

Minutes of SRDFNS Annual General Meeting, October 19, 2013 North Woodside Community Centre

Attendees:

Ralph & Barb MacDonald	President, Highland
Russ Trimper	Treasurer
Dottie Welch	Secretary, ANSSRDT
Marion & Gerry McLellan	Finance, Fundy Region
Bob & Inge Ruohoniemi	CSRDS
Harold & Clara Redden	Archives
Cathy & Paul Langille	President, DANS, Marketing
Al McNabb	Valley Region Alternate
Murray & Joan Decker	Valley Region

Regrets:

Don & Carol Scott	Awards, Central Region
Lionel & 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

Add Cookbook sales.

Motion to adopt by Dottie Welch, 2nd Ralph MacDonald, passed.

4) Minutes of the 2012 AGM

Motion to accept as circulated by Dottie Welch, 2nd Barb MacDonald, passed.

5) BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

- a) None

6) Correspondence

- a) Langilles are sending out sympathy cards as the need becomes known.

7) REPORTS

- a) **Treasurer:** Russ and Mary Trimper (See report sent by email from Russ)
Russ moved adoption of his Operating Account Report, 2nd Barb MacDonald, passed
Russ requests a transfer of \$3500 from Capital Account to Operating.
Motion made by Russ, 2nd Harold Redden, passed

The three year time frame allocated to expenditure of Festival 2010 funds has now passed.

It is time to reconsider the allocation of these funds.

Bluenose RVers created a Banner from their funds.

Valley is using it for trifolds with some success.

Lake City and Coordinators want to purchase a sign for North Woodside.

Motion to transfer the Festival 2010 funds into the Operating Funds with a transfer of \$1000 to ANSSRDT for assistance with caller meeting costs, moved by Russ T., 2nd Ralph, passed.

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

Marion moved adoption of her report, 2nd Barb MacDonald, passed.

Motion by Bob Ruohoniemi to appoint Dottie Auditor for 2012-2013, 2nd Murray D, passed

c) President: Paul & Cathy Langille (see report handed out by Langilles)

d) Committee Reports:

Awards: Don Scott (see report e-mailed by Don)

Archives: Now consists of three very full totes plus the display boards.

We need to have the contents listed in a usable manner. Attempting to find a student, or retiree willing to make such a list.

Webmaster and Communications: Gary & Dottie Welch

A new issue of the Phantom was published in mid September. Considering the numerous photos, we have given up on attempting to make printable versions of the Phantom. We still have club histories to update.

Working on back issues of the ANSSRDT Newsletter with an Index or Contents Page
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Communications: The Calendar of Events has gone out for September and October. Also a notice of the new issue of the Phantom.

Membership and Insurance: Ralph & Barb MacDonald

Kudos to Eric McCormick and the insurance committee for coming up with a workable system. Also to Dottie for coming up with an editable Club Roster.

How do we deal with dancers who would otherwise not be insured?

Note: Dancers living far from a club can be a member of CSRDS through a special "Nova Scotia Dancers" club. Excerpt from January 2009 Executive Minutes regarding Members at Large: "A motion was made by Dottie Welch that the Federation consider establishing a club called Nova Scotian Dancers to accommodate dancers who do not have a club within a 50 km radius of their home. Membership in this club will enable dancers to be NS Federation members and be covered by National Society Insurance. Membership in the club will be subject to Federation Executive approval and will entail an annual membership fee of \$10 per dancer. Motion carried."

Motion by Dottie W., 2nd Harold R, to revise the arrangement discussed in the January 2009 minutes, to say "Dancers who wish to become members of CSRDS but cannot do this through a club, may do so directly through the Federation." Passed

Marketing: Cathy & Paul Langille (See report e-mailed by Cathy)
Media Cost Analysis is still a work in process. (Metro Transit: one bus is \$6000 for month.)

Community Newspapers are well received and read.

Tri-folds and flyers work well on the South Shore.

Community Links calendar will cost \$250 for one month. Still looking for good photos.

> Cathy asked some US organizational president (???) if they had anyone over 100-years old still dancing? Answer was no. This makes Esther Chute even more special.

Cathy has offered to serve on the National Society Publicity Committee.

We are receiving more inquiries from people who have found us on the website.

> Check the CSRDS website every 3 months, and send corrections to Bob R.

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

> Note that the Expo itself seems to have become less effective. This topic will be discussed at the next meeting.

d) Region Reports:

Central: Don Scott (See report sent by email from Don)

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

Heart Dance is scheduled for Saturday, February 22, 2014.

Also trying to dance on Breakfast TV, and investigating answering phones for Christmas Daddies,

Note: Cathy also suggested the IWK Telethon, which is usually the first weekend of June.

South Shore: Paul & Cathy Langille (See report e-mailed by Cathy Langille)

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

Correction to report – just one new dancer.

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

Strathmor will try to dance this fall, but if they don't have enough in January they will fold.

Highland: Ralph & Barb MacDonald (See report handed out by Ralph)

Cape Breton: Lionel and Sharon Parsons (no report)

Town and Country Dancers have 3 new couples.

Break for Lunch at 3:00

e) Liaison Reports:

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

Note that this is the time of year when the Federation should nominate its representatives.

Motion by Ralph MacDonald, 2nd Harold Redden to nominate Ruohoniemi's to continue to

represent Nova Scotia on the Society Board of Directors. Motion passed unanimously.

