

**Metro Square and Round Dance Association**  
**Minutes of Annual General Meeting**  
**Sunday, 06 October 2013**  
Sackville Heights Community Centre, 7 pm

**Attendees:**

Don Scott	Chairman, Central Region Reps
Dottie Welch	Secretary, Metro Matters Editor, Sail Sets
Garey and Ruby Bent	Stardusters
Bob and 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 7:08 pm by Don Scott

**2. Adoption of the Agenda:**

Motion to approve as circulated by Bob R., 2nd Barry B., passed.

**3. Minutes of 03 March 2013 Meeting**

Motion to approve as circulated by Dottie W., 2nd Inge R., passed.

**4. Business Arising from Minutes:**

a) \$100 donation to Sackville Heights Community Centre still to be made.

**5. Correspondence: (none)**

**6. Reports from Officers:**

**a) Chairman, Don and Carol Scott:**

A year has come and gone with the loss of one club. The Metro Merry Makers/ Ocan Waves have given up the challenge and have joined with the Fun Squares. We had an enjoyable New Year's Eve dance and the Dance for the Heart went well.

**b) Treasurer, Barry Bendle:**

Opening Balance September 30, 2012	\$2589.34
Bank Fees	\$ 6.00
Balance as of September 30, 2013	\$2583.34
Income from sale of Connell's clothing	\$ 60.00
From March 2013 meeting Donation to Sackville Heights	\$100.00
From March 2013 meeting payment to Dottie of for New Year's	\$ 30.00
Payment to Joint Stocks for Metro Association	\$ 30.25
(Paid online by Dottie before Sept 30 <sup>th</sup> deadline using Visa)	

The \$60.00 cash from Connell's clothing was given to Dottie.  
The \$100.00 cheque will be hand delivered by Don Scott to Sackville Heights.

**c) Publicity:**

- Public Service Announcements were sent out by Russ for Open Houses in the Metro area and for Stardusters. Scotts have heard announcements on CBC and Seaside FM. Dottie sent out PSA notices about Lake City Open Houses and Bob sent out PSA notices about the Contra Time Dances.

- Note that Gary has all the Open Houses that he knew about listed on the SRDFNS website for beginner events.

- Scotts sent dancer contact information acquired during the 50+ Expo to appropriate leaders. They have been followed up.

- The Federation flyers about opportunities for new dancers are being distributed wherever possible.

**d) Metro Matters Editor, Dottie Welch:** Nothing new to report

- Received a Publications update query from the National Directory.

> - Will attempt to put a historical archive of issues on the website along with an index.

> - New issue should come out soon. Need ideas or articles for inclusion.

Metro Clubs and Leaders list update.

We need volunteers to help make Metro and Marketing work.

Award criteria (SRDFNS and CSRDS).

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

- A good SRDFNS Festival 2013 was held at Stellarton.

- The next SRDFNS AGM will be on October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2013 at North Woodside Community Center. Please encourage your representatives to attend as numbers make for a good meeting.

- The Federation gave out two Mayflower Awards in Stellarton. Congratulations to Bob and Inge Ruohoniemi, and to Ralph and Barb MacDonald. Check The Phantom on the SRDFNS Website <[www.squaredance.ns.ca](http://www.squaredance.ns.ca)> to see the write up and all the other news.

f) **DANS:** Dianne Milligan has retired as Executive Director and has been replaced by Megan Hamilton Matheson.

**g) Canadian Square and Round Dance Society: (from Bob and Inge Ruohoniemi)**

(See Report from Bob R.)

(Also see appended page about "What CSRDS Does for You")

**Recent Actions and News from CSRDS:**

> - The new Terms of Reference for the Society Public Relations / Publicity Committee have been forwarded to Provincial Federations inviting volunteers.

- The Society Membership arrangements have been revised. (10,978 current members)  
The new forms will soon be distributed to Nova Scotia club contacts.

- All Society National Conventions will soon be listed on the Society webpage.

- Saskatchewan will be putting on a National Convention in July 2016. The recent Society meeting had a tour of the proposed facility.

- Festival 2014 is around the 580 registration level. Breakeven is 750 dancers.

