

# **Metro Square and Round Dance Association General Meeting, Sunday, 17 July 2011**

Sackville Heights Community Centre

## **Attendees:**

Don & Carol Scott	Chairman, Central Region Reps
Dottie Welch	Secretary, Metro Matters Editor, Sail Sets
Mary Sargeant	Lake City Swingers, Coordinators
Russ and Mary Trimper	Publicity, Stardusters
Bob & Inge Ruohoniemi	National Society

## **Regrets:**

Bernard Conrad	Timberlea Twirlers
Barry Bendle	Treasurer

1. Welcome: Meeting called to order at 7:09 pm by Don Scott.  
Thanks for showing up on such a beautiful evening.
2. Adoption of the Agenda:  
Motion to approve as circulated by Mary, 2nd Dottie, passed.
3. Minutes of 20 March 2011 Meeting  
Motion to approve as circulated by Dottie, 2nd Bob, passed.

## **4. Business Arising from Minutes:**

a) **Afternoon Dancing proposal query** at 50 Plus Expo resulted in 3 couples interested.

(See Fall Publicity to be discussed later.)

### **b) 50+ Expo**

They placed us in booth 100 which was in the left front corner of the large exhibition area. We did the usual approximately once per hour demonstration dancing morning and afternoon with some extra singers during lunch hour and longer rests during the main stage performance. Good sized audience when dancing.

## **5. Correspondence: (none)**

## **6. Reports from Officers**

- a) **Chairman, Don Scott:** Nothing new since the last meeting.
- b) **Treasurer, Barry Bendle:** not present
- c) **Publicity, Russ & Mary Trimper:**  
Sent an e-mail to Cyril Lunney of Breakfast TV, no response, will follow up.
- d) **Metro Matters Editor, Dottie Welch:**  
Nothing in action, any ideas for the fall?
- e) **Central Region Rep, Don Scott:**  
Federation Meeting is in one week. The new dance flooring is in Fredericton and will be at Old Orchard Inn for the Festival next weekend.
- f) **National Society (CSRDS), Bob Ruohoniemi:**  
No meeting of CSRDS since Metro's last meeting, teleconference scheduled for August, AGM is 22<sup>nd</sup> October in Montreal.  
CSRDS Appeal for Japan is being distributed. Goal is \$3 per dancer.  
DANS has agreed to accept the mail-ins for Japan contributions.
- g) **DANS:** no report

h) **Canadian National:** Wendy VanderMeulen and Andy Himberg-Larson were in attendance in Detroit and publicizing the Ottawa 2014 National where possible.

## 7. Club Reports

- a) **Coordinators,** Mary: Open House on Sept. 26<sup>th</sup>.
- b) **Lake City Swingers,** Mary: Open House on Sept. 29<sup>th</sup>, Oct. 6<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>.
- c) **Fun Squares:** Starting on October 8<sup>th</sup> we think.
- d) **MMM / Ocean Waves:**
- e) **Tidal Waves:** Starting on the first Friday in October (7<sup>th</sup>).
- f) **Sail Sets,** Dottie: Starting on September 27<sup>th</sup>.
- g) **Stardusters,** Russ & Mary: Probably September 15, 22, and 29.
- h) **Timberlea Twirlers,** Bernie:
- i) **Dancing Shadows,** Dottie: Not dancing since Gary broke his knee cap. Hope to resume in October.
- j) **Fun Time Rounds:** Starting in late September
- k) **Contra Time Dancers,** Dottie: Aiming for first dance on October 1, venue still uncertain.

## 8. Old Business

a) **Grand Parade July 1:** There were not enough volunteer dancers to make a square. We did not try to dance. Note that we also had no contact with the event organizers.

## 9. New Business

### a) **Summer Dancing 2011:**

So far we have averaged 2.5 squares per night.

Note that on July 7<sup>th</sup> we started with a square of 7 ladies and 1 man.

There were visitors later that evening who had driven from California to Detroit then on to the Maritimes.

Query from the visitors regarding the existence of a dangle (or dangles) for dancing in all the Provinces and Territories of Canada.

### b) **Second Hand Clothing:**

We have 3 tote boxes of clothing temporarily stored on the stage at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church. Dottie has additional clothing.

Ask Laurie if the shop is coming to the Festival. If not perhaps take the second hand clothing. Another idea is to hold a "New to You" dance in the fall or spring.

### c) **Fall Publicity**

Breakfast TV is currently taped in the afternoon for the next morning.

June 30<sup>th</sup> Kerry did a demo at Russell Lake Sobeys. Kerry will do another one there during the "Fall Harvest" event.

Possible opportunity to dance at the Community Health and Fun Fair held at Cole Harbour Place.

Bob has a list of suggestions for ways to promote square dancing. He will send it to Don who will distribute it by e-mail to the club representatives.

The Publicity Panel discussion in Detroit agreed that it seems to be more attractive if the dress code is minimized.

Discussed holding a series of one-time events designed to attract new dancers. Advertise these using the free media possibilities. Maybe try dancing one Wednesday a month beginning middle October. Perhaps find a hall in one of the

Russell Lake Apartments (Bob has a contact named Norman Donovan who lives in Parkland Estates), or in Barry Bendle's in Bedford or at Sackville Heights.

Follow up on homeschooled children.

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

Jul 22-23, 2011 Provincial Festival at Old Orchard Inn  
Aug 26, 2011 Alguire Memorial Callers School Special Dance  
Oct 15, 2011 SRDFNS AGM and Lake City Swingers Swing Into Fall  
Nov 4-5, 2011 Maritime Square & Round Dance Convention, Charlottetown, PEI  
Apr 16, 2012 Timberlea Twirlers 50-60's Dance  
May 11, 2012 Coordinators Sail Into Summer (changed to Friday)  
May 17, 2012 Dice Hill Squares Mulberry Dance

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

AGM, Sunday, October 2, 2011, 7 pm, Sackville Heights Community Centre

**12. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn, Russ, 9:10**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Dottie Welch, Metro Secretary