we have some way to pull the float. Fleet Review week is June 28 to July 2.

Natal Day Parade is August 2nd. We are looking for someone to pull the trailer. If we can recruit some additional dancers then we will have more dancing on the bridge and perhaps some walking behind the float with banners.

Eastern Passage Parade is probably Saturday, August 7th.

Pat will organize dancers. Need someone to pull the trailer. Maybe Garey Bent.

c) Marketing through Halifax National Festival 2010

Spectators are welcome for \$5 per person. We will be advertising wherever we can to bring them in. We will hand out information about where and when New Dancers can participate. Perhaps follow up on Breakfast Television in early September.

We estimate there are currently about 160 active dancers in the Metro Area, of those 114 dance Mainstream on a regular basis which is 70%.

10. Updates to Special Dance Schedule:

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
Oct 16	SRDFNS AGM and Lake City Swingers Swing Into Fall
Nov 5-6	Maritime Square & Round Dance Convention, Old Orchard Inn

11. Date and Location of next meeting:

AGM, Sunday, March 14, 2009, 6 pm, Sackville Heights Community Centre

12. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn, Mary, 7:25

Respectfully Submitted, Dottie Welch, Metro Secretary