**h) The 2015 US National will be held in Springfield, Massachusetts** at the end of June. This will be the first time it has been held in New England. The Federation is planning to adjust the date of the 2015 SRDFNS Festival closer to June (aiming for July 9-10) so that tourists could follow up with a trip to Nova Scotia.

### **What Does the Canadian Square & Round Dance Society Do For You?**

Please share this information

1) **Insurance:** CSRDS provides third party liability insurance to square dancers and square dance organizations.

2) **Bursaries:** CSRDS provides funding for leaders to learn or to expand their learning. The total offered each year is now \$13,000.

3) **Awards:** CSRDS provides awards for special people who have gone way beyond the usual activities to support square dancing.

4) **Conventions:** CSRDS encourages biannual National Conventions and provides guidance to hosts. Plan to attend the 2014 National in Ottawa and the 2016 National in Regina.

5) **Marketing:** CSRDS promotes square and round dancing with ads in magazines, with Public Service Ads, Television ads, and a personal DVD "Dancing Keeps You Young". It also supports promotional productions such as "Cool Moves" which are for youth recruitment and "Moving and Grooving" which is an instructional tool for youth instructors and school programs.

6) **Website:** Explore [www.squaredance.ca](http://www.squaredance.ca) to find information about applying for bursaries and awards, insurance details, news, Convention/Festival information, Privacy Policy, Minutes of Meetings, Endowment Fund, List of leaders and more.

7) **Toll Free Number:** 866-206-6696 is answered by a BC volunteer. This is a way to obtain information if you do not have access to the webpage.

8) **Dancing Across Canada Badge:** A new badge has been selected for those who have danced in multiple provinces. This will be available for purchase at Festival 2014 in Ottawa.

### **7. Club Reports**

a) **Coordinators, Dottie:** Just started last Monday with a square dancing.

b) **Lake City Swingers, Dottie:** We have had two Open House events but not seen any new dancers yet. We have had contact with a few possibilities who could not attend yet. Swing Into Fall scheduled for 19 October 2013 at North Woodside.

- c) **Fun Squares:** No report. They usually begin after Thanksgiving weekend.
- d) **Harmony Squares:** Have not started yet.
- e) **Tidal Waves,** Barry Bendle: Some Harmony Squares visited Friday because Kerry is working the next Sundays. Just one square of Tidal Waves dancing.
- g) **Parkland at the Lake,** Dottie: Due to begin in November on first and third Wednesdays, 2-3:15 pm. The dancers like to be out and about in the good weather.
- h) **Sail Sets,** Dottie: Just began last Tuesday, could have used another couple but we danced anyway.
- i) **Stardusters,** Ruby: Have had three dance nights with two to three squares dancing each night. There was a new couple there from Alberta thinking about joining. Also two possible new dancers (a mother and son and maybe some younger siblings). Graduated two couples and it looks like they are going to stay.  
> We discussed recent membership issues and their implications for the rest of the Metro Area and other club constitutions.
- j) **Timberlea Twirlers,** Barry: Two or three dances since we started. No new dancers. Had an equipment mal-function last week; took it to Kerry and it has been fixed. It was a bad fuse and the new fuse was also bad.
- k) **Dancing Shadows,** Dottie: No dancing since Gary's broken knee cap and Janet's operation. Hoping we will do better this year.
- l) **Fun Time Rounds,** Barry Bendle: Still dancing at Bloomfield, but only have a contract through December.
- m) **Contra Time Dancers,** Dottie: Had our first dance at the end of September and had a reasonable turnout. Next dance is at the end of October. The Halifax Contra Dancers are also doing well. A bid has been submitted by the two contra groups to host a stop on the Centennial Tour of Country Dance and Song Society in 2014.

## **8. Old Business**

a) **Summer Dancing:** Kerry managed to get enough for a square to continue class through the summer. Dottie had two good potluck events – one for Lake City and one for Coordinators/Sail Sets. The second summer dances scheduled in July were slim.

