

Square and Round Dance Federation of Nova Scotia
MINUTES for OCTOBER 15, 2016 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
North Woodside Community Centre, 230 Pleasant Street, Dartmouth

Attendance:

Don and Carol Scott	Meeting Chairman
Dottie Welch	Acting President, Secretary, ANSSRDT, DANS
Russ Trimper	Treasurer
Gerry and Marion McLellan	Finance, Fundy Region Reps
Ralph MacDonald	Membership, Highland Region Reps
Al and Corinne McNabb	Valley Region Alternates
Laurie and Wilma Illsley	CSRDS Directors for Nova Scotia
Bob and Inge Ruohoniemi	Past CSRDS Directors
Harold and Clara Redden	Young Country Dancers

Business Meeting begins at 1:00 p.m.

1. Call to Order at 1:00 pm by Don Scott.

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

3. Adoption of Agenda

Moved by Gerry, second by Laurie, to adopt the agenda as presented, passed.

4. Minutes of 2015 AGM

Moved by Laurie, second by Ralph to accept as circulated, passed.

5. Business Arising from the Minutes

a) (All business arising is already on the agenda.)

6. Correspondence

a) Condolences continue to be sent when possible and names are added to “We Remember” on the website. Since April Condolences went to families of: Beverley Dignan (Dartmouth), Sam Cummings (Yarmouth), Elmer Lennox (Lower Argyle), Stewart Sutherland (Dartmouth), Albert Boudreau (Cape Breton), Harry Lofgren (Dartmouth – Gary attended service),

- Recent and Pending: Bud Humphreys (Dartmouth), Bob Ross (Windsor), Dawn Fehr (Scotia), Viola Osborne (Dartmouth)

- Unable to send to families of: Robert Wagner (Bridgewater), Betty Rix (Stardusters)

- Cathy Langille sent to families of: Marshall Spears, and Rita Meisner

7. Reports

a) Treasurer – Russ Trimper (see report e-mailed by Russ)

- Domain name bill from CSRDS was for 2015 and 2016 because bills were never sent last year. This is payment for the www.squaredance.ns.ca pointer to our website.

- Russ moved adoption of his report, second by Marion, passed.

- Russ moved that Dottie be appointed auditor of the books for last year, second Carol, passed. Russ also has the report for the Registry of Joint Stocks.

b) Finance Officer – Marion McLellan (see report e-mailed by Marion)

- Marion moved adoption of her report, second by Corinne, passed.

c) President – Dottie (see report e-mailed)

d) Committee Reports:

Awards – Don Scott

- In 2016 we presented 7 anniversary certificates, and 10 Longevity Awards (8 dancers, 1 club, and 1 caller)

Archives material is currently residing in Welch's basement

> The collection includes a stack of *Canadian Dancer News* magazines. We wondered if the National Society already has an archive of these. Bob Ruohoniemi will ask.

> Also noted that Freddy was not in obvious attendance at Regina. Wondering where he is?

Webmaster and Communications - Dottie

> Gary would appreciate more input of photos for the Phantom.

Membership and Insurance – Ralph

- Last year went very smoothly.

- We have agreed that we are no longer going to issue individual cards. We are assuming that numbers will be issued by the Society. These will be in our records in list form.

- We have picked up ten new registrations since January 2016.

Database – (Paul Langille absent)

- Agreed that we should find out the status of this and discuss in January what we want to do going forward.

Marketing – (Cathy Langille absent)

- Pins – We would like to replenish the supply for presentation to new graduates and to visitors. Motion by Ralph, second Russ that we purchase 500 more Nova Scotia Logo pins

- Rack Cards are awaiting a redesign.

e) Region Reports:

Central – Held a New Year's dance and a Heart dance both of which went well. Plan to do those two events again this year.

South Shore (absent)

Valley – Corinne McNabb

- Murray is not well and on dialysis.

- Fundy Squares are doing quite well. They held their 30th Anniversary dance last week. Valley Heart Dance will be at the hall in Wilmot where Fundy Squares dance. Last March they held

another benefit dance. Next Saturday, Oct 22, they are holding a 90th Birthday Party for Don Killam at the Woodville Community Hall 2-5 pm. Dancing at 3 with Nelson and Laurie calling.

- Apple Valley Plus is also active. Small but having fun and trying to recruit.

Fundy Region – Marion McLellan (see report e-mailed by Marion)

- Boarder Rounders have 24 dancers total.
- Cumberland Twirlers – Recently celebrated the 50th Anniversary of two couples. Graduating 11 mainstream dancers on Tuesday, Nov 29. Open House scheduled for Jan 17 and 24, 2017.

Highland Region – Ralph – (see report)

- Highland Squares picked up a full square in January last year and still have 7 of them (the other dancer has dropped out due to health issues).
- Mapleleaf Whirlaways continue to dance weekly but no new members.
- Both clubs do holiday specials and a summer barbeque.

Cape Breton (report from Ralph MacDonald)

- Town and Country – status uncertain
- Gary Jones is back in Nova Scotia, Gary & Joan were out to 3 Bluenose RV dances this summer. Lionel had a rough winter health wise. The club closed at the end of January because many were planning to head south. In fact, all stayed home because of health issues.

f) Liaison Reports:

CSRDS – Laurie Illsley

- Dottie welcomed Laurie and Wilma as our new representatives for Nova Scotia
 - Laurie thanked Bob and Inge for all their hard work as Directors of the National Society.
 - The next Canadian National will be in London, Ontario, on July 19-21, 2018.
 - The 2020 Canadian National will be in Surrey, British Columbia
- > Rachel (Director from Quebec) has created a CSRDS facebook page. Laurie is hoping that Gary will help with posting some photos of NS.
- The next teleconference is scheduled for Nov 9, 2017.

