

**Metro Square and Round Dance Association**  
**Minutes of General Meeting Sunday, 09 March 2014**  
Sackville Heights Community Centre, 7 pm

**Attendees:**

Don and Carol Scott                      Chairman, Central Region Reps  
Dottie Welch                              Secretary, Metro Matters Editor, Sail Sets  
Bob and Inge Ruohoniemi              National Society

**Regrets:**

Barry and Dyanna Bendle              Treasurer, Timberlea Twirlers  
Garey and Ruby Bent                    Stardusters  
Mary Sargeant                              Lake City Swingers, Coordinators

**1-3. Welcome, Agenda and Minutes:**

**1. Welcome:** Meeting called to order at 7:05 pm by Don Scott

**2. Adoption of the Agenda:**

Motion to approve as circulated by Dottie W., 2<sup>nd</sup> Bob R., passed.

**3. Minutes of 06 October 2013 Meeting**

Motion to approve as corrected by Dottie W., 2<sup>nd</sup> Bob R., passed.

Corrections are: 7m – Tour in 2015; 10 – Stardusters’s Pie Night Fund Raiser

**4. Business Arising from Minutes:**

a) Historical Archive of Metro Matters:

Gary is working on an update of the Metro Association section of the website. This will include a place to archive Metro Matters and Metro Minutes. He has the Metro Matters issues back to 2000. Before that they were produced using different software so the transferred text files need more formatting.

b) Publicity: Breakfast TV has become CTV Atlantic Morning.

Christmas Daddies phones are now answered by Bell Alliant Employees and Pioneers.

c) Art in the Park: We could not recruit enough dancers.

**5. Correspondence:**

Don has a receipt for the Sackville Heights Community Centre donation.

**6. Reports from Officers:**

**a) Chairman, Don and Carol Scott: (no report)**

**b) Treasurer, Barry Bendle:**

Balance as of September 30, 2013		\$2583.34
Expenses:		
Donation to Sackville Heights	\$100.00	
Bank Fee	\$ 1.00	
Balance as of December 31, 2013		\$2482.34

**c) Publicity and Marketing:**

- Public Service Announcements were sent out by Bob Ruohoniemi for the Heart Fund Dance.
- 50+ Expo is 13-14 June, 2014. SRDFNS is renting a booth, and Carol Scott is the coordinator.
- Dottie has created an updated list of clubs in the Metro Area that welcome beginning dancers. The list includes Square, Round & Contra clubs and now says "ages 10 to 100".
- > - Bob will send out PSAs about the Open Houses in September.
- > - See if we can promote the creation of a periodic afternoon dance (maybe Palma or Don can do this).

**d) Metro Matters Editor, Dottie Welch:**

A new February 2014 issue was ready for distribution at the Heart Fund Dance.

Correction regarding the number of Heart Dances: Metro has actually sponsored 18 such dances. There was a one-time Heart Fund SRDFNS Dance in January of 1991. Hence confusion in 2011 from the Heart Fund worker regarding our total which resulted in an incorrect count in the October 2011 and first version of the February 2014 Metro Matters issues. Both have now been corrected for the website.

Also an updated list of Metro Clubs and Leaders has been created. Note that Kerry wants only his cell phone number to be listed.

Note that on the Federation website under Dancer Hints there is an updated, printable version of the "Welcome to New Graduates".

**e) Central Region Representative, Don Scott:**

The next SRDFNS Executive Meeting will be held at Forest Heights Community School, Chester Basin on Saturday, March 29, 2014.

**SRDFNS Festival 2015:** In an attempt to entice some attendees at the Springfield National into a Maritime vacation, the Federation has booked The Old Orchard Inn for July 10-11, 2015 and ANSSRDT will be coordinating our next Provincial Festival at that time.

**f) DANS:** The new Executive Director, Megan Hamilton Matheson, is pregnant so they are now searching for an interim replacement. Cathy Langille has been working on the selection committee.

**g) Canadian Square and Round Dance Society: (from Bob and Inge Ruohoniemi)**

The CSRDS Board of Directors held a teleconference Board meeting on 16 February.

- The "Dancing Across Canada Badge" final version was approved.  
The badge and provincial dangles will be available for purchase at Festival 2014 in Ottawa.
- Society membership now is 10,318.
- The Society website is being progressively updated. If anyone notices a change or update required for the Nova Scotia information, please inform the NS Directors at: bobruoho@eastlink.ca
- The next Society Board meeting will be by teleconference in April.
- **Festival 2014 in Ottawa: [www.festival2014.ca](http://www.festival2014.ca)**  
As of February 16, 2014 meeting there were 713 registrants (now up to 750).  
There is a 6% cancellation rate.  
Of the 713 registrants, 120 are singles.

Tours are being arranged to Montreal, Quebec City, Niagara Falls, Toronto and Kingston.

Parking at the convention center has been asked for. The fee is \$20/24 hours and \$18/12 hours.

Hearing Assists: Dancers requiring hearing enhancement are asked to bring their own receivers – multi channel is best.

Fashion Show: This is being organized by the Artwear Group. The show will not only show square dance attire but other crafts as well. There will be a five dollar fee for registrants and ten dollar fee for non-registrants.

Vendor's Village: This will include square dance shops and other crafts.

Train In Dance: The first hour and a half will be a caller's showcase. The last hour and a half will be called by Betsy Gotta (New Jersey), Don Moger (Quebec), and Tim Crawford (Ontario).

Financials: The budget is still based on 1200 registrants. Individual day registrations will be made available at fifty dollars per day at the door only.

