

**Metro Square and Round Dance Association
General Meeting, Sunday, 22 March 2009**

Sackville Heights Community Centre

Attendees:

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

Regrets:

Mary Sargeant Lake City Swingers, Coordinators

1. Welcome: Meeting called to order at 6:15 pm by Don Scott
 2. Adoption of the Agenda
Motion to approve as circulated by Jim, 2nd Bernie, passed
 3. Minutes, 23 November 2008
Corrected "2009" for next meeting, Minutes approved as corrected.
 4. Business Arising from Minutes of 23 November 2008 (none except below)
 5. Correspondence
 - a) 50+ Expo is June 12-13, 2009, "Life is what you make it!"
Looking for dancers, gives free entrance to Exhibition Park
Dancing 10-12 am and 1-3 pm both days
 - > Need updated Class Brochures. So we need Open House dates.
Timberlea 14 & 21 Sept
Scotia 16 & 23 Sept
Lake City 24 Sept, 1 & 8 Oct
 - > Note: Will also need this info for the Province.
 - b) Multi-Cultural Society requested that we participate in their event last night at Mount Saint Vincent. Festival 2010 Demo Square performed as the final act. 200-300 in the audience. Emcee was Olga Milosevich of CBC's "Connections".
 6. **Reports from Officers**
 - a) Chairman, Don Scott: Nothing to report.
 - b) Treasurer, Barry Bendle:
As of yesterday, \$2923.43
Statement will be mailed out in the future instead of charging us \$2.
 - c) Publicity, Pat & Jim Briggs: Nothing to report.
 - d) Metro Matters Editor, Dottie Welch:
Some memories have been contributed, but no issue yet.
 - e) Central Region Rep, Don Scott:
The Federation's next meeting is 2 May.
Federation Festival at Old Orchard Inn for 24-25 July.
Leaders should tell Dottie if they wish to call or cue.
List of Campgrounds close to Old Orchard Inn was passed out.
- Note: > Bob will ask if Mary's Islanders are available.

f) **Halifax National Festival 2010**, Bob Ruohoniemi: This event is coming, consider registering and consider assisting. We have over 500 dancers including 112 from Nova Scotia, 4 downtown hotels are beginning to fill up.

DANS: Nothing new.

CSRDS Bob Ruohoniemi: Teleconference Board Meeting will be held on May 3, 2009. Yes, there will be more conventions after Halifax.

7. Club Reports

a) Coordinators, Dottie: Continuing with 2 squares and one extended workshop tip each week. Sail Into Summer Plus dance special on May 9.

b) Lake City Swingers, Dottie: We have one enthusiastic new couple. Have 6 couples but occasionally we have to cancel so casual visitors should call ahead. This afternoon Dottie taught polka to Red Hat ladies including one of the Lake City Swingers.

c) Fun Squares, Bob: 2 squares plus a square of banner stealers last Sat.

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

e) Sail Sets, Dottie: Averaging 2 squares, doing well, those learning A2 have learned about 1/3 of the list. This week (school break) we danced for an hour in Cameron Hall for the seniors (St. Patrick's singers).

f) Scotia Dancers, Bob: Struggling, Spring Fling is Wed, April 15, Sackville Heights Community Centre

g) Stardusters, Pat: 3-5 squares per night. Last Thursday was "Goofers Night". "New to You Night" on April 2nd. April 23rd is graduation of 3 couples. May 21 "Pie Night 2010 Fund Raiser".

h) Timberlea Twirlers, Bernie: 1-2 squares, invited to dance at Royal Sun Alliance on St. Patrick's Day. Lots of positive feedback. April 6th 50-60's dance.

i) Dancing Shadows, Dottie: We have CDs from Alex and have been dancing on some Sunday afternoons or evenings at the Crowe's.

k) Fun Time Rounds, Dottie: Janet reports that both Club and Class groups are doing well. Note that they have been invited to attend Metro Meetings.

l) Contra Time Dancers, Dottie: We had a good crowd on March 7th including a large group from the International Student Ministry. Next dance is March 28th.

Near Clubs:

a) LeHave River Ramblers, Barry: Club has decided not to do either of their special dances next year (no profit). Two couple in class, dancing 3-4 squares.

b) Dice Hill Squares, Bob: Dancing 2 squares. A few cancellations due to weather. Fund raiser is May 21st. Class: 1 solo from Sept. and 2 from January.

8. Old Business

a) Pictures from London showing parading of Metro Banner are now on website.

9. New Business

a) Heart Fund Dance 2009

Rescheduled on Friday, April 17th, 2009 at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church on School Street. Motion that Metro Association pay the rental of the hall for this dance. (Bob, Barry) Motion approved.

Don has cups, coffee, milk etc. Ask Mary to bring the big urns and the tea.

b) Summer Dancing 2009

Cole Harbour Place has been booked. Price has gone up to \$90 per night. With \$40 for the caller and \$10 for the cuer, this means we need 14 couples per night at \$10 per couple. Trail In to Festival on the July 23rd.

Regarding \$15/night price increase: Consensus is to eat losses this year and to put out a questionnaire regarding this issue during Summer Dancing.

Callers have been queried and most have responded positively. Lionel will cue.

Host Club night assignments:

- June 4: Metro
- June 11: Scotia
- June 18: Coordinators
- June 25: Lake City
- July 2: Stardusters
- July 9: Fun Squares
- July 16: Timberlea
- July 23: Fun Time Rounds or Dancing Shadows
- July 30: Sail Sets

We need names and telephone numbers of the door people.
We will call and remind them.

Canada Day, Bruce Savage will call on the Grand Parade.

Parades: Halifax/Dartmouth, August 3rd,
Eastern Passage, August 8th

Contact: Scotts or Briggs

c) Floaters:

Question: What about dancers who attend on a casual basis who do not belong to any club? Get them to sign a waiver for insurance issues. Ask to see the CSRDS membership card if anyone objects.

Note that CSRDS member and insurance is closed for 2009.

d) Handouts at the Bridge for the parade: We can only pass items out there and plan to have a few in the truck. Business card size suggested.

e) Alguire Memorial Callers School

August 23-28th, Dance on the 28th in place TBA.

Staff: Barry & Pam Clasper from Ontario, Kerry Fletcher, Dottie Welch

11. Updates to Special Dance Schedule:

- Apr 6 Timberlea Twirlers 50-60's Dance
- Apr 17 Metro Heart Dance
- Apr 25 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:

AGM, Sunday, September 27, 2009, 6 pm, Sackville Heights Community Centre

13. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn, Bernie, 8:00.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dottie Welch, Secretary