

METRO SQUARE AND ROUND DANCE ASSOCIATION
April 2006

Metro Square & Round Dance Association
General Meeting Minutes - 2 April 2006

Saint Mary's University, Halifax, NS, Main part of McNally Building Room 310

Attendance:

Don & Carol Scott	Chairman, Central Region Reps, Scotia Dancers
Dottie Welch	Secretary, Metro Matters Editor, Sail Sets, Coordinators, Lake city Swingers
Bernard Conrad	Timberlea Twirlers
Jim & Pat Briggs	Stardusters

Regrets:

Barry & Dyanna Bendle	Treasurer, (Away in Ontario)
Alex Ritchie	Rag Rounds, Dancing Shadows, Golden Squares, (Attending Neptune at 2 pm to see "Who's Afraid of Virginia Wolf")
Mary Sargeant	Coordinators, Lake City Swingers, (Recovering from bad cough)

1. Welcome at 2:03 by Don Scott, Chairman
2. Adoption of the Agenda, no additions so approved as circulated
3. Minutes of the last meeting (5 February 2006), no changes so approved as circulated.
4. Business Arising from the minutes - none except Old Business discussed below.
5. Correspondence
 - a. Thank you from Heart and Stroke Foundation for the dance donation of \$717.50
6. Reports from Officers
 - a. Chairman - Don & Carol Scott
Nothing new has been happening, but still actively looking for volunteers.
 - b. Treasurer - Barry Bendle

Closing Balance February 2006	\$ 2869.60
Cheque for coffee, tea, etc. for Heart Fund	24.08
Current Balance:	\$ 2845.52
Owing to Bob Ruohoniemi:	

Cheque for photocopies for Shearwater Recruitment \$ 12.42
Owing to Alex Ritchie for National Society Insurance \$ 5.00

- c. Publicity - Don Scott and Dottie Welch are dealing with the essentials
We still need a Publicity Chairman.
Need something for the Dalhousie Retirement Seminar (40 by May 1)
Suggestion 3 piece package:

Health Benefits, Club Info, Special Issue of Metro Matters
Need to update the Metro Website
Welcome to Metro Square and Round Dance Association
This covers Halifax County (HRM), Nova Scotia, Canada
Map showing Central Region and where the clubs are
Bars show: Executive, Clubs (and the history list), By-Laws,
History, Newsletter, Last Minutes, Summer Schedule
Links back to relevant areas of SRDFNS part of website

- d. Metro Matters Editor - Dottie Welch
What about an issue designed to be used to entice new dancers?
Yes
- e. Central Region Reps to Federation - Barry & Dyanna Bendle
Next Federation meeting is May 6th at North Woodside Community Centre.
Awards Committee - Don Scott
Longevity Award for 20 years of dancing or more is available.
By the way, this is also available from the National Society.
- f. Info about DANS, CSRDS, National Convention etc.

DANS - Last night the April Fools Dance Party was held to raise funds for DANS' educational and community programs. (Including the Square Dance CD being produced for the use in Nova Scotia schools).

International Dance Day is 29th April 2006, set by the United Nations.

This year's quotation in part:

"Dancing requires neither pen nor paintbrush.
Only one instrument is necessary, the human body.
Every motion is imbued with dance. To move is to dance."

CSRDS - Nothing new

Halifax National Festival 2010 - Board of Directors Meeting yesterday.
All but one directorship is occupied. Need someone for Ceremonies.
Began working on Critical Path planning.

Comment regarding the price:
Halifax is asking \$90/dancer until August 31, 2006 for an event 4 years away. This is a bargain to entice early registrations. Remember that anticipated registrations are shrinking with respect to the venue cost.

Montreal is now asking \$80/dancer for their event this summer.
London is asking \$85/dancer until July 1, 2007 for their event in 2008.