The Society will be holding a Publicity Forum on Saturday 19 July, 2014. Anyone interested in this subject is invited to attend. We suggested some possible topics.

- > Topic: One floor dance (based on 15 weeks of instruction using the ACA list).
- > Topic: Making use of Callerlab's Experimental Condensed Teaching Order.
- > Topic: Marketing on a Shoestring (A marketing specialist is presenting this at Callerlab in April)
- > Topic: How Including Contras Can Help Square Dancing
- > Topic: Running a successful Community Dance (see ideas from Dance Masters in Colorado)

Regina National in 2016 is working along and contacting Saskatchewan dancers to inspire them.

**h) In 2015 the 64<sup>th</sup> US National will be held in Springfield, Massachusetts** June 24-27. This will be the first time it has been held in New England and as such is the closest it is likely to be in the near future. They have just completed their Pre-Convention trial event.

## **7. Club Reports**

a) **Coordinators**, Dottie: We have been dancing 1-2 squares on Monday evenings at North Woodside CC. There will be a St. Pat's dance with all Irish music on March 17<sup>th</sup>. The Sail Into Summer is scheduled for Monday, May 5, 2014 in the room where we normally dance.

b) **Lake City Swingers**, Dottie: We have been dancing 1-2 squares on Thursday evenings at North Woodside CC. All current members are now dancing full Mainstream.

c) **Fun Squares**: No report.

d) **Harmony Squares**: Dancing Sunday afternoons at North Woodside CC.

e) **Tidal Waves**: Dancing one square when possible.

f) **Parkland at the Lake**, Dottie: Dancing on first and third Wednesday afternoons since November. The season is due to end after the April 2nd dance. We usually have 8 to 10 dancers.

g) **Sail Sets**, Dottie: Dancing one square on Tuesday evenings at Grosvenor-Wentworth Park School. We have been dabbling in C-1 (particularly in two-couple moves when we did not have a square.)

h) **Stardusters**: (no report)

i) **Timberlea Twirlers:** (no report)

j) **Dancing Shadows,** Dottie: Planning to dance this week for the first time this season.

k) **Fun Time Rounds:** Still dancing on Wednesday evenings at Bloomfield Center.

l) **Contra Time Dancers,** Dottie: Dancing one Saturday evening per month at the Lutheran Church on Windsor Street. Attendance ranges from 20 to 36 dancers. Next dances on April 5 and May 3.

m) **Halifax Contra Dancers,** Dottie: This group dances one Saturday evening per month at St. Antonio's Church on Windsor Street. They average 50 to 100 dancers (many are University students and recent graduates). Next dances on March 22, April 12, and May 10.

## **8. Old Business**

a) **New Year's Eve,** Tuesday, 31 December 2013

Potluck Supper and Dance held at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church Hall on School Street in Dartmouth. (Supper at 7:30 pm and Dance from 9 to midnight plus one tip.) Kerry called and cued, for the 27 dancers in attendance. Lionel Crowe won both rounds of the Survivor Game and the 50-50 Pot – definitely his lucky evening!

Income:

Income from Dancers:	\$270.00
Income from 50-50:	\$12.00
Income for Survivor Games:	\$12.50
Total Income:	\$294.50

Expenses:

Caller Payment	\$125.00	(Kerry paid in cash at end of evening)
Hall Rental	\$ 70.00	(Church paid by personal cheque (Dottie))
Total Expenses:	\$ 195.00	

b) **Heart Fund Dance, Saturday, February 22, 2014** at North Woodside CC.

We had 24 signed in dancers (three squares dancing) and eleven musicians from the Metro Fiddlers. \$540 was raised for the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Nova Scotia.

Mary Sargeant sent a thank you note to Ron Noiles and the fiddlers, keyboard and drums.

## **9. Current and New Business**

a) Summer Dancing 2014: We agreed that there does not seem to be enough desire among the local dancers to warrant a Metro summer dance schedule.

14 RVs are heading to Ottawa. Dottie, Ralph, Laurie, and Palma are scheduled to call in Ottawa.

b) CDSS Tour Stop 2015: The bid submitted by the two contra groups to host a stop on the Centennial Tour of Country Dance and Song Society in 2015 was selected. A committee has formed and several meetings have been held. The dates will be September 26 through October 3, 2015. The tentative plans include workshops for dancers, callers and musicians, dances in a few schools for elementary, high school and university students, and at least two major dances for all contra enthusiasts. Most events will be held in Halifax but we are planning a day in the Valley and a day on the South Shore.

Metro is the official sponsoring body so we will have some duties regarding use of the bank account for major transactions.

One of the conditions of selection is that the sponsoring association shall be (or become) an associate member of CDSS. Motion by Bob R that we become members, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Carol, passed. Dottie will proceed with the process.

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

April 26, 2014	Fun Squares Apple Crisp Dance
May 1, 2014	Stardusters Pie Night Dance
May 5, 2013	Coordinators Sail Into Summer
July 17-19, 2014	Canadian National Festival 2014 in Ottawa
Aug 22-23, 2014	Advanced Weekend in Saint John, NB
Oct 18, 2014	Lake City Swingers Swing Into Fall and SRDFNS AGM
Oct 24-25, 2014	Maritime Convention at Best Western Glengarry in Truro, NS

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

Sunday October 5, 2014, 7 pm, Sackville Heights Community Centre

(Note: Don and Carol became Chairman in September 2004)

**12. Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn by Inge R. at 9:05 pm

Respectfully Submitted,  
Dottie Welch, Metro Secretary