

**Metro Square and Round Dance Association  
General Meeting, Sunday 16 May 2010**

Sackville Heights Community Centre

Attendees:

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| Don & Carol Scott      | Chairman, Central Region Reps              |
| Dottie Welch           | Secretary, Metro Matters Editor, Sail sets |
| Bernard & Betty Conrad | Timberlea Twirlers                         |
| Barry & Dyanna Bendle  | Treasurer                                  |
| Bob & Inge Ruohoniemi  | CSRDS Reps                                 |

Regrets:

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| Jim & Pat Briggs | Publicity, Stardusters           |
| Mary Sargeant    | Lake City Swingers, Coordinators |

1. Welcome: Meeting called to order at 6:08 pm by Don Scott.

2. Adoption of the Agenda

Motion by Bob R. to add the 50+ Expo under new business.  
Motion to adopt as changed by Bernard, 2nd Barry, passed

3. Minutes of Last Meeting on 14 March 2010

No corrections so approved as circulated.

4. Business Arising from the Minutes - none

5. Correspondence

Don received a phone call from 50+ Expo wondering where our application was.

Don explained that the SRDFNS had decided it wasn't worth our efforts. Last year we were originally scheduled for only half an hour a day and on a carpeted surface.

Thank you letter received from the Heart and Stroke Foundation.

6. Reports from Officers

a. Chairman: nothing new - business as usual

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| b. Bank Balance in March was  | \$2311.57 |
| New Year's Eve profit of      | \$36      |
| Clothing (from Marilyn Young) | \$24      |
| Bank Balance                  | \$2371.57 |

c. Publicity: no report

d. Metro Matters: no issue in the works at the moment

e. Central Region Reps to Federation: nothing new

f. **CSRDS** - 3 new directors joining the Canadian Society Board.

Next meeting by teleconference on the 6th of June

**Festival 2010:** Registrations have picked up recently so we should be over our 1000 dancer goal.

Looking for volunteers to help on Wednesday, July 28th.

Need help laying the click floor and several other jobs.

Any dancer is welcome to attend the Trail In Dance on Wednesday at 7:30.

Main convention starts on Thursday morning with the Banner Parade.

Luncheon food will be available within the dance area.

Bring your water bottles and fill them at the water fountains.

Official Opening at 7 pm, looking for all Nova Scotians to wear their Tartan and participate.

Tickets on sale for three raffles (Quilt, Hand carved Trout, and Wreath) Cookbooks, Canvas Bags, Souvenir Books, Dance By Shore Dangles on sale Daily 50/50 Draw.

Sewing Room, Heritage Room, Panels for dancers and leaders

Friday eve 7 pm Fashion Show, performance by Mary's Islanders Dance Troupe.

Saturday evening Closing Ceremonies and Grand Finale beginning at 9 pm.

Showcase of Rounds at noon each day.

Spectators welcome for \$5 per day including introductory dancing.

Single day ticket price of \$50 per person.

Three square dance shops and one selling NS Canvas Art.

Price goes up after June to \$140 per dancer.

Dancers coming from all Canadian Provinces, about half the States, Japan, England, Switzerland, and Qatar.

## 7. Club Reports

a. Coordinators, Dottie: There were four squares out for our Sail Into Summer last night and everyone had a good time. Final dance of the season is tomorrow evening. There will be four Plus dances during the summer at St. Andrew's Church on June 7, July 5, July 19 and August 16. Open house scheduled for September 27.

b. Lake City Swingers, Dottie: One couple graduated, one new dancer is out with a bad knee, our fourth class member received her badge but is heading back to Ontario. Final dinner and dance on Thursday, May 20th. Open House scheduled for Sept. 23, 30 and Oct 7.

c. Fun Squares still in arrears regarding membership to the Federation.

d. MMM / Ocean Waves: Last dance of the season held last week.

e. Tidal Waves: Last dance likely this coming Friday.

f. Sail Sets, Dottie: Continuing to dance until the first weekend in June.

The Advanced weekend is the coming weekend in Saint John. No dancing this week because the school is putting on a play so we can't use the room. There will be two Advanced dances during the summer on July 12 and August 9, at St. Andrew's Church.

g. Stardusters: No report.

h. Timberlea Dance: Last dance was May 10th, going out for supper tomorrow. Open house is September 13 and 20, 2010. Pat Matheson has retired as an official club caller after seven years of working with Barry Bendle.

i. Fun Time Rounds: Last dances are this week with lunch. Round dancing is scheduled during the summer at Bloomfield (see schedule).

j. Dancing Shadows continues to dance at the Crowe's home about once every two weeks when Crowes not cuing in the Valley.

k. Contra Times last dance of the season is May 29th.

## 8. Old Business

### a. Summer Dancing

> Dottie to get key from Sandy MacDonald

> Ruohoniemi's have Metro's standing fan, they will bring it to the Scott's

Host Club representative or contact:

Metro: Don and Carol Scott, 865-5780

Timberlea: Barry Bendle, 876-2266

Coordinators: Lorna Webber, 469-2508

Lake City Swingers: Claudette Aucoin and Jeanne Paille, 453-2838

Stardusters: Jim and Pat Briggs, 434-4595

Fun Time Rounds: Lionel and Janet Crowe, 829-2643

Sail Sets: Don and Carol Scott, 865-5780

b. Parades - ask the Burns who contacted them from the Navy regarding the Parade.

**Canada Day** - Dottie received an e-mail from the new organizer for the Pancake Breakfast to dance at Grand Parade. Dress in red and white.

Ruohoniemi's, maybe Bendles, Bernie and Betty Conrad

**Requirements for using the float:**

Standard 2-inch ball and a 7 pin connector, running straight to the back of a Dodge Ram truck. Paul Langille is willing to bring the trailer in to Halifax and drive for the Halifax Parade, Monday August 2nd.

> Need a tow vehicle for Eastern Passage on Saturday, August 7th. Ask Ruby if Garey Bent can drive.

> Dottie to fill out forms for parade participation.

c. Agreed that we will delete reference to the Fun Squares in Metro documents until they pay their overdue membership fees.

**d. Marketing through Halifax National Festival 2010**

There will be a brochure for NS club information and open houses.  
(LaHave on 16th and 23rd of September.)

Metro has two summer dances scheduled for after the Festival 2010. These could be attended by either traveling dancers or interested Spectators.

Perhaps try to be on Breakfast TV sometime between August 30th and September 3rd.

Halifax Forum Flea Market every Sunday year round. Open for sellers 9 - 2 pm.  
Most of the buyers attend 9-11 am. Payday best date is August 29th.  
Barry will ask about somewhere for us to dance.

The new Farmer's Market will be open every day at Pier 20.

**e. 50+ Expo Demo, June 11 and 12, 2010**

Offer by Expo for us to demo without renting a table.  
We offer to demo between noon and 4 pm performing 15 minutes of each hour.  
Also dancers are granted free attendance when they enter.  
Don will contact them to see whether they agree.

**10. Update to Special Dance Schedule**

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  
MMM / Ocean Waves Harvest Moon Dance  
Apr 11, 2011 50/60's Dance  
May 14, 2011 Coordinator's Sail Into Summer

**11. Date & Location of Next Meeting**

October 3rd, 6 pm, Sackville Heights unless otherwise notified.

**12. Adjournment**

Motion by Bernie, 2nd Carol at 7:57 pm

Respectfully submitted, Dottie Welch, Secretary