

Minutes of SRDFNS Annual General Meeting, October 15, 2011

North Woodside Community Centre

Attendees:

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| Ralph & Barb MacDonald | President, Highland |
| Russ & Mary Trimper | Treasurer |
| Gary & Dottie Welch | Secretary, Webmaster, ANSSRDT |
| Marion & Gerry McLellan | Finance, Fundy Region |
| Bob & Inge Ruohoniemi | CSRDS |
| Harold & Clara Redden | Archives, Parade Trailer |
| Don & Carol Scott | Publicity, Awards, Central Region |
| Cathy & Paul Langille | DANS |
| Lionel & Shannon Parsons | Cape Breton Region |

Regrets:

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| Al & Corinne McNabb | Valley Region |
| Ralph & Valerie Brown | Past Presidents, South Shore |

1) Call to Order by Ralph MacDonald at 2:00 pm

Note that Real Caron from PEI had a heart attack on Wednesday. He is now in the QE II and the initial diagnosis indicates considerable damage.

2) Moment of Silence for those who have passed on since the last meeting.

3) Adoption of Agenda

Motion to adopt as circulated by Don Scott, 2nd Gerry McLellan, passed.

4) Minutes of the 2010 AGM

Motion to accept as circulated by Don Scott, 2nd Harold Redden, passed.

5) BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

a) Reddens are still looking for someone to take over the Archives. Their report itemizes the stock to be stored. Harold is willing to move the material to its new home.

6) Correspondence

a) Letter requesting Promotional Funds from Sunrise Squares. This will be discussed under New Business.

b) Letter from Ralph and Valerie Brown indicating that they are resigning from the Board.
> Motion that we send a letter of thanks for their years of service to the SRDFNS as President and as Registration Chaircouple for Festival 2010. (They became Vice Presidents in October 2005). Plan to present a Certificate of Appreciation to them at Sunrise Squares when possible.

7) REPORTS

a) **Treasurer:** Russ and Mary Trimper (See detailed report sent by email from Russ)

Russ moved adoption of his Operating Account Report, 2nd Bob R., passed

> Dottie Welch agreed to Audit the year-end report.

b) Finance: Marion McLellan (See report sent by email from Marion)
Marion moved adoption of her report, 2nd Harold, passed.

Marion has found someone to be the 2nd signing officer for the Finance Committee. This will come up under elections.

b2) President: Ralph & Barb MacDonald (see report)

After hearing the memories about large crowds at previous AGMs and lively debates, we realize that we need to try to rejuvenate the interest of the dancers in SRDFNS.

Thanks to all who support the Federation from both in front of and behind the scenes.

c) Committee Reports:

Awards: Don Scott (see report)

Note that most recent award recipients went to Cumberland Twirler members and are listed in the Fundy Region report for July.

Archives: Clara & Harold Redden (see report and inventory)

Note that the South Shore may attempt to borrow the trailer back for “Christmas on the Le Have” parade. They intend to use silhouettes and banners.

Publicity: (no one officially in this office)

Dottie handed out a June 2011 list of clubs offering Beginner Square and Round Dancing.

Publications: John Reid not present.

Nothing has changed. Many thanks for all his consistent work.

Webmaster: Gary Welch via Dottie

The website was somewhat neglected during the summer while Gary focused on physiotherapy for his broken kneecap. He recently updated the We Remember section.

A new issue of The Phantom is available on the website and has a printer friendly download available.

> Motion by Harold that we produce an annual Between Tips highlighting the best of the Phantom and detailing what the Federation is about, Executive Contacts, Club Lists. 2nd Carol S, passed.

d) Region Reports:

Central: Don Scott (see report sent by email from Don)

South Shore: Valerie & Ralph Brown (see report sent by email from Valerie)

Valley: Corinne McNabb (report handed out by Corinne)

Also see report from Dice Hill Squares sent from Bob & Inge Ruohoniemi by e-mail.

Fundy Region: Marion & Gerry McLellan (see report sent by email from Marion)

Highland: Ralph & Barb MacDonald (see report handed out by Ralph)

Cape Breton: Lionel and Sharon Parsons (no report)

e) Liaison Reports:

CSRDS: Bob & Inge Ruohoniemi (see report sent by email from Bob)

Additional Comments:

Highlight Liability Insurance details: You can add new names until Feb. 15th. We must keep accurate records so that we can verify membership in case of a problem.

> Check the insurance policy on line.

Lapel pins of the CSRDS logo are \$3 each.

Japanese Earthquake/Tsunami Relief Fund is accepting donations until the end of 2011. Goal is an average of \$3 per person. There will be a section on the CSRDS website.

> Suggest that we put a thermometer on our website with a dancing couple rising on the tide of relief.

