

Minutes of SRDFNS Annual General Meeting, October 18, 2014 North Woodside Community Centre

Attendees:

Paul and Cathy Langille	President, DANS, Marketing
Ralph and Barb MacDonald	Past President, Highland
Russ Trimper	Treasurer
Dottie Welch	Secretary, ANSSRDT
Bob and Inge Ruohoniemi	CSRDS
Don and Carol Scott	Awards, Central Region
Murray and Joan Decker	Valley Region
Al and Corinne McNabb	Valley Region Alternate
Harold and Clara Redden	

Regrets:

Marion and Gerry McLellan Finance, Fundy Region
Lionel and Shannon Parsons Cape Breton Region

- 1) Call to Order by Paul Langille at 1:30 pm
- 2) Moment of Silence for those who have passed on during the last year.

3) Adoption of Agenda

Motion to adopt by Ralph MacD., second Murray Decker, passed.

4) Minutes of the 2013 AGM

Motion to approve as circulated by Don Scott, 2nd Dottie Welch, passed.

5) BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

- a) Nothing except things to be discussed elsewhere.

6) Correspondence

a) Langilles have been sending out sympathy cards from the President and member dancers. We need help identifying the clubs where the deceased danced (send to Gary).

b) Langilles and United Square Dancers of American had several exchanges about Esther Chute's Centurian Award.

7) REPORTS

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

Budget for 2014 will be discussed in the Mini-meeting.

Alderney Gate Adult Learning Day was the \$200 donation.

Russ moved adoption of his Operating Account Report, second Dottie, passed

- b) **Finance:** Marion McLellan (See report sent by email from Marion)

Interest made last year = \$685.55. End year Finance total Capital Assets = \$47,314.81

Net decrease in total of both accounts (Finance and Operating) during 2013-2014 fiscal

year was from \$53,375.26 to \$52,584.46 = \$790.80

Russ moved adoption of both reports, second Cathy, passed.

Capital Investment Note: The By-Laws say “The Finance Committee shall use the fund of money initially turned over to the Federation by the Convention 1982 and 1994 Boards and any additional funds accumulated to make wise investments with good security in order to produce income from this fund.” After some research, we agreed that \$40,000 should be our base figure for capital investment. Any other use of that capital investment requires a notice of a special resolution to be discussed and voted upon at a general meeting.

Motion by Ralph MacD. to appoint Dottie auditor for 2013-2014, second Carol S. passed

c) President: Paul and Cathy Langille (see report handed out by Langilles)
Motion by Paul to accept, second Joan Decker, passed

d) Committee Reports:

Awards: Don Scott

Four awards were presented this year:
50th Anniversary of Wyman and Helen Benjamin,
40th Anniversary of the Cumberland Twirlers
60th Anniversary of Jack and Dolores MacArthur
45th Anniversary of the Stardusters

Archives: Still looking for a storage place in the central area for 4 big tote boxes.
Cathy also has a box of old American Square Dance magazines. (coming to DW).

Webmaster and Communications: Gary and Dottie Welch (see report from Gary)

Webmaster and Website:

Gary continues to update the Calendar of Events, the collection of dance posters, and We Remember, and to make other minor changes as circumstances require.

Phantom Number 8 hit the air in May. Awaiting material for the next issue.

Since August the SRDFNS home page has featured a link to the home page of ContraFest 2015 – a week in Halifax next September of dancing, school visits and leader workshops intended to energize the contra dance scene in Nova Scotia. Gary is webmaster for the ContraFest 2015 site.

The SRDFNS Executive page now links to the new Executive Guidebook, as revised in March 2014. Changes in the Guidebook have been propagated to relevant locations elsewhere in the SRDFNS site, most obviously in the Federation Guidelines, Forms, and Awards pages.

We still have club histories to update.

Still working on back issues of the ANSSRDT Newsletter and Metro Matters.

Communications: The Calendar of Events has gone out for October with notice of the AGM and reminder about the Maritime Convention.

Membership and Insurance: Ralph and Barb MacDonald
Format for Club Roster lists is very workable.

The CSRDS has indicated the intention to assign individuals an unchanging number. Deadline is November 15th for sending in Registration and Fees. New attendees will be able to be added by sending more fees and names to Ralph.

Marketing: Cathy and Paul Langille (See report e-mailed by Cathy)

Note the marketing highlight about Esther Chute's Centenarian Award which became a National news item. A Google search for Esther Chute will point to several photos, articles and the news videos.

Russ sent PSAs about Stardusters out after the Esther Chute publicity. Had several calls but only actually saw one dancer out at a dance. This year they have a returning family.

The new portable signage has been used at 50+Expo as an easy way to advertise.

DANS is working on Dance for Health directed toward the Seniors.

Transcontinental Media -- one shot of publicity through Transcontinental Media goes to all areas in Nova Scotia.

In the banking industry, they consider a successful campaign if they put out 1000 brochures, get 10 phone calls and that gives 1 person.

The \$460 ad in the Chronicle Herald in August generated at least 6 calls to British Columbia.

50+ Expo: Carol and Don Scott absent (See report e-mailed by Carol)

It was a frustrating experience on Saturday because they were discouraged from making noise several times, and someone else monopolized the available demonstration time.

There seems to be a new director every couple of years and information about our needs are rarely passed along.

> We agreed that Carol's comments will be forwarded through the Langilles to the organizers. Goal is to negotiate a better space and dance arrangement.

e) Region Reports:

Central: Don Scott

All clubs are operating except for Tidal Waves and Fun Time Rounds which were dancing at Bloomfield and are now looking for a new place to dance.

Metro New Year Eve's Dance will be held at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church.

