

**Metro Square and Round Dance Association
General Meeting, 3 February 2008**

Sackville Heights Community Centre

Attendees:

Don and Carol Scott	Chairman, Central Region Reps
Dottie Welch	Secretary, Metro Matters Editor, Sail Sets
Barry Bendle	Treasurer
Mary Sargeant	Lake City Swingers, Coordinators
Bernard Conrad	Timberlea Twirlers
Jim & Pat Briggs	Publicity, Stardusters
Bob & Inge Ruohoniemi	Scotia Dancers, National Society

1. Welcome: Meeting called to order at 6:05 pm by Don Scott

2. Adoption of the Agenda

Motion to adopt as circulated by Bob, 2nd Barry, passed.

3. Minutes, 30 September 2007

Motion to accept as circulated, Mary, 2nd Bob, passed.

4. **Business Arising** from Minutes

Joint Stock Registration completed in October, 2007

5. **Correspondence**

Don Scott has corresponded by e-mail with the NS Heart Fund regarding details of the Heart Fund dance and notifying them about the new location this year at North Woodside.

6. **Reports from Officers**

a) Chairman - Don Scott, "Nothing spectacular to report."

b) **Treasurer** - Barry Bendle

Current Balance \$3296.78

Moved by Barry, 2nd by Bob, to accept the Treasurer's report, passed

c) **Publicity** - Pat Briggs

Pat has the name of a contact for Parks and Recreation fall brochure ad.

Pat will check out the cost of a small ad.

We have made the commitment to dance at the bridge. Our measurements indicate that the float will, in fact, fit through the toll booths.

d) **Metro Matters Editor** - Dottie Welch

Goal is to produce an issue for the Heart Dance or later this spring.

Along with the Federation this is 40th Anniversary of Metro Association.

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

Federation is asking each club to designate one night in the next two years as a fund raiser to Halifax National Festival 2010. If the club informs the Federation and the Board for Festival 2010 then an attempt will be made to have representatives there to promote and take registrations.

f) Reports from Other Organizations: Bob Ruohoniemi

London National has 1400 dancers registered, still aiming for 2000. They produced a Newsletter in November 2007 and another is due in March 2008.

CSRDS will have a tele-conference on 17 Feb.

50+ Expo: We plan to participate again this year. It is scheduled for June 13 & 14, 2008, at Exhibition Park. Dancers will be needed for 10 am to 5 pm on Friday and 10 am to 3 pm on Saturday. Carol Scott and Valerie Brown will be coordinating this.

7. Club Reports

a) Coordinators - Mary: 2 squares per night, going well, Sail Into Summer on May 10th.

b) Lake City - Mary: 1 square per night, 3 new dancers, some Snowbirds away.

c) Fun Squares - Club is now registered with the Federation

d) MMM/Ocean Waves, Tidal Waves - no report

e) Sail Sets - Dottie: 2 squares, going well, Advanced Weekend is the long weekend in May. Southern A's in Moncton is function again. Terry Hebert and Bruce & Donna Russell are learning to dance Advanced.

f) Scotia - Bob: Dancing 1 1/2 squares, canceling when not enough. Have 2 new attendees who are returning dancers. Spring Fling is April 5th at Sackville Heights CC, Bruce Savage calling. Beginners welcome.

g) Stardusters - Pat: Dancing 4 squares per night, 3 couples in class. Putting a vote forward regarding the Sweetheart Dance to decide what to do with it. South Woodside has been taken over by Bingo. Profit has been about \$100 per year. Valentines dance on the 14th with lunch and St. Pat's dance in March.

h) Timberlea Twirlers - Bernard: Dancing a square + and having fun doing it. Holding our own. Monday April 7th is the 50/60's dance, Barry and Pat calling.

i) Dancing Shadows - Dottie: Dancing 3 couples and 2 singles. Alex is still having hearing problems but has a fancy set of headphones to help him.

j) Rag Rounds and Golden Squares continue as usual

k) Fun Time Rounds - Lionel & Janet Crowe report everything is going ahead as usual, 3 new couples, teaching basics from 7 - 8:30, dancing 8:30 - 10

l) Contra Time Dancers - Dottie: First dance of a new regime was held last night at St. Matthias Church in Halifax. It was very successful so we are off and running. Contras with live music are scheduled for the first Saturday evenings in March, April and May.

