

Square and Round Dance Federation of Nova Scotia
MINUTES for OCTOBER 17, 2015 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
North Woodside Community Centre, 230 Pleasant Street, Dartmouth

Attendees:

Paul & Cathy Langille	President, Marketing, DANS
Russ Trimper	Treasurer
Dottie Welch	Secretary, ANSSRDT
Russ Trimper	Treasurer
Marion & Gerry McLellan	Finance, Fundy Region Reps
Don & Carol Scott	Awards, Central Region Reps
Ralph & Barb MacDonald	Membership, Highland Region Reps
Murray & Joan Decker	Valley Region Reps
Al & Corinne McNabb	Valley Region Alternates
Harold & Clara Redden	

Regrets:

Bob & Inge Ruohoniemi	CSRDS
Lionel Parsons	Cape Breton Region Rep

Business Meeting begins at 1:30 p.m.

1. Call to Order at 1:35 by Paul Langille

2. Minute of Silence in memory of dancers who passed away during the last year.

3. Adoption of Agenda

Motion to approve Agenda as circulated by Don and second Barb, passed.

4. Minutes of 2014 AGM

Motion by Dottie to approve as distributed, second Don, passed.

5. Business Arising from the Minutes

a) Nothing that will not be covered elsewhere.

6. Correspondence

a) **Condolences** continue to be sent by Paul and Cathy.

b) **Letter from Fundy Squares requesting promotional grant:** This request is a result of a visit by the Langilles to their AGM. It is the intention of Fundy Squares to purchase an exterior sign, posters, and a rubber stamp for adding local contact information to rack cards.

- Motion by Cathy, and second by Carol, that we approve the Fundy Squares application for a \$250 publicity grant, passed.

c) **Thanks by e-mail from Richard Gemeinhart** who visited various dance groups as a result of information provided by Russ Trimper.

d) **50+ Expo correspondence** was sent from SRDFNS to DANS and to 50+ Expo regarding the unsatisfactory schedule and treatment this year. Neither DANS nor 50+ Expo has acknowledged receipt or replied.

7. Reports

a) Treasurer – (See reports e-mailed by Russ Trimper)

- Details discussed regarding marketing expenses for Quarter 4.
- Motion by Russ to adopt as presented, second Gerry, passed

b) Finance Officer – (See report mailed by Marion)

- Motion by Marion to adopt as presented, second Barb, passed

c) President – (See report e-mailed by Paul)

- Motion by Paul, second Harold to accept, passed

d) Committee Reports: Awards, Archives, Webmaster and Communications, Membership and Insurance, Marketing, 50+Expo

Archives: The Langilles are still asking for the archive materials need to be shifted somewhere else. We agree that it would be easiest if we attempted to archive the useful history onto the internet.

Webmaster and Communications – Dottie

Much of our time recently has been spent on postings related to Contra Fest 2015.

The first mailing of the Calendar for this season went out in mid September along with AGM Notice and Club Registration forms.

Membership and Insurance – Ralph MacDonald (see report e-mailed)

- Total members in 2015 is 440 (44 contra members)
- Three clubs known to be dancing some of the year but not registered:
Timberlea Twirlers, Strathmor Strutters, Fun Squares
- Yes, we agreed that we do need Membership Cards for proof of insurance.
- Looking at Square and Round dancers only we went from 407 to 396.
- Obtaining the Named Insured forms for Contra Fest was very simple.

Marketing: New banner shows only legs and feet.

- Langilles attended the Marketing Seminars in Springfield, Massachusetts.
- Studies show that people want to socialize with people in approximately the same age group (plus or minus ten years).
- Community Links photographer was present at the Contra Fest Pre-Event at The Wave.
- 50+ Expo follow up: Debatable if the Expo will occur again. The attendance was down this year and the building may not be available due to structural damage from snow last winter. If the same organizers are involved, it seems unlikely that we will have a fair opportunity to promote our activity (this year we were allocated two 20-minute slots on the mini-stage and one 10-minute slot on the main stage).

e) Region Reports: Central, South Shore, Valley, Fundy, Highland, Cape Breton

Central:

Contra Fest 2015 Report – Dottie Welch

After two years of planning we are pleased to report that the Nova Scotia stop on the Centennial Tour of the Country Dance and Song Society was the highlight of a successful contra dancing year.

Seven evening dances from Sunday, 27 September to Saturday, 3 October:

Contras and Cousins Dance with mixers and traditional squares,

Family-friendly Community Dance at Prospect Road Community Centre,
Dartmouth High School Fund Raiser,
Valley Harvest Dance at the Wolfville Farmers' Market
MUC-ky (Modern Urban Contra) Dance ending with a half hour of alternate music contras,
Dress Up & Dance Party featuring new and guest callers
Grand Finale filling St. Andrew's United Church hall, Dal students texting others to come.
Also dancer workshops on Sunday and Saturday afternoons.
Contra Introductions in 5 schools including Dartmouth High School dance class and band class.
Also at Sacred Heart, Le Marchant, Shambhala, and Wolfville Elementary

South Shore: LeHave River Ramblers are still functioning and Barry Bendle is still calling.

Valley Region:

- Fundy Squares have a new couple who started last week.
- West Kings is considering folding – meeting scheduled next Friday, Oct 23. Have only four couples attending on a regular basis. (Note: Sadly, they did decide to fold.)

Fundy Region: Cumberland class now has 11 dancers and the class will continue until most of the students are up to dancing with the club.

Highland Region: In Antigonish lost 3 couples due to Alzheimers. Planning to try in January for an Open House and new dancers in both clubs but particularly in Antigonish.