7. Club Reports

- a. Coordinators - Dottie
Sad to see Rod and Colleen Cameron depart for Alberta, but we enjoyed a nice send off dance as well as a St. Pat's dance the week before.
May 6th is the Sail Into Summer Plus Dance at North Woodside.
- b. Lake City Swingers - Mary via Dottie
Open House scheduled for May 11th, 2006.
2 new couples doing well and very keen.
- c. Fun Squares - no representative since the Forbes have stepped down.
They are still acting as e-mail contacts.
- d. MMM/Ocean Waves - no rep
- e. Tidal Waves - no rep
- f. Sail Sets - Dottie Welch
Dancing 2-3 squares recently with a mix of A1 and A2 tips.
The annual Advanced Atlantic Adventure will be held in Moncton, NB on May 19 & 20, 2006.
- g. Scotia Dancers - Don & Carol Scott
Wednesday graduating 1 1/2 couples.
Saturday, 8 April, 2006 is the Spring Fling.
Bruce Savage is now the Scotia Dancer's club caller.
- h. Stardusters - Jim & Pat Briggs
March 16th St. Pat's Dance was a huge success.
Goodbye Cake Night for Rod and Colleen had 7 squares.
This week is Goofer's Night – 7 people to call.
27 April is Graduation for 2 couples, potluck supper.
11 May is Annual General Meeting.

13 May is Japanese Dance with Japanese food and an interesting evening.

18 May is the last dance for season with a pie lunch.

Ruby reports no new Provincial Longevity Awards.

i. Timberlea Twirlers - Bernie Conrad

Nothing new to report.

Scotia class couple has been graduated by this club. 50/60's Dance coming on April 10th, 2006, Lakeside Fire Hall. Poodle Skirt, lunch of course

j. Dancing Shadows

k. Rag Rounds

l. Golden Squares

Alex Ritchie reported that above 3 clubs are functioning normally and will be closing for the summer during the middle of May.

m. Fun Time Rounds - (no rep present)

8. Old Business

a. Heart Fund Dance - Friday, March 3rd, 2006

Donation of \$717.50 to the Heart Fund,

More than 68 people signed the guest book including a lot of visitors.

> Send a Thank You letter to Stardusters for their assistance and generous sharing of their supplies and decorations. Send to the Bents as Presidents and through them to the members.

(Letter written by D.W. & e-mailed to Don S, hand delivered on April 6th)

> Send a letter to the Fiddlers also. (Sent on April 7th.)

b. Survey regarding Metro priorities and finding volunteers

Summary of Survey results follow:

1. Should Metro continue to coordinate these events for the Central Region?

- a. Summer Dance Program 41 yes 3 no
- b. Heart Fund Benefit Dance 44 yes 1 no
- c. Canada Day & Parades 34 yes 6 no
- d. New Year's Eve Dance 33 yes 6 no
- e. Demonstration Dancing 43 yes 2 no
- f. Metro Matters 36 yes 0 no
- g. School Programmes 37 yes 2 no

2. What else should we be doing at the Regional level?

We should be doing Demos without Square Dance Attire.

c. Summer Dancing 2006

Second Hand Clothing for sale - Pat Briggs will look after this

> Try to hang them outside for a day before the first dance

Cole Harbour Place is booked for \$71.50 per night.

Pay by post dated cheques.

Dance fee is \$10 per couple per night.

Fee to callers as before: \$40 for local callers for 3 squares with \$10

more for each additional square present. Callers from outside Metro area will receive an extra \$10 to assist with their travel costs.

Decided to not schedule a dance on July 13th because of the conflict with the Montreal National.
Start on Thursday, June 8th and continue weekly through August 17th, except no dance on July 13th.
7:30 - 10:00 with rounds and/or contras between squares as appropriate.