Metro Heart Dance is scheduled for Saturday, February 21, 2015, at North Woodside C.C.

South Shore: Paul and Cathy Langille

Sunrise Squares has given up on the monthly dances, but are still planning to try to do a Special. LaHave had good publicity but we do not know about success. There is some interest in Contras in Bridgewater (expressed by those at the Valley Contra dance). Dottie is attempting

to follow up on this.

Valley: Murray and Joan Decker (See report e-mailed by Murray Decker)

Corinne McNabb reported a potluck supper and dance occurring this Sunday at the Anglican Church Hall in Berwick.

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

Highland: Ralph and Barb MacDonald (See report sent by email from Ralph)

The New Glasgow club had a nice interview with someone representing the newspaper. The resulting article was a nice homey, down to earth report that attracted some new couples.

Cape Breton: Lionel Parsons (no report)

Ralph reports that Lionel Parsons and Tommy Gardner are both calling.

Break for Lunch at 3:00

e) Liaison Reports:

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

Publicity Round Table discussion has lead to the recruitment of a “Publicity Group”.

Next national will be in Regina, Saskatchewan on July 28-30, 2016. They are hoping for 1000 dancers including some cross-border dancers spinning off from the 50 years of International Dances held between Saskatchewan and North Dakota.

Ruohoniemis will probably be resigning and not reoffering as Nova Scotia Representatives at the Regina AGM. Therefore, SRDFNS will need to find new nominees at our next AGM.

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

> Note correction in first version: Festival 2015 is July 10-11, 2015 (not 2014).

> Langilles will send a copy of the flooring contract to Dottie for follow-up at MCCA. This has to do with the flooring from Sunrise Squares which has been loaned to MCCA.

DANS: Cathy Langille

>> Looking for more articles and pictures for publication.

The Dance studio on Grafton Street is moving to the Fort Massey Church (Morris and South Streets). Cliff is very dedicated to working on all dance forms for all ages.

Motion to adopt reports by Russ T, second Carol S, passed.

8) BY LAW REVISIONS

The Registry of Joint Stocks has requested that we update the Memorandum of Association. and make some adjustments between the two documents to conform with the standard practice. The Langilles will obtain a copy of the Memorandum and Dottie will work on updates.

9) NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS

a) President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer

President: Paul and Cathy Langille nominated by Bob R, seconded by Clara R, elected by acclamation.

Vice President: (no accepted nominations)

Past President: Ralph and Barb MacDonald

Secretary: Dottie Welch nominated by Carol S, second Murray D, elected by acclamation.

Treasurer: Russ Trimper nominated by Carol S., second Inge R, elected by acclamation.

b) Finance Officer, Webmaster and Communications, Membership and Insurance

Finance Officer: Marion McLellan nominated by Bob R, second Carol S., elected by acclamation.

Financial Signing Officer: Audrey Boss

Webmaster and Communications: Gary and Dottie Welch

Membership and Insurance: Ralph and Barb MacDonald (nominated by Harold, seconded by Carol) elected by acclamation.

c) Marketing, Historical Archivist, Awards Committee

Marketing: Cathy and Paul Langille

Archivist: (Langilles are currently the custodians)

Awards Committee: Don and Carol Scott, Dottie Welch

d) National Society Representatives: Bob and Inge Ruohoniemi

Ruohoniemis will be doing this for one more year.

e) DANS Representative: Cathy Langille

> Cathy has been holding this position but we should have someone who is not also an active DANS Board Member. We will put a call out for someone else. Paul will be our Representative in the meantime.

f) ANSSRDT Liaison: Dottie Welch

Motion by Corinne that the volunteers for c, d, e and f who have accepted the above positions be accepted as presented, second Clara R., passed.

Thank you to Ralph MacDonald, Past President for dealing with Elections.

10. New and Returning Regional Representatives Identified

Central: Don and Carol Scott, Alternate: Barry and Dyanna Bendle
South Shore: (vacant), Alternate: Dan and Jeanette Burke
Valley: Murray and Joan Decker, Alternate: Al and Corinne McNabb
Fundy: Gerry and Marion McLellan
Highland: Ralph and Barb MacDonald
Cape Breton: Lionel Parsons

11. CURRENT AND NEW BUSINESS

a) SRDFNS Festival 2015, July 10-11, 2015

The US National will be in Springfield, Massachusetts at the end of June, 2015. The date of our Festival has been chosen to encourage travelers to come from Springfield. We are planning to hold a Community Dance near the Farmer's Market in the morning.

Posters were distributed at New England Convention at Mt. Washington, at Little Rock and at Ottawa, and to Bud and Judy Clifford representing the 64th US Convention in New England.

b) Bluenose RV Squares

> This is the only club that combines dancing and square dancing east of Ontario. Cathy proposes that the RV Squares have its own page on the SRDFNS website. Banner is displayed at the end of the campground when club is present.

Use a version of camper logo to go directly from the home page to the RV page. Make it clear that visitors are always welcome. Want to see the schedule and their newsletter.

>> Cathy will send past newsletters to Gary.

c) **HRM Volunteers Workshop** on Nov 21-22, 2014. This is advertised as dealing with many aspects of volunteering. Bob will be attending to look into fund raising activities for Contra Fest 2015.

d) Russ talked to someone involved in distributing advertising. 1400 fliers go out for \$100.

10) DATE AND LOCATION FOR NEXT AGM:

Thanksgiving will be October 12th. AGM 2014 scheduled for North Woodside Community Center on October 17, 2015. Room available at 1:00 for meeting to start at 1:30 pm.

> Dottie to check on Swing Into Fall date. (Done and room booked)

11) Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn by Don Scott at 4:15 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Dottie Welch, SRDFNS Secretary

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