As part of the Senior Games, Guysborough County did a survey and found some interest in square dancing. As a result, the MacDonalds are currently going to the nearby community centre to teach a very enthusiastic group.

Cape Breton: Town and Country is functioning with callers Lionel Parsons and Tommy Gardner.

Discussion about Open Houses:

- Traditionally these have been free.
- Others say that anything of value should carry a price.
- January seems to be the Open House time of choice.

f) Liaison Reports: CSRDS, ANSSRDT, DANS

CSRDS – See Report sent by Bob R

- Marketing Committee now has its own budget. Cathy is a member at large.

ANSSRDT

- The Maritime Convention scheduled for November 6 & 7, 2015 at the Fredericton Inn now has 31 couples registered. This usually is about half the actual attendance.
- Next New England convention will be in Warwick, Rhode Island, April 22 & 23, 2016.

DANS

- Currently no representative or regular contact between DANS and SRDFNS.

- Weekly News Letter – suggested by Cathy that we might want them to send this out to our clubs. At the moment, they seem unwilling to include square dance open house events there. After discussion we agreed that it does not seem useful to clutter up the inbox of club contacts with a newsletter that does not include square and round dancing.

8. By-Law Revisions

- Changes were made by Dottie since the July meeting regarding how to determine the quorum and what happens in the event of dissolution. These changes were made in accordance with recommendations from the Society of Joint Stocks.

- Motion by Dottie Welch to approve (second Don) the revised version of the Memorandum of Association and By-Laws, passed.

9. Nominations and Election of Officers – Ralph MacDonald in the chair

a) President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer

- Nominations for President: Cathy nominated Dottie Welch, but no one present was willing to replace her as Secretary. No one else was willing to be nominated for President.

- Nominations for Secretary: Corinne nominated Dottie, second Paul, elected by acclamation.

- Nominations for Treasurer: Don nominated Russ, second Harold, elected by acclamation.

- Agreed that we would operate for the foreseeable future with rotating meeting chairmen.

Motion by Dottie, second Paul, passed.

People willing to be rotating chairmen: Paul Langille, Ralph MacDonald, Don Scott

b) Finance Officer, Webmaster and Communications, Membership & Insurance

- Finance Officer – Marion McLellan

- Webmaster and Communications – Gary and Dottie Welch

- Membership and Insurance – Ralph MacDonald

- Motion by Don, second Al to accept these nominations, passed

c) Marketing, Archivist, Awards Committee

- Marketing: Cathy and Paul Langille

- Archivist: (vacant)

- Awards: Don and Carol Scott, Dottie and Gary Welch, Corinne and Al McNabb

- Motion by Barb, second Paul, to accept these nominations, passed

d) National Society Representatives (nominations for election in Saskatchewan July 2016)

- Bob and Inge Ruohoniemi have announced that they are not reoffering.

- This is a two year appointment, and it includes an expenses paid meeting in the off year from the National Convention.

- Position is open at this point and needs to be discussed at our next Executive meeting.

e) DANS Representative (liaison to receive information)

- Note: Dottie is receiving information because she is a life member.

- Cathy Langille will continue to receive information.

f) ANSSRDT Liaison – Dottie Welch continues in this position

10. New and Returning Regional Representatives Identified

- Central: Don and Carol Scott
- South Shore: Paul and Cathy Langille
- Valley: Murray and Joan Decker
- Fundy: Gerry and Marion McLellan
- Highland: Ralph and Barb MacDonald
- Cape Breton: Lionel Parsons

11. Current and New Business

a) SRDFNS Festival future plans (delayed to next Executive Meeting)

b) Fundy Squares request for promotional grant (discussed earlier)

c) Caller remuneration for demo/community dances at Mahone Bay Community Centre on Aug 29 & Sep 26, 2015:

- Palma Heming did a Community Centre Fund Raiser Barn Dance on July 4.
 - There was a meal, wine and an open bar. About 9 o'clock they lost their dancing ability.
 - Several people approached the Langilles about possibly organizing more such dances.
 - Additional events were arranged for Aug 29 and Sep 26 but those who originally requested these events mostly did not show. Enough money was raised to pay for the hall but not enough to pay for the callers. Palma and Alan did a great job introducing Squares and Contras. Since these were standard demos done for SRDFNS promotion, we should consider paying our usual rate which is \$40 per hour plus transportation. Each event lasted from 7-9:30 pm. The first dance had revenues of \$54, and paid \$34 to the Community Centre. The second dance had revenues of \$66 and paid \$34 to the Community Centre. The net result is \$52 for use in paying the callers. Palma is due \$200 total for calling \$40 x 4 plus \$40 for transportation, Alan is a trainee and is due \$75 (he called about an hour total and drove on his own once).
- Motion by Russ, second Barb to pay \$200 and \$75, passed.

d) ARTS logo colours – Dottie will pass website along to members

e) Bursary Approvals

- Motion by Ralph and second Harold to approve bursaries for Don Scott and Alan Parker who both applied last spring and attended the Alguire Memorial Callers School in August, passed.

12. Date and Location for next AGM

- October 15, 2016 to coincide with Swing Into Fall

13. Adjournment at 5:00 pm

Mini Executive Meeting:

- Motion to approve the 2016 budget by Russ, second Gerry, passed.
- Bursary: Don Scott to send his financial figures from caller school to Russ.
- Approval of July 12, 2015 minutes: Motion to approve by Dottie, second Murray, passed.
- Next Executive Meeting: Saturday, Jan 23, 2016 at Sobey's in Greenwood.
- Adjourned 5:05 pm

Respectfully Submitted, Dottie Welch, Secretary SRDFNS