

**Metro Square and Round Dance Association
General Meeting, Sunday, 23 November 2008**

Sackville Heights Community Centre

Attendees:

Don and Carol Scott Chairman, Central Region Reps
Dottie Welch Secretary, Metro Matters Editor, Sail Sets
Bob & Inge Ruohoniemi Scotia Dancers, National Society

Regrets:

Barry and Dyanna Bendle Treasurer
Bernard Conrad Timberlea Twirlers
Jim and Pat Briggs Publicity, Stardusters
Mary Sargeant Lake City Swingers, Coordinators

1. Welcome: Meeting called to order at 6:00 pm by Don Scott
2. Adoption of the Agenda
Hearing no additions, Agenda approved as circulated
3. Minutes, 21 September 2008
Hearing no additions, Minutes approved as circulated
4. **Business Arising** from Minutes
 - a) Regarding 6f) CSRDS Individual Sign in policy:

Bob reported that the following policy change was approved during the CSRDS Board Meeting by teleconference on 16 November, 2008.

"The insurance company does not require any record of attendance at functions, but it is in the club's best interest to keep a record in the event of an accident. It is the recommendation of the CSRDS Board of Directors that all clubs, Associations, Federations and National Conventions use whatever method they wish to record attendance, but some record be kept."

Gary Geldart, Director of Membership, CSRDS

5. **Correspondence**

- a) Letter received from Laurie Naugler thanking Metro for their \$187.50 donation to Halifax National Festival 2010 from Summer Dance 2008 profits.
- b) Dottie has received the card and insurance papers for CSRDS membership for 2009.

6. **Reports from Officers**

- a) Chairman - Don Scott
Still muddling through the same old thing.
- b) Treasurer - Barry absent so no report
- c) **Publicity** - Bob Ruohoniemi
At the Federal Superannuates National Association fall luncheon, the Metro handouts were passed out.
MCCE to be discussed later.
> At Festival 2008 some photos were taken of Nova Scotians and they included the parading of the Metro Banner. Perhaps these can be copied onto our website.

d) Metro Matters Editor - Dottie Welch
No time to produce an issue yet.

e) **Central Region Rep** - Don Scott

The Federation's 40th Anniversary Fall Frolic was very successful with 8 squares in attendance. It raised over \$400 for Halifax National Festival 2010. There are 30 clubs registered in Nova Scotia with 680 dancers. There are 4 Associations (Metro, F2010, Festival 2009, SRDFNS). There are 41 leaders.

f) Reports from Other Organizations:

Halifax National Festival 2010:

An e-mail notice was sent to all the club contacts reminding them that the registration price goes up on January 1, 2009.

A mailout including the July Newsletter and the current hotel list has gone to all the registered dancers. Publicity packages were sent to leaders in the Northeastern US and all of Canada.

DANS: The Education DVD edit is nearly complete. The remaining job is to complete the written information.

CSRDS: Teleconference Board Meeting was held on November 16, 2008. No other news from that except the sign in policy discussed above.

7. Club Reports

a) Coordinators, Dottie: Averaging 2 squares and doing well, including an Extended Application workshop tip each evening.

b) Lake City Swingers, Dottie: We have one enthusiastic new couple. We occasionally have to cancel when too many can not attend so call ahead if you are a casual visitor.

c) Fun Squares: No report

d) MMM/Ocean Waves, Tidal Waves: No report

e) Sail Sets, Dottie: Averaging 2 squares, doing well, beginning to teach A2 to those dancing A1.

f) Scotia Dancers, Bob: Scotia has cancelled a few times do to illness of dancers and caller.

g) Stardusters: No report

h) Timberlea Twirlers: No report

i) Dancing Shadows, Dottie: We have CDs from Alex and hope to dance on some Sunday afternoons after Christmas.

k) Fun Time Rounds: Janet reported by phone that they had to packup early last Wednesday do to a power outage.

l) Contra Time Dancers, Dottie: Had a good crowd on November 1st. Next dance is December 6th.

Near Clubs:

a) 20th Anniversary of LeHave River Ramblers on 25th October had 10 squares. They showed the video of the 1998 Friendship Dance.

b) Dice Hill Squares, Bob: Lost their new couple do to injury so they neow have just one new and enthusiastic gentleman.

8. Old Business

9. New Business

a) **New Year's Eve, Wednesday, December 31, 2008**

> Terry Hebert declined the calling offer this year due to the emotional stresses of his Mom's death.

At this late time we decided to use our local talent. Dottie Welch has agreed to call and Lionel Crowe to cue.

Posters going out to all the local clubs. Info going into the calendar.

b) Heart Fund Dance 2009

> North Woodside CC is booked for Saturday, 28th February. Live Fiddle Music. Don has cups, coffee, milk etc. Ask Mary to bring the big urns and the tea.

c) Summer Dancing 2009

> Booking Cole Harbour Place is still on the To Do List.

d) Metro Council of Continuing Education

> DANS sent an offer to advertise in their Winter Brochure. It was too late for sufficient time to react. We should consider this for future advertising. Try to follow up to possibly get in the fall publication if not too expensive.

e) Advertising results

We are receiving calls from the website for one night events. Dottie called for the Anglican Youth and for the Aboriginal Adults and recent received a request from the IWK Nurses.

11. Updates to **Special Dance Schedule:**

Dec 31 Metro New Year's Eve
Feb 28 Metro Heart Dance
Apr 6 Timberlea Twirlers 50-60's Dance
Apr ? Fun Squares Apple Crisp
May 9 Coordinators Sail Into Summer
May 21 Stardusters Fund Raiser for Halifax National 2010, Pie Night
May 21 Dice Hill Squares Mulberry Dance
July 24-25 Provincial Festival 2009 at Old Orchard Inn
Oct 17 SRDFNS AGM and Lake City Swinger's Swing Into Fall
Nov 6-7 Maritime Square & Round Dance Convention in Fredericton

12. **Date and Location of next meeting:**

March 22, 2008, 6 pm, Sackville Heights Community Centre

13. **Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn, Carol, 7:10.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dottie Welch, Secretary