

Square and Round Dance Federation of Nova Scotia
MINUTES OF OCTOBER 19, 2019 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Sobeys Community Room, Downsview Mall, Lower Sackville, NS

Attendees:

Laurie and Wilma Illsley	President
Dottie Welch	Secretary, Communications and Webmaster, ANSSRDT
Paul and Cathy Langille	Vice President, Database
Russ Trimper	Treasurer and Finance
Al and Corinne McNabb	Valley Region Representatives
Marion McLellan	Fundy Region Representative
Jim DesBarres	Cumberland Twirlers
Carol Scott	Central Region Representative

Business Meeting begins at 1:00 pm (set up at 12:30 pm)

1. Call to Order of the AGM by Laurie Illsley at 1:05 pm

2. Minute of Silence in memory of dancers who passed away during the last year.

3. Adoption of Agenda

Moved by Jim DesBarres, second Al McNabb, carried

4. Minutes of 2018 AGM

Moved by Russ Trimper, second Paul Langille, approve as circulated, carried

5. Business Arising from the Minutes

a) (none)

6. Correspondence

-- Letter to Paul from CSRDS requesting a nomination from the Federation for our Nova Scotia representatives to the National Society. This needed for the AGM in Surrey, BC.

Motion that we nominate Laurie and Wilma Illsley to continue to represent Nova Scotia on the Canadian Society, moved by Dottie Welch, second Paul Langille, carried

-- Russ has received appreciative remarks regarding the waiving of fees for clubs this year.

7. Reports

a and b) Treasurer and Finance Officer – Russ Trimper – see reports

-- Motion from Russ Trimper to combine the operating account with the capital account:

In an effort to reduce processing requirements on bank accounts, I move the Federation combine the operation account held at CIBC with the capital account held at Toronto Dominion.

This move could also have the effect of reducing bank service charges and eliminating the requirement to order cheques on two accounts.

Signing Authority on account at TD will be:

-- Any one of Laurie Illsley or Russell Trimper be permitted to write cheques or process transactions on the account at Toronto Dominion.

- Any one of Russell Trimper or Laurie Illsley be permitted to make Investment decisions and make deposits to the account held at Toronto Dominion.
- The funds held in GICs at Toronto Dominion (presently \$42,603.99) to be considered as capital funds. The present cash balance at Toronto Dominion and the balance of account at CIBC will be held in the chequing account at TD and will be classified as Operating Funds.

Motion seconded by Corinne McNabb, Passed

Note: We discussed the fact that we have always had two signing officers for the Investment account. We concluded that this no longer provides security because of the way banks process funds electronically. Therefore, we are discontinuing that practice.

c) President – Laurie Illsley

- Nothing to report, all is well.

Vice President, Database – Paul Langille

- His reports are all in those for Marketing and South Shore.

Past President and Secretary – Dottie Welch

- Continuing to post condolences to obituary websites.

d) Committee Reports:

Awards – Carol and Dottie

- The next award needed is for the Starduster's 50th Anniversary in November
- List of members is available on the website by using a known link.
- Once updated for this year, we will search for people coming up on major milestones.
- Remind clubs that they can request certificates.

Webmaster and Communications

- Gary is continuing the usual updating of the Calendar and We Remember. Beginning to work on a new issue of the Phantom (current and past issues are available under Orgs/Federation).
- Dottie will try to send more mailings to the club representatives this year.

Membership and Insurance – Russ

- Information and CSRDS payment is coming in

Marketing – Cathy (see report)

- Did get a quote for some Live Lively decals to go inside the glass.
- Langilles still have 4 of the "2B1 ASK 1" plates.

e) Region Reports (Central, South Shore, Valley, Fundy, Highland, Cape Breton)

Central – Carol Scott

- Loosing Don Scott has hit us hard. Metro has not yet met to figure out our new situation.
- Stardusters tried Meetup Group, claimed that 8 people were coming, but none did.
- Lake City 4 dancers are working their way through Basic, 1 new dancer

South Shore – Paul Langille (see report from Langilles)

- South Shore Squares had 2 couples interested, but one was a no show and 1 came 1 night.
- Looking for another class in January. Tried PSAs on Seaside, etc. Best results from Breaker.
- Note that all of these PSA sites want the organization to be a Non-Profit. Laurie still calling.

Valley – Corinne (see report from Corinne)

-- Fundy hosted a New Year's Eve Dance, a Heart and Stroke Dance (about \$1400), and a Benefit dance for MADD in March (about \$700). The club continues to dance.

-- Apple Valley – hosted Winter Wonderland in January 2019. Laurie and Barry still calling.

