

SRDFNS Executive Meeting Minutes, March 29, 2014

Sobeys in Greenwood Mall

Attendees:

Paul & Cathy Langille	President, DANS, South Shore Region
Dottie Welch	Secretary, Webmaster, ANSSRDT Liaison
Russ Trimper	Treasurer
Marion & Gerry McLellan	Finance, Fundy Region
Bob Ruohoniemi	CSRDS
Murray & Joan Decker	Valley Region
Don & Carol Scott	Awards, Central Region

Regrets:

Ralph & Barb MacDonald	Past President, Highland Region
Al & Corinne McNabb	Valley Region Alternates
Lionel Parsons	Cape Breton Region

1) Called to Order by Paul Langille at 1:35 pm

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

3) Adoption of Agenda:

Motion to accept the Agenda as amended by Dottie, 2nd Gerry McL, passed

4) Minutes of Previous Meeting (January 25, 2013)

Motion to approve Executive Meeting Minutes by Dottie, 2nd Carol S, passed.

5) Business Arising from the Minutes

a) Ottawa Souvenir Book Ad – Completed by Paul and Cathy Langille, sent to Ottawa, approved by them, paid for by cheque sent by Dottie.

b) Welcome to the World of Modern Square & Round Dancing – This document was revised by Dottie and placed on the website under Dancer Information in a printer-friendly form.

c) Joint Stocks – The payment of registration has been done, the needed updates for Executive members has been done and the revised By-Laws have been submitted.

6) Correspondence –

a) Condolences: Cathy sent cards signed by Paul as President to families of Earle Murray, Mel Lever, and Ken MacLeod.

7) Reports

a) Treasurer: Russ Trimper (See report e-mailed by Russ and Mary Trimper)

Motion by Russ to accept the treasurer's report as presented, 2nd Murray, passed.

Not for Profit Organizations: Tax regulations were no taxes on profit (income less than expenses) of less than \$10000 per year. There are new regulations under discussion that perhaps would tax all income from investments over a certain amount. This needs some investigation.

b) Finance: Marion McLellan (See report e-mailed by Marion McLellan)
Motion by Marion, 2nd Bob Ruohoniemi, to accept the finance report, passed

c) President and other Officers

President: Paul and Cathy Langille

Weather interfered with club visitations. Langilles did attend the Amherst Graduation. Paul has done some fine-tuning on the database.

Past President: Ralph MacDonald (report during membership)

Vice President: (position vacant)

Secretary: Dottie Welch (no separate report)

d) Committee Reports:

Awards: Don Scott

Certificate made for 40th Anniversary of Cumberland Twirlers.

Archives: Cathy Langille (nothing new)

Webmaster and Communications: Gary and Dottie Welch

Sewing Page has been completed as a .pdf file.

Sending out the monthly mailings. The last one included information about someone selling used clothes. Will include in the next mailing the information about reduced rates at the Comfort Inn in Amherst for the Maple Fling. This will also apply to the MCCA meeting.

Membership and Insurance: Ralph MacDonald

The 4 new members in the Cumberland Twirlers are being processed. The total insured dancers and leaders last year was 526. This year we have 454 total insured dancers and leaders.

Marketing: Cathy and Paul Langille

We need many volunteers making sure our brochures are visible in appropriate locations.

Community Newspapers are generally free and worth the effort.

Catchment for Bridgewater is Liverpool to Chester (about a 40 minute drive).

Proposal to do a blitz in September-October 2014.

50+ Expo: Carol Scott

Haven't paid for the booth because the new floor plan is not yet available.

Before Expo we will need an updated list of places for new dancers to dance.

Beginner Clubs Brochure:

Paul will make a Beginner Clubs brochure with Open House dates and list of beginner level clubs. We should attempt to have a fairly wide distribution of this. Regional Reps need to help with this distribution. Plan to print 1000 of these (moved by Gerry, 2nd Murray, passed).

Stardusters Open House last two Thursdays in September

Summer Dance Brochure: This is intended to go to clubs and tourist bureaus.

> Need to update Where's the Dance

Break at 3:00 for Refreshments

d) Region Reports:

Central: Don and Carol Scott

Clubs holding their own. Tidal Waves and Fun Time Rounds are both dancing at Bloomfield Center which is closing down. Held our annual New Year's Eve dance and made a profit of \$100. Held our Heart Fund Dance resulting in a donation of \$540.

South Shore: (no representative)

Snowstorms have reduced dancing this winter.

LeHave is cancelling on nights when they don't have enough dancers. LeHave danced at Ridgewood Retirement home in Bridgewater.

Shoreham (a Senior's facility in Chester) is paying for a caller to do a dance for the entertainment of the residents and invited dancers to come and dance. This will occur Friday May 16th, Barry Walker is calling. Also have an invitation from Drumlin Hills in Bridgewater.

> Check into the Chester request received by Dottie and passed along. (Kerry called for them.)

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

Dancing at Senior's Center in Middleton on April 29. There will be a dance to celebrate Esther's 101st birthday which is April 26, 2014.

Fundy Region: Marion & Gerry McLellan (see report e-mailed by Marion)

> Graduation of 13 dancers occurred on Tuesday, March 25th, Langilles and Ruohoniemis were in attendance. Paul has photos and will send them to Marion and to Gary.

Highland: Ralph & Barb MacDonald

Lots of cancellations due to weather.

Cape Breton: Lionel Parsons (no report)

e) Liaison Reports:

CSRDS: Bob & Inge Ruohoniemi (See report handed out by Bob)

There will be a Publicity Forum during the National in Ottawa.

Paul and Cathy are involved in "The Future of Square Dancing" discussion.

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

Dottie has been elected to the Board of Governors of Callerlab.

DANS: Cathy Langille

Dianne Milligan retired. She was replaced by Megan Matheson-Hamilton who is now going on maternity leave. Cliff LeJeune has lots of enthusiasm and knowledge of arts

management. Offer is going to him at this time for one year. He is from Newfoundland. Great promoter of Dance in all its forms.

Upcoming Projects

Dare to Dance (School project)

Dance Week (April 22nd to 29th, 2014)

> Ask about July 1, 2017, 150th Anniversary of Confederation

Motion to adopt reports by Don Scott, 2nd Russ T., passed.

8) CURRENT and NEW BUSINESS

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

Old Orchard Inn has been booked by Kerry Fletcher.

ANSSRDT will be discussing details next weekend.

> Dottie will follow-up on making a “splashy” promo item.

> What about table space in Ottawa?

SRDFNS Traveling Banner needed at both Little Rock and Ottawa for parade.

b) Summer Dance Brochure for 2014

Information has come in from Dottie, from Bluenose, from Fundy

Still need Valley

> Paul will call Kerry

This will be distributed electronically in .pdf format through the Regional Reps.

c) Guidelines

Dottie has distributed a first draft of the Federation Executive Guidebook.

Comments accepted until April 5. Please copy comments to all the Executive Representatives.

d) Federation status regarding Non-Profit Unincorporated Organizations.

The concern that placed this on the agenda turned out not to be an issue.

e) Adult Learners Week

Alderney Gate, time for performers from 1-3 pm on April 3.

Dottie to call between 2:30 and 3:00, Volunteer Dancers so far: Scotts, Ruohoniemi, Trimper.

9) Date and Location of Next Meeting: October 18, 2014

North Woodside Community Centre, 230 Pleasant Street, Dartmouth

10) Adjournment: Motion to adjourn by Russ at 4:50 pm, 2nd Carol

Respectfully submitted,

Dottie Welch, SRDFNS Secretary