

Minutes of SRDFNS Annual General Meeting, October 13, 2012

North Woodside Community Centre

Attendees:

Ralph & Barb MacDonald	President, Highland
Russ & Mary Trimper	Treasurer
Dottie Welch	Secretary, ANSSRDT
Marion & Gerry McLellan	Finance, Fundy Region
Bob & Inge Ruohoniemi	CSRDS
Harold & Clara Redden	Archives
Don & Carol Scott	Awards, Central Region
Cathy & Paul Langille	DANS, Publicity, Vice President
Al & Corinne McNabb	Valley Region
Murray & Joan Decker	West Kings Twirlers

Regrets:

Lionel & Shannon Parsons Cape Breton Region

- 1) Call to Order by Ralph MacDonald at 2:05 pm
- 2) Moment of Silence for those who have passed on since the last meeting.

3) Adoption of Agenda

Add 50+Expo to Reports

Motion to adopt as corrected by Gerry M, 2nd Don Scott, passed.

4) Minutes of the 2011 AGM

Motion to accept as circulated by Don Scott, 2nd Bob R., passed.

5) BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

a) **Japanese Fund** – Bob R. reported regarding the appeal to support Japanese Square Dancers who were victims of the Earthquake and Tsunami in March 2011. Donations were received from 7 dancers/couples, 20 clubs, 1 association, 1 federation, CSRDS. Total amount \$4,200. Expenses were paid by CSRDS and the Nova Scotia Federation. That amount was forwarded by the Bank of Montreal to the bank account of the “Nihon Square Dance Kyokai” or Japan Square Dance Association in Tokyo. Two letters of thanks from Japan received by Bob from Tatsuzo Takase, President JSDA, and from Keiji Handa, Executive Director JSDA.

> b) **Annual *Between Tips*** – Dottie reported that no issue has been yet completed for this year, goal is to produce one this fall.

6) Correspondence

- a) Letter from Gordon and Collette Way requesting funds for West Kings Twirlers
 - b) Letter from Lionel and Shannon Parsons requesting funds for Town and Country Dancers
- Both will be discussed under New Business.

7) REPORTS

- a) **Treasurer:** Russ and Mary Trimper (See 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 Barb MacD., passed.

c) President: Ralph & Barb MacDonald (See report handed out)
Emphasized the need to support Festival 2013 scheduled for July 26-27 in Stellarton. ANSSRDT is organizing this and intends to have registration forms ready for the Maritime Convention in Fredericton. Acknowledgement from Ralph and Barb for the dedication shown by others on the Executive during their 25 years of involvement.

d) Committee Reports:

Awards: Don Scott (see report)
> Note that we need to add the names of Valley longevity recipients to the website.

Archives: Clara & Harold Redden
> One way to shrink the archival material would be to use save minutes and such in electronic format. Check what we have already in this format.

Publicity: Cathy & Paul Langille
Still doing publicity primarily on the South Shore by using community newspaper ads, banners, trifolds, business cards, and demo dancing at local events (parades, festivals etc.). Note that getting involved with helping other people raise money can also provide publicity if you call them early to be listed on their advertising. Community Links (Wellness Letters) can also be used. Having problems doing demos without a caller. Used Movin' and Groovin' for a teach at Cardiac event successfully.

We should try to record any local publicity events that are shown on TV.
Generic brochures in 3 formats were offered. Dice Hill used these.
Summer Dancing brochures were prepared and distributed.

Publications: John Reid not present.
John and Linda wish to retire at the end of 2012 and spend future winters in Florida. Many thanks for all his consistent work. Until further arrangements are made, calendar and poster information should go to Gary Welch.

Webmaster: Gary Welch via Dottie (See report)
Opinion is that the New Dancer section is very helpful.

d) Region Reports:

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

South Shore: Paul & Cathy Langille
Struggling like everyone. Neil Dorey has retired so now there is no caller living in their region. Sunrise is attempting to hold monthly dances with visiting callers from the Valley and pre-sold tickets for enough to pay bills. In January they will re-evaluate. LeHave is struggling financially.

Valley: Corinne McNabb (See report handed out by Corinne and the report from Dice Hill Squares sent from Bob & Inge Ruohoniemi by e-mail).

Dice Hill is struggling along with only 15 members and will have to re-evaluate at Christmas.

West Kings Twirlers have 6 new dancers. Fundy graduated 8 dancers who all attended consistently at the Morden dances this summer.

> When delivering the Summer Schedules, Corinne was told by Hants that we are not on the list approved by Tourism. Langille's have the address where we should request permission.

