Metro Square and Round Dance Association General Meeting, Sunday 20 March 2011

Sackville Heights Community Centre

Attendees:

Don & Carol Scott	Chairman, Central Region Reps
Dottie Welch	Secretary, Metro Matters Editor, Sail Sets
Barry & Dyanna Bendle	Treasurer, Timberlea Twirlers
Russ & Mary Trimper	Publicity, Stardusters
Bob & Inge Ruohoniemi	CSRDS Reps

Regrets:

Bernard & Betty ConradTimberlea TwirlersMary SargeantCoordinators and Lake City Swingers

- 1. Welcome by Don Scott at 6:10 pm
- 2. Agenda: Motion by Dottie, 2nd Barry, to adopt the agenda as circulated, passed.

3. Minutes of the last meeting (12 December 2010):

Motion by Dottie, 2nd Carol, to accept as distributed, passed.

4. Business Arising from the Minutes

a) Discuss the possibility of running a central class for Metro What night? What caller? Where? How do you amalgamate them with a club?

b) What about a dance during the day? \$10/couple/session. Perhaps offer a Wednesday afternoon Community Dance (Squares, Rounds, Mixers, Contras, Lines). Ask about the hall at St. Andrew's Presbyterian and ask about Christ Church. Maybe one of the Superstore Community Rooms. Try Prince Albert Road Store. Suggest 2-4 pm. \$10/person for ten weeks (\$100).

If this seems possible then we could advertise at the 50 Plus Expo.

Motion to put out a flier and questionnaire to investigate a Community Dance on Wednesday afternoons from 2-4 pm somewhere in Dartmouth. Results from 50+Expo to be followed up. Motion by Barry, 2nd Carol, passed.

c) Promoting on Breakfast TV, target this for just before the Open Houses and before the Community Dance begins. Maybe August 29th to Sept 2. Also try In Our Backyard for "Live at Five". Russ will check on this.

5. Correspondence

a) none

6. Reports from Officers

a) Chairman: Don Scott (nothing new to report)

b) Treasurer: Barry Bendle	
Bank Balance in December 12, 2010	\$2637.09
Income: (none)	
Total Income	.00
Expenses:	
Heart Fund Dance incidentals	24.28
Service Charge	4.00
Bank Balance March 20, 2011	\$2608.81

Moved by Barry to adopt the financial report, 2nd Mary, passed.

c) Publicity: Russ Trimper

Heart Dance advertising was sent to radio and newspapers. Gary heard it on CBC, Scotts heard it on Seaside, saw it in The Weekly. Dottie did have some queries, but the rain and wind discouraged visitors.

Federation has decided to go with the 50+Expo this year. June 10-11, 2011. We will need some dancers to demonstrate. Requesting Booth 223 or 316. Tentative plan is similar to the setup from 2 years ago.

d) Metro Matters: Dottie Welch

Does anyone have a topic for the next issue? Edna wants to have her "Penny" story in hard copy. About 85 years old.

e) Central Region Reps: Don Scott

Don will discuss the possibility of Community Dance funding at the next SRDFNS meeting.

f) **DANS:** Their Traditional Dance weekly e-mail is now regularly showing the Square and Round Dance special events.

g) National Society (CSRDS): Bob Ruohoniemi

Teleconference held on 16th January. Date of next not yet decided.

Nothing of import from that meeting. Festival 2014 in Ottawa is on track. Contracted to use the Convention Centre in Ottawa which is now being renovated. Last report had 264 registered. Those registered should have a white ribbon.

7. Club Reports

a) Coordinators, Dottie: Club is doing well regularly dancing 2 to 3 squares. A good, lively bunch.
b) Lake City Swingers, Dottie: We advertised Open Houses in January and had some good response at Open House. Have some new dancers but most are unable to attend regularly.

c) Fun Squares: (no report)

d) **Metro Merry Makers / Ocean Waves**: (dancing 2 squares) Workshopping one Plus move each night to help dancers feel more competent.

e) **Tidal Waves**, Barry: Doing well sporadically. Five couples dancing. No dances these last 2 weeks and none on Good Friday.

f) **Sail Sets**, Dottie: Not much dancing in February because one was cancelled by snow and two were cancelled by the Canada Games break.

g) **Stardusters**, Russ: Class has 5 couples including two teens. Society will pay membership for the teens. Extended class graduation until the last dance in May. Usually have 3 squares of club dancers.

h) Timberlea Twirlers, Barry: Dancing 1 to 1 1/2 squares. 50-60's Dance on April 11th.

i) Dancing Shadows: Dancing Wednesday mornings at the moment.

j) **Fun Time Rounds,** Barry: Just restarted during the first week of March. Move afoot to amalgamate the Monday and Wednesday groups at Bloomfield in the fall.

k) **Contra Time Dancers**, Dottie: Next dance is April 2nd. Attended the Contrary Motion dance last night. New bands are learning and 5 new Contra Prompters are also learning and are attending 3 workshops put on by Shannon Lynch, Dave Schlosberg, and Dottie Welch at different times.

All 3 of Dottie's clubs will not be dancing the last two weeks of April because of her attendance at Callerlab.

8. Current Business

a) New Year's Eve, Friday, December 31, 2010, St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church 19 attendees paid \$228

50/50 \$7.70, Survivor \$7.50, Caller and Cuer \$80 each, Hall \$70. Profit of \$13 given to Barry B.

b) Heart Fund Dance, February 25th 2011, North Woodside Community Centre Gym.

One couple short of 3 squares. (Carol will check) <u>musicians</u> We brought in \$360.

9. New Business

a) Summer Dancing 2011

Draft Schedule passed out by Dottie Welch

Need to double check on Mark Savage. Note that the host club timing has been adjusted to have the host club match the caller.

b) Grand Parade July 1

Plan to dance on the Grand Parade Friday, July 1st at 8:30 am after the pancake breakfast, dress in red and white.

c) Second Hand Clothing

Sandy gave us permission to store it in the back corner at the Church. We will ask Jim and Pat to bring it to the church at the first summer dance. It needs to be in containers that we can stack neatly.

10. Updates to Special Dance Schedule

Apr. 11, 2011 Timberlea Twirlers 50-60's Dance

- Apr. 16, 2011 Fun Square's Apple Crisp Dance
- May 12, 2011 Starduster's Pie Dance
- May 14, 2011 Coordinator's Sail Into Summer

May 19, 2011 Dice Hill's Mulberry Dance

June 3-4, 2011 Advanced Atlantic Adventure, Saint John, NB

July 22-23, 2011 SRDFNS Festival 2011 at Old Orchard Inn Aug. 26, 2011 Alguire Memorial Callers School Special Dance, Elm River Campground Oct. 15, 2011 SRDFNS AGM and Lake City Swingers Swing Into Fall Nov. 4-5, 2011 Maritime Square & Round Dance Convention, Charlottetown, PEI Apr. 9, 2012 Timberlea Twirlers 50-60's Dance

12. Date & Location of Next Meeting

Sunday, July 17, 2011 at 7 pm, Sackville Heights Community Centre

13. Adjournment

Motion by Barry to adjourn at 9:30 pm

Respectfully submitted, Dottie Welch, Metro Secretary