Money Box: June 8 Scotts
June 15 Scotts transfer to Briggs
June 22 Briggs
June 29 Briggs transfer to Dottie
July 6 Welch transfer to Mercer or Lucas
July 20 Lucas transfer to Briggs
July 27 Briggs
Aug 3 Briggs
Aug 10 Briggs
Aug 17 Briggs to Metro

Tentative Schedule as sent to Federation on March 15th is:

June 8	Opening, Kerry Fletcher	Metro
June 15	Barry Walker	Scotia Dancers
June 22	Mark Savage	Coordinators
June 29	Ralph MacDonald	Lake City Swingers
July 6	Dottie Welch	Stardusters
July 20	Alex Ritchie	Stardusters
July 27	Kerry Fletcher	Ocean Waves
Aug 3	Paul Blades	Fun Squares
Aug 10	Mark Savage	Timberlea Twirlers
Aug 17	Closing, Live Music, Dottie Welch Sail Sets / Metro	

- e. > Clubs manning the door: We need a contact name and number or e-mail for each club door monitor. Hosts should be there by 7 pm. Dance is in the Westphal Room. If not unlocked then go to the main desk.
Check for ice-water and glasses. If not there, go to canteen immediately.
Sit at the door until about 8:15 pm.
Person or couple on the door dance for free on that night.
Sign-in Book is in the cash box. Use one page per night.
Instructions are also there.

Agreement is to pay Cole Harbour Place by post-dated cheques so that will be done at the beginning of the summer.

Callers should be paid out of the cash with a signature receipt written into the book.

Here is the contact information as submitted by the club reps during April:
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Scotia Dancers:	Don & Carol Scott, 865-5780 dwscott@accesscable.net
Coordinators:	Lorna & Reg Webber, 469-2508 lmwebber@eastlink.ca
Lake City:	Claudette Aucoin, 453-2838
Stardusters:	Pat & Curtis Mercer for July 6th curpat@eastlink.ca Susan & Gary Lucas for July 20
Ocean Waves:	Paul and Reta Blades, 423-0072, 861-1972 Paul.blades@pwgsc.gc.ca
Fun Squares:	Forbes and Marlene Keating, 465-7057 Forbes.keating@ns.sympatico.ca
Timberlea:	Betty and Bernard Conrad, 879-2469 conradbk@ns.sympatico.ca
Sail Sets:	Don & Carol Scott dwscott@accesscable.net

f.

Dottie has scheduled some Plus & Advanced dances on Monday at St. Andrew's Church Hall, Dartmouth, 8-10 pm, casual attire, \$4/person

Plus: Monday June 26, July 24, August 21

Advanced: Monday July 3, July 32, August 28

g. Canada Day Dance during Pancake Breakfast, July 1st, if they want us.

Decided to scratch the Sackville Patriot Days Parade due to small club.

Natal Day parade is going across the MacDonald Bridge again this year.

So we will pass on that.

Eastern Passage Parade? Pat B. to recruit for this event from Stardusters.

9. New Business

a. New Year's Eve 2006 – 31 Dec 2006 is Sunday

Perhaps a New Year's Day Potluck Supper and Evening Dance

> Ask those who have been attending for an opinion on this option.

10. Updates to Special Dance Schedule

April 8	Spring Fling	Scotia Dancers
April 10	50-60's Dance	Timberlea Twirlers
April 22	Fun Time Spring Dance	Fun Time Rounds
May 6	Sail Into Summer - Plus	Coordinators
May 13	Japanese Dance	Stardusters
May 25	Mulberry Dance	Dice Hill Squares
Sept 30	Federation AGM & ANSSRDT	Fall Dance Bible Hill Firehall
Oct 14	Swing Into Fall	Lake City Swingers
Oct 21	MMM / Ocean Waves	Harvest Moon Dance

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12. Date & Location of next meeting

AGM, 24 September 2006, 2:00 pm, new meeting location to be determined

Don will attempt to book Sackville Heights CC for the 24th of September.
Bedford Legion also possible through Bernie.

13. Adjournment - motion to adjourn from Pat Briggs at 5:10 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Dottie Welch, Metro Secretary