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

Highland: Ralph & Barb MacDonald (See report handed out by Ralph)
Stellarton has four new dancers.

Cape Breton: Lionel and Sharon Parsons (no report)

Ralph relayed the information that Town and Country is maintaining most of the new dancers from last year.

e) Liaison Reports:

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

Note that the Comprehensive Insurance Sheet and form has not yet arrived in Nova Scotia. Remember CSRDS needs the names of those insured. Membership Cards will come this year with names applied. Would it be easier to keep the numbers permanently attached to one dancer? Uninsured dancers should be asked to sign a waiver at every dance.

> Need to review the policy regarding dancers who do not belong to a club.

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 National Festival 2014 webpage has complete information including the latest newsletter and registration form at: www.festival2014.ca and at www.twitter.com/Festival2014. There will be one more trial dance held on either July 19 or 20, 2013. Registration is just over 300 at this time. Price increases by \$25 per person on January 1, 2013. Headquarters hotel is the Westin in Ottawa.
> Reminder to register at the hotel soon.

ANSSRDT: Dottie Welch (See report e-mailed by Dottie)

DANS: Cathy Langille (See report submitted by Cathy to DANS on 30 September, 2012.)

50+ Expo: (See report from Carol Scott)

Motion to adopt reports by Russ T., 2nd Harold R., passed.

8) By Law Revisions (none this year)

Break for Lunch at 3:45

9) Nominations and Election of Officers

a) President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer

President: Paul & Cathy Langille, approved by acclamation

Vice President: (vacant)

Past President: Ralph & Barb MacDonald

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 carry on with this as possible,

Plan is to try to expand to a committee to cover all regions

Publication Officer: John & Lynda Reid until December 2012

Newsletter Editor: (vacant) Gary will continue with the Phantom on the website

c) Historical Archivist, Awards Committee

Historical Archivist: Reddens still want to retire (we need to search among the dancers)

Awards Committee: Don & Carol Scott, Dottie Welch

d) National Society Representatives: Bob & Inge Ruohoniemi

Appointment terminates in 2014 and they want to retire at that time.

e) DANS Representative: Cathy Langille

Cathy is also an active DANS Board Member

f) ANSSRDT Liaison: Dottie Welch

10. New and Returning Regional Representatives Identified

Central: Don & Carol Scott, Alternate: Barry & Dyanna Bendle

South Shore: Paul & Cathy Langille, Alternate: Dan & Jeanette Burke

Valley: Murray & Joan Decker, Alternate: Al & Corinne McNabb

Fundy: Gerry & Marion McLellan

Highland: Ralph & Barb MacDonald

Cape Breton: Lionel & Shannon Parsons

11. NEW BUSINESS

a) SRDFNS Festival 2013 (Already discussed in the President's Report)

b) 50+ Expo 2013

Motion by Carol, 2nd Clara, that we should buy a booth next June and continue with this effort, passed.

> Get date and check MCCA Workshop date

c) Payment to caller for Demonstration Dances

When Kerry called for the Morning Live dance during Dance Week – instigated through DANS, Russ instigated a suggestion of payment for his time and he was paid \$50 (\$20/hour plus \$10 travel).

Langille's have been quoting Perform NS rates when accepting invitations to perform at demonstrations. Without a live caller they will dance for \$25.

Motion to pay the leader \$20/hour of calling or cueing plus travel for Federation sponsored promotions. Motion by Russ, 2nd Harold, passed.

d) Application for Marketing Grant

West Kings Twirlers are asking for \$250 to produce promotional materials (primarily Bumper/window Decals and Tri-folds. Moved by Clara, 2nd Corinne, passed

Town and Country Dancers are asking for \$125 to purchase flyers, posters and advertisements in our local newspaper. Moved by Corinne, 2nd Barb MacD, passed

LaHave River Ramblers (letter in the mail) are requesting \$1000 to keep their club going until the end of this dance year (April 2013). LeHave River Ramblers already received their \$250 for publicity as allocated from Festival 2010. After we have all seen the letter, and gathered some background information, we will make a decision.

10) Date and Location for next AGM:

AGM 2013 scheduled for North Woodside Community Center on October 19, 2013 at 1:30 to start at 2:00.

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

11) Adjournment:

At this point the Community Center was closing and we terminated our meeting very quickly. Business normally discussed during the Mini-Meeting was postponed until January or dealt with by e-mail.

Motion to adjourn by Carol Scott at 5:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Dottie Welch, SRDFNS Secretary