### **b) Election of Officers:**

- Current Officers re-elected by acclamation:

Don & Carol Scott:	Chairman
Barry & Dyanna Bendle:	Treasurer
Dottie & Gary Welch:	Secretary and Metro Matters Editor

**c) Publicity:**

> - The resignation of the Trimpers has left us without a Publicity couple.

- One idea is to do a two-hour shift of phone answering on Sunday Afternoon for Christmas Daddies. Look for volunteers.

Note after meeting: Research on the Christmas Daddies Website provided the following information in the Frequently Asked Questions section: Can I volunteer for the Christmas Daddies Telethon? No, Traditionally our volunteer positions are from within CTV by employees, family members and friends. The job of answering phones is filled by Bell Aliant Employee Volunteers and Bell Aliant Pioneers.

> - Perhaps we can arrange to dance on Breakfast Television at Christmas time with some information about Open Houses in the New Year.

Note after meeting: Research discovered that on August 29<sup>th</sup>, 2011 Breakfast TV Halifax officially became CTV Atlantic Morning.)

> - Ruby to ask Russ about contact information for Publicity events.

(See Minutes from October 2011 October: Russ was directed to contact Jody Jessome <jody.jessome@bellmedia.ca> regarding Breakfast TV.)

**9. Current and New Business**

**a) New Year's Eve, Tuesday, 31 December 2013**

> - Dottie to ask about St. Andrew's Presbyterian. Tuesday used to be a problem. Dottie will also ask about the availability of North Woodside CC. Ruby will find out about South Woodside CC. Have been paying about \$75 for 6 pm to 12:30 pm.

- Note after meeting: St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church Hall is available for New Year's Eve this year and has been booked.

- Kerry has been asked to call this year. He will do so if his work schedule allows.

**b) Heart Fund Dance 2014**

> Check with N. Woodside regarding gym availability and the fiddlers for first choice on Saturday, February 22. The alternate choice is Friday, February 21.

Note after meeting: Saturday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2014 has been booked.

**c) Art in the Park:**

Multicultural Association planning to entertain at Victoria Park on Oct 25th and 26th. They are looking for groups to perform.

> We tentatively suggested that we attempt to find dancers for one hour sometime between noon and three on Friday afternoon, October 25th. Have handouts ready for Open Houses in January and other beginner opportunities. All to poll their club for volunteers. Aim for 10 dancers.

**d) West Kings Twirlers Benefit Dance for Laurie & Wilma Illsley**

Laurie has been unable to work (self-employed handyman) since June due to two eye operations (the second was for a completely detached retina). The Bluenose RVers and ANSSRDT have organized a Benefit Dance to be held at Melvern Square Community Hall, 1-3 pm on Sunday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> (after the Maritime Convention at Old Orchard Inn). Also we have Tickets for a raffle on a quilt rack. We split up the 50 ticket packs between us. Tickets are \$2 each of 3 for \$5.

**e) Cookbooks from Festival 2010**

Ruby still has about a box and a half. Suggest that we look for somewhere willing to sell them in return for part of the profit (they cost us about \$5 each, we have been selling them for \$10). Also we will discuss this at the Federation.

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

Oct 19, 2013	Lake City Swingers Swing Into Fall and SRDFNS AGM
Nov 1-2, 2013	Maritime Convention at Old Orchard Inn
Nov 03, 2013	West Kings Twirlers Benefit Dance for Laurie Illsley
Nov 21, 2013	Stardusters Caribbean Night, Cake and Gingerbread
Dec 31, 2013	Metro Association New Year's Eve, St. Andrew's Presbyterian
Feb 22, 2014	Metro Heart Fund Dance, North Woodside Community Centre
May 5, 2013	Coordinators Sail Into Summer
May 1, 2014	Starduster's Pie Night Raiser
July 17-19, 2014	Canadian National Festival 2014 in Ottawa

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

Sunday, March 9, 2014, 7 pm, Sackville Heights Community Centre

**12. Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn by Bob R. at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Dottie Welch, Metro Secretary

After meeting notes:

See comments within Publicity section.

We can use St. Andrew's for New Year's Eve.

The North Woodside Gym is booked for Feb. 22, 2014 for the Heart Dance.