National Festival 2014: Plans for the Canadian National Convention/Festival 2014 continue to progress. The venue will be the Ottawa Convention Centre on 17-19 July, 2014. The National Festival 2014 webpage has complete information including the latest newsletter and registration form at: www.festival2014.ca and at www.twitter.com/Festival2014. Registration in mid September was 579. Price increases by \$25 per person on April 1, 2014. Headquarters hotel is the Westin in Ottawa. Wendy VanderMeulen (Ottawa Chairlady) appreciated Gary's effort to publicise Ottawa 2014 on the Nova Scotia home page.

ANSSRDT: Dottie Welch (See reports e-mailed by Dottie)
Festival 2013 made a profit of 1340.68 which was split between ANSSRDT and SRDFNS. We purchased 50 "Stellarton 2013" dangles for \$201.25 and sold 35 at \$4 each receiving a total of \$141.00. This leaves \$60 owing to Dottie.

Festival Dangles: Cathy has 10 more of the Festival Dangle tops badges at a cost of \$5 each

Note upcoming events in the ANSSRDT Report.

DANS: Cathy Langille

Busy at the office doing reorganization, networking and a new vision.

Board participation has become a real working experience.

Motion to adopt reports by Harold Redden, 2nd Murray Decker, passed.

8) By Law Revisions

Motion by Russ Trimper that we accept the By-Laws amendments present in the Revised Draft of September 2013, 2nd Inge Ruohoniemi, passed.

> The By Laws next go to Joint Stocks, Dottie will make a clean and accepted version and send it to Paul and Cathy for a personal presentation to Joint Stocks.

> **Next job is updating the guidelines and policy documents.**

9) Nominations and Election of Officers

a) President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer

President: Paul & Cathy Langille, approved by acclamation

Vice President: (vacant)

Past President: Ralph & Barb MacDonald

Secretary: Dottie Welch

Treasurer: Russ & Mary Trimper

Motion by Bob R. that the nominations be accepted as presented, 2nd Gerry McLellan, passed

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

Finance Officer: Marion McLellan

Signing Officer: Audrey Boss

Webmaster and Communications: Gary & Dottie Welch

Membership and Insurance: Ralph & Barb MacDonald

c) Historical Archivist, Awards Committee

Marketing: Cathy & Paul Langilles

Archivist: (Langilles are currently the custodians)

Awards Committee: Don & Carol Scott, Dottie Welch

d) National Society Representatives: Bob & Inge Ruohoniemi (see CSRDS Report)

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.

f) ANSSRDT Liaison: Dottie Welch

Motion by Bob Ruohoniemi that the volunteers who have accepted the above positions be accepted as presented, 2nd Al McNabb, passed.

10. New and Returning Regional Representatives Identified

Central: Don & Carol Scott, Alternate: Barry & Dyanna Bendle

South Shore: (vacant), Alternate: Dan & Jeanette Burke

Valley: Murray & Joan Decker, Alternate: Al & Corinne McNabb

Fundy: Gerry & Marion McLellan

Highland: Ralph & Barb MacDonald

Cape Breton: Lionel & Shannon Parsons

11. CURRENT AND NEW BUSINESS

a) Dancer Survey from Festival 2013

Longevity - some want 5 year, more want 10 year, all want 20 year

Dangles tend to be preferred with a Certificate for 20 years.

The longevity award procedure will be discussed in January.

Festival: Good but too hot.

b) SRDFNS advertisement/support in Ottawa 2014 Program Guide

Motion by Gerry McLellan, 2nd Harold Redden, to put in a full page in colour for \$100, passed. Paul and Dottie will make a design, pass it by the Executive, and contact Wendy.

c) SRDFNS Festival 2015, July 9-10, 2015

The US National will be in Springfield, Massachusetts at the end of June, 2015. The Festival date has been chosen to encourage travelers to come on to Nova Scotia from New England.

Suggest that Truro would be a nice central travel location.

On the South Shore the Community College does not rent facilities in the summer Forest Heights Community School have a large gym \$15 hr, cafeteria \$12/hr, large classrooms \$9/hr, package deal would be \$1000. Have operating windows but only air exchange which is controlled out of Bridgewater.

> Motion by Bob R., that the Federation plan a Festival 2015 for July 9-10, 2015, at a location to be determined, 2nd Barb MacDonald, passed.

> Ideally this will be ready to advertise at the US National in June 2014.

d) Cookbooks

South Shore Sale arranged by Langilles: This book supplies the recipes, we sell the ingredients, sold for \$10, \$2 to place, \$2 to the club.

Motion that we disperse the cookbooks and bags among the clubs to do with as they see fit to raise money or be thank you gifts, 2nd Inge, passed.

10) Date and Location for next AGM:

Thanksgiving will be October 13, 2014

AGM 2014 scheduled for North Woodside Community Center on October 18, 2014 at 1:30 to start at 2:00.

> Dottie to check on Swing Into Fall date.

11) Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn by Inge Ruohoniemi, at 4:44 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Dottie Welch, SRDFNS Secretary

Executive Mini-Meeting Minutes

Agenda: Motion to approve by Russ, 2nd by Bob, passed.

Minutes: Motion to approve minutes by Russ, 2nd by Bob, passed.

Financial Report: \$670.34 from the Festival, \$23 from Barb for Cookbooks

Motion by Russ to approve the report, 2nd by Gerry, passed.

Festival Dangle Toppers: already discussed during AGM

NS Logo Pins: Still missing pins for Amherst and for Central Region

Date and Location of next Executive meeting:

January 25th, 2014, Winter Wonderland Dance, Sobeys in Greenwood Mall

Motion to adjourned by Murray at 4:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Dottie Welch, SRDFNS Secretary