Note regarding Singles: They are welcome at all of the Metro clubs except at Stardusters where they prefer that new dancers go through class as a twosome.

Note the Valley Heart dance has been changed to February 16th, 2008

8. Old Business

a) **Cole Harbour Health Fair October 2007**

It was suggested that next year we dance upstairs in the central part of the Westphal Room so that attendees and booth people can easily watch. We must make sure that we have enough dancers for the demonstration.

b) **New Year's Eve** December 31, 2007 was cancelled due to a snow storm. Terry Hebert was scheduled to call and would likely be willing to come next year.

c) **Chuck Jordan** is booked to call in Cape Breton on 25 July at an 80th Birthday Party. He has to be back in Penticton on the 7th of August. If available he would be delighted to call for a fund raiser for F2010.

9. New Business

a) **Heart Fund Dance, March 7, 2008**

No rental at N. Woodside since a charity event.

Don has Metro supply of coffee, tea, sugar, stir sticks, will buy cups, plates, serviettes, mints.

Mary will bring the 2 perks, tablecloths.

Don will bring the Metro water cooler, Dottie will bring a cooler.

Don will bring the registration book.

Briggs will be away.

To Do: > Dottie to print Posters and put the Heart Posters on the web.
> Dottie to bring the Valentine Decorations
> Barry will bring the 50/50 Tickets
> Dottie will deal with sound and program
> Recruit first arrivals to set up the chairs

b) **Summer Dancing 2008**

Cole Harbour place rental contract has been arranged.

Dates are June 5th to August 21st except July 17th. 11 nights.

Motion that we donate to Festival 2010 the profits from the entire Summer Dance schedule, by Barry, 2nd Mary, passed.

Plan to designate June 5th and maybe Chuck's night as particular fund raisers for F2010. Maybe we will have a dress rehearsal practice of our London Promo entertainment.

Same price for leaders and dancers as before.

Schedule for Host Clubs: June 5th - Metro

June 12 - Scotia

June 19 - Coordinators

June 26 - Lake City

July 3 & 10 - Stardusters

July 17 - no dance

July 24 - Ocean Waves

July 31 - Fun Squares

Aug 7 - Fun Squares

Aug 14 - Timberlea Twirlers

Aug 21 - Sail Sets/Metro

Dottie to contact clubs as well as callers and cuers

c) **Parades 2008:** Aim to participate in the Halifax/Dartmouth and Eastern Passage Parades. Might do Lawrencetown since the road has been smoothly paved. Plan also to dance on Grand Parade, July 1st.

d) Need **retirement handout material.**

Use the double foldout info, heath, and club listing.

Maybe have a table at NS Retired Government Employees Association
Bernard will investigate this. Held at the Holiday Inn at the bridge.

Bob - FSNA Federal Superannuits National Association
3rd week of April. Probably the 23rd.

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

Apr 5th Scotia Dancers
Apr 7th Timberlea
Apr 26th Fun Squares
May 10th Coordinators
May 22nd Dice Hill
Oct 18 - Lake City

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

April 20th, 6 pm. Sackville Heights CC

Motion, Inge, 2nd Carol, to donate \$25 to Sackville Heights CC Monte Carlo Night evening in appreciation for use of the hall.

Briggs made a presentation of a **Certificate of Appreciation** to Don and Carol Scott for their dedication and hard work for the activity, Presidents perpetual, Parade management, Summer Dance attendance, and participation in club dances.

> Plan to photograph this for the website.

12) Adjourned, Barry, 8:05.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dottie Welch, Secretary