Before 31 March 2012 the Federal Government (Canada Counsel for the Arts) plan to map all forms of dance in Canada. This should go through CSRDS to cover the five forms of dance covered by the Society (Square, Round, Contra, Line, Clogging)

Canadian Dance Assembly has a five year publicity plan. There is an international Day of Dance at the end of April. They plan to have a Canadian Dance Week. This might be an opportunity for publicity.

National Festival 2014: Plans for the Canadian National Convention/Festival 2014 continue to progress. The venue will be the Ottawa Convention Centre on 17-19 July, 2014. The F2014 webpage has complete information including the latest newsletter and registration form at: www.festival2014.ca and at www.twitter.com/Festival2014

ANSSRDT: Dottie Welch (see report handed out by Dottie)
Please encourage attendance in the Maritime Convention in P.E.I. on November 6 and 7, 2011. Volunteers will be laying the dance floor around noon on Friday.

DANS: Cathy Langille

Fall 2011 Dance Review is available.

> See the article on Mapping Dance in Canada.

> Looking for an article on Square Dance for a future issue. Cathy will work on this.

Motion to adopt reports by Don Scott, 2nd Gerry McLellan, passed.

8) By Law Revisions (none this year)

9) Nominations and Election of Officers

The Browns were unable to find anyone to fill any of our positions.

a) President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer

President: Ralph & Barb MacDonald (final year)
Vice President: Paul & Cathy Langille
Secretary: Dottie Welch
Treasurer: Russ & Mary Trimper

b) Finance Officer, Publicity Officer, Publication Officer, Newsletter Editor

Finance Officer: Marion McLellan
Signing Officer: Audrey Boss
Publicity Officer: Langilles will try for one year
Publication Officer: John & Lynda Reid
Newsletter Editor: (vacant) (Dottie will produce one Between Tips)

c) Historical Archivist, Awards Committee

> **Historical Archivist: Reddens still want to retire (Search among the dancers)**

Maybe a student could transcribe the old minutes and Between Tips onto computer and shrink storage. Harold will look into the cost of doing this.

Awards Committee: Don & Carol Scott, Dottie Welch

d) National Society Representatives: Bob & Inge Ruohoniemi

Dottie nominates Bob & Inge to continue as representatives from NS. 2nd Gerry, passed

e) DANS Representative: Cathy Langille

> Send list of duties to Langilles

f) ANSSRDT Liaison: Dottie Welch

10. Regional Representatives

Central: Don & Carol Scott
South Shore: Paul & Cathy Langille
Valley: Al & Corinne McNabb
Fundy: Gerry & Marion McLellan
Highland: Ralph & Barb MacDonald
Cape Breton: Lionel & Shannon Parsons

11. NEW BUSINESS

a) SRDFNS Festival 2013

Possible venue is Pictou area Community College in Stellarton.
ANSSRDT is willing to organize another. Normally about the third weekend in July.
Probably dry camping could be implemented.

Motion that ANSSRDT be given the go ahead to pursue a Festival in 2013.
Moved by Harold, 2nd Corinne McNabb, passed.

Note that the flooring was well used at Old Orchard Inn this summer. Thanks go to those who helped lay it and pick it up.

b) 50+ Expo 2012

Letter of thanks came from Lisa Monk, Show Manager
Motion by Carol, 2nd Russ, that we should continue with this effort, passed.

c) Sales or distribution of Cookbooks, Canvas Bags and Videos from Festival 2010

Langille's used a cookbook as a prize, Bulk Barn sold 3. Bob had 20 and has sold 6 since the last meeting. Marion had 10 and has sold 2.

Five Videos to go to the National Society AGM via Bob R. for sale. One is going to Glen Eliasson in Alberta.

Cathy is taking 6 more cookbooks and 6 more bags (2 of each).

d) Application for Promotional Funds from Sunrise Squares

Sunrise Squares have requested a grant of \$250 (as offered for use of Festival 2010 funds) towards the cost of providing promotional material for distribution.

Motion by Cathy, 2nd Don S, passed.

e) Bursaries for Caller School

Application by Faye German to SRDFNS: a Society bursary paid all of her expenses

Application by Don & Carol to SRDFNS: Their expenses came to \$614.31 with \$500 supported by Society. Moved by Gerry, 2nd Bob that we approve payment of \$114.31.

f) Vinyl Banner for SRDFNS to be used at table displays and banner parades at US Nationals and New England Conventions.

Motion by Dottie, 2nd Bob R, to support purchase of this up to \$100, passed

g) Fundy Squares 25th year certificate to be presented November 16th. We need a presenter if possible. McNabbs can do this if necessary.

10) Date and Location for next AGM:

AGM scheduled for North Woodside CC on October 13, 2012 at 1:30 to start at 2:00.

> Dottie to check on Swing Into Fall date (done and room reserved).

11) Adjournment: Motion to adjourn by Don Scott at 5:15.

Respectfully submitted,
Dottie Welch, SRDFNS Secretary