ANSSRDT – Dottie (see report e-mailed by Dottie)

- Note relatively new emails for Ralph MacDonald, Laurie Illsley, and Barry Walker

MCCA – Laurie Illsley

- 38 paid couple registrations now for the October 28-20 Maritime Convention in Truro. We now have twice as much hard, click-flooring as we had last year.

DANS – Dottie (see report e-mailed by Dottie)

- Check out their completely redone website at www.dancens.ca

8. By-Law Revisions (None)

- Latest version of By-Laws is dated Oct 17, 2015.
- Guidebook is mostly on the internet (most recent printed version is 2014)

Lunch break at 2:05 pm

9. Nominations and Election of Officers

The following were all duly nominated and then elected by acclamation.

- a) President – Acting President – Dottie Welch
 - Chairing the meeting: Ralph MacDonald or Don Scott
 - Vice President – (vacant)
 - Past President – Paul and Cathy Langille
 - Secretary – Dottie Welch
 - Treasurer – Russ Trimper

- b) Finance Officer – Marion McLellan
 - Webmaster and Communications – Gary Welch
 - Membership & Insurance – Ralph MacDonald

- c) Marketing – Cathy Langille
 - Archivist – (Material at Welch's)
 - Awards Committee – Don and Carol Scott

- d) National Society Representatives – Laurie and Wilma Illsley
- e) DANS Representative – Dottie Welch
- f) ANSSRDT Liaison – Dottie Welch

10. New and Returning Regional Representatives Identified

- Central – Don and Carol Scott
- South Shore – (vacant – perhaps Langilles)
- Valley – Al and Corinne McNabb, Alternate – Harold and Clara Redden
- Fundy – Gerry and Marion McLellan
- Highland – Ralph and Barb MacDonald
- Cape Breton – Lionel Parsons
- > Put Gary and Joan Jones back on the email lists (as members of Bluenose RV)

11. Current and New Business

a) SRDFNS Festival 2017 and Canada 150 Dance, 22 July 2017

- Best Western Glengarry, Truro has been booked by Cathy Langille and deposit of \$200 paid.
- After some discussion, the following two motions were made by Laurie Illsley:
- 1) Do not attempt to involve the non-square dance contra dancers, second Carol, passed
 - 2) Dance Schedule as follows, second Russ Trimper, passed.
 - Afternoon Workshops – some Traditional and Contra (good for new dancers)
 - Afternoon in the main room – Mainstream and Plus alternating with continuous dancing
 - Afternoon – also a round dance room for cuers to program as they see fit.
 - Evening – One big room programmed with Basic, MS, 2 Rds, Basic, Plus, 2 Rds, etc.
 - ANSSRDT discussed this event and agreed to participate.
- > Plan to discuss ribbon or alternative, and also the souvenir bar at the next meeting.
- Laurie Illsley volunteered to look after the Pre-Registration,

- Dottie will revise the poster, confirm with executive, and send to the printer (Grant Wright) in time for the posters to be available at the Maritime Convention on October 28.

- Agreed that it would be easier to set the meal price ticket now and include in pre-registrations. Motion by Bob Ruohoniemi, second Laurie. passed.

- Discussed the possible need for colour brochures due to the Canada 150 logo on Cathy's draft. (Note: When Dottie looked for the logo online, the official version is just the red outline, so printed the whole form in red on white paper.)

- Note that there are campsites available 22 km west at Elm River Park in Glenholme, and 8.5 km south at Scotia Pine Campground, 1911 Nova Scotia Trunk 2, near Exit 12 in Hilden.

b) CALLERLAB Raffle

- Raffle for the benefit of the CALLERLAB Foundation for continuing education programs, scholarships and grants. Ticket price is \$10 Canadian. Prize is \$3,000 in US dollars which can be applied to a cruise of the winner's choice or taken as a cash payout. No more than 1500 tickets will be sold and the drawing will be held when the tickets sell out. Contact Dottie if you want to purchase one or more. (Note: Drawing was held near the end of October and the winner was from the west coast.)

12. Date and Location for next AGM

- October 14 at North Woodside Community Centre beginning at 1:00 p.m.

13. Adjournment

- Motion by Laurie to adjourn at 3:30 pm.

Executive Mini-Meeting

1) Called to order by Don Scott at 3:40

Agenda: Motion by Russ, second Carol, to accept as circulated, passed.

Minutes previous meeting: Motion by Russ, second Al, accept as circulated, passed.

2) Treasurer – Russ Trimper

Motion by Russ to accept the proposed budget for 2017, second Harold, discussion followed, passed.

3) New Business:

a) Question regarding Club Attendance: A record should be kept of those in attendance.

b) Awards format was discussed. Agreed to draft a version more like the original format.

4) Next Executive Meeting

Tentatively: January 21st, 2017 Meeting at Sobey's in Greenwood, Start at 1:30. Confirmed.

5) Adjournment: Motion to adjourn at 4:05 by Russ,

Respectfully submitted,
Dottie Welch, SRDFNS Secretary