

**Metro Square and Round Dance Association
General Meeting, 20 April 2008, Sackville Heights Community Centre**

Attendees:

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

Regrets:

Barry & Dyanna Bendle Treasurer

1. Welcome: Meeting called to order at 6:05 pm by Don Scott
Thanks for coming on such a beautiful day.
2. Adoption of the Agenda
Motion to adopt as circulated by Bernard, 2nd Mary, passed.
3. Minutes, 3 February 2008
Motion to accept as circulated by Bob, 2nd Pat, passed.
4. **Business Arising** from Minutes
 - a) Scott's photo receiving award is now on the website.
5. **Correspondence**
Secretary received a thank you from the Heart and Stroke Foundation for raising \$504.00.
6. **Reports from Officers**
 - a) Chairman - Don Scott
We had a successful fund raiser for the Heart and Stroke Fund. There were no bills submitted. Thank you letters were sent to North Woodside for providing a free hall and to the fiddlers with a photograph of them playing.
 - b) Treasurer - Barry Bendle not present so no report
 - c) **Publicity** - Pat Briggs
Pat contacted Parks and Recreation regarding their fall brochure ad.
Pat will check out the cost of a small ad.
1/6th page 2 1/4" by 4 1/2", \$295.
1/3rd page 4 1/2" by 4 3/4", \$495
Banner: 7 1/2" by 2 1/2", \$495
Contact is Ryan Burkit
Goes to print in late June, comes out in early August
Motion to spend \$295 plus tax and put a 1/6 page advertisement in the HRM Parks and Recreation fall brochure. Motion by Mary, 2nd by Carol, passed.
> Dottie to design an advertisement: Info Don, Dottie, Briggs, website
 - d) Metro Matters Editor - Dottie Welch
Still trying to produce an issue.
 - e) **Central Region Rep** - Don Scott

Federation's next meeting is the 10th of May. Metro officially says "no", not interested in hosting Provincial Festival 2009.

f) Reports from other Organizations: Bob Ruohoniemi

CSRDS: No meeting since we last met.

Nova Scotia has two couples who have attended every Canadian National Convention (Ron & Dot Connell, Les & Maxine Cross) Also there is a couple from Japan who has attended all of them, Lofty and Toki Yamasaki.

Publicity committee is holding a teleconference on the 4th of May. At 5:00 pm, Bob cannot do this, is anyone else interested in participating for Nova Scotia. Pat and Jim Briggs will listen on their speaker-phone.

DANS: April 29th is International Dance Day. If a club is dancing that week please let DANS know.

> Dottie to send one e-mail with all of our Metro Dances. (Note: Dottie later asked Dianne about this - they only want open dance events.)

7. Club Reports

a) Coordinators, Mary: Sail Into Summer on May 10th, 8-10.

b) Lake City, Mary: Number of people sick so had to cancel occasionally.

c) Fun Squares: Apple Crisp dance on April 26th.

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

e) Sail Sets - Dottie: Advanced Weekend May 17 & 18 in Moncton. The location has changed, check the new poster.

f) Scotia - Bob: 6 couples as members, canceling when not enough. Spring Fling on April 5th had 4 squares total.

g) Stardusters, Pat: Graduation this week for 3 couples, potluck. May 15th hosting a fund raiser for 2010, Pie night, \$10 per couple. Caller Kerry Fletcher donating his time. Mainstream with Rounds.

h) Timberlea Twirlers, Bernard: April 7th 50/60's dance with 8 squares was very successful. People like the music, relaxed apparel and 5 cent cokes.

i) Dancing Shadows, Dottie: Continues as usual.

j) Rag Rounds has closed and those few members left have joined Fun Time Rounds. Golden Squares has cut back to only dancing on Wednesday mornings.

k) Fun Time Rounds, Lionel & Janet Crowe attendance is up do to the closing of Rag Rounds. They have scheduled some summer dancing.

l) Contra Time Dancers, Dottie: We cancelled one dance because of a snow storm. Second dance was held a week ago and was as successful as the first. Also the Smokin' Contra Band is holding very successful dances at St. George's Church Hall (the round church) on Brunswick Street. Both feature live music.

8. Old Business

a) **Heart Fund Dance** went well at North Woodside. We had about 7 squares and raised \$504. We did have several new dancers who enjoyed the dancing. The Heart Fund took some pictures that were intended for the Heart Fund website. Their coordinator danced a few tips.

b) **Summer Dancing**

Dottie passed out the draft program.

It would help to have names and contact information for the clubs hosting.

Coordinators is Lorna Webber

Lake City is Claudette and Lori

Motion to allow \$50 minimum expenses for the caller and cuer on an evening. If one person is doing both, they receive \$50 or more for more dancers. Bob, Carol, passed. Note that all profit will go to Festival 2010.

c) **Parades 2008**

The Briggs will be away in Quebec at a wedding on the day of the Dartmouth parade. They will look for a couple to coordinate the activity (Gary & Susan Lucas). Since the Halifax part down Gottingen Street is not very productive for dancers, we agreed to repeat the plan from last year starting at the bridge and continuing through Dartmouth.

d) **Grand Parade on July 1st:** Dance about 8:30 for half an hour or so. Dottie to call. Ask for dancers for this.

9. **New Business**

a) **Retirement brochures:**

> Dottie will update the Beginner Club list for Metro and for the Federation. We will need this for the 50+ Expo, too.

Dalhousie Retirement is in May.

Central branch of the Federal Superannuits National Association (FSNA) is meeting for Wednesday lunch on the 30th of April. Health brochure and Metro Club List. Need 100. Ruohoniemi's back on the 29th of April. Harbourview Suite, Holiday Inn.

The NS Retired Government Employees Association meeting is held in the fall. Bernard is still working on this. Held at the Holiday Inn at the bridge.

b) **50+ Expo:** Carol, Friday and Sat, June 13th and 14th. Dottie to call on Friday, Bruce on Saturday. Will have electricity for the VCR. Will need dancers to sign up, Carol has a form to fill out. Wearing square dance outfits gives free attendance. Call Valerie Brown, 902-543-5278, rwvjbrown@eastlink.ca or Carol Scott, 902-865-5780, c.j.scott@ns.sympatico.ca

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

Apr 26th Fun Squares Apple Crisp
May 10th Coordinators Sail Into Summer
May 15th Stardusters Fund Raiser for Halifax National 2010, Pie Night
May 22nd Dice Hill Mulberry Dance
June 5th Metro Fund Raiser for Halifax National Festival 2010
Oct 18th Lake City Swing Into Fall

11. Invite suggestions for changes to guidelines or by-laws for Metro.

12. **Date and Location of next meeting:**

AGM on September 21st, 6 pm. Sackville Heights Community Centre

13. **Advertising for the Fall:**

a) Breakfast TV
b) Article in the Beacon

Pat Briggs will put ads in the following:

c) Advertise in The Coast
d) Advertise in Metro, which is available in the old Green Daily News box
e) Eastlink Cable 10
f) Coffee News

> We need start up dates for all the clubs.

Lake City: Sept 25, Oct 2 Scotia: Sept 10 and 17

14. **Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn, Bernard, 8:10.

Respectfully Submitted, Dottie Welch, Secretary