Fundy Region (see report from Marion McLellan which was presented by Jim DesBarres)

Highland Region

-- Ralph is due to be out of hospital on Thursday. The will be living in Antigonish with Barb's sister until their new apartment is ready, which is wheelchair equipped. (Note that Ralph has survived at least five heart attacks in the last two years in addition to all the leg infection issues.) Barb is having some health issues. She has had one eye operation and is waiting for the second.

-- There is no dancing at the moment in the Highland Region. The intention is to register the Highland Squares so that those dancers are insured for dancing elsewhere.

Cape Breton

-- No dancing at the moment and nothing happening to change that in the near future.

Bluenose RV Squares

Sadly the club voted at their recent AGM to close the club. They have been depending on visitors to have enough to dance. This summer they were down to 6 rigs at a campout from a high of 30 rigs. Three more members were ending their camping this fall. The closing of the club resulted in a nice donation to the Alguire fund as well as other worthy causes.

f) Liaison Reports: CSRDS, ANSSRDT, DANS

CSRDS – Laurie

-- Get your hotel room booked in Surrey if you are going.

-- New Society Logo has been created using the Live Lively Logo inside a maple leaf.

-- Still no bid for 2022.

-- Some of the New Brunswick dancers have recently booked to go to Surrey. They say, "If we expect the people in the west to come to us, then we have to go to them."

-- Laurie is looking for the National Society Banner that belongs to Nova Scotia.

ANSSRDT – Dottie (see report)

DANS – Dottie

-- Continuing to receiving the weekly E-News about dance events.

-- Russ is still paying membership for the Federation.

8. By-Law Revisions (none proposed)

9. Nominations and Election of Officers

a) President – Laurie and Wilma Illsley for one more year

Vice President – Paul Langille

Secretary – Dottie Welch

Treasurer and Finance – Russ Trimper

b) Webmaster and Communications – Gary and Dottie Welch

Membership & Insurance – Russ Trimper

- c) Marketing – Paul and Cathy Langille
Archivist – Dottie Welch
Awards Committee – Carol Scott, Dottie Welch, Corinne McNabb
- d) National Society Representatives – Laurie and Wilma Illsley
- e) DANS Representative and ANSSRDT Liaison – Dottie Welch

Motion to approve officers as listed above by Al McNabb, second Corinne McNabb, passed

10. New and Returning Regional Representatives Identified

- Central – Carol Scott (at least until the Metro Meeting)
- South Shore – Paul and Cathy Langilles
- Valley – Corinne and Al McNabb
- Fundy – Marion and Gerry McLellan
- Highland – Robert and Sandra Partington
- Cape Breton – (no dancing)

11. Old, Current, and New Business

- a) Summer Brochures produced 2019 – Paul Langille
 - Printed between 200 and 250 for clubs and other places (Mt. Whatley, Kerry’s Campout)
 - Format of doing one in the Spring is easier.
 - Dottie printed another 50 for distribution at major events such as National Conventions.
 - Note that we will need them this year for Canadian National in Surrey, BC.

12. Date and Location for next AGM

- October 17, 2020, Sobeys Community Room, Downsview Mall,
- Carol to book for same time as this year.

13. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn by Paul Langille at 2:20 pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Dottie Welch, SRDFNS Secretary

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Minutes of Executive Mini-Meeting

1. Executive Mini-Meeting called to order by Laurie at 2:32
2. Welcome New Executive Members
 - Welcome to Jim DesBarres (representing Cumberland Twirlers today)
3. Adoption of Agenda
 - Motion to accept as presented by Carol, second Russ, passed
4. Minutes of Previous Executive Meeting on January 19, 2019 at Sobeys Greenwood Store
 - Motion to accept as circulated by Dottie, second Russ, passed
5. Business Arising from Minutes
 - a) New to You Clothes at MCCA Update

- All proceeds are donations to MCCA
- Melonie Hebert has posted this on Facebook.
- South Shore – Cathy is collecting. She took a truck load to NB at the Strawberry Dance.
- Stardusters – All the clothing collected by Linda has been given Missions.
- Deb Lee – Langilles will pick it up her donation.

b) Details for the 50th Maritime Square and Round Dance Convention next weekend

- Program for MCCA still pending
- Room to decorate for Nova Scotia: We have a NS flag and NS tartan tablecloth. We plan to display the outfits from the 1982 (sail boats on sky blue) and 1994 National Conventions (NS tartan overskirt on white). Also Barry Walker will bring the carving made in the Valley for the 50th Apple Blossom dance.

6. Election – all done

7. New Business

a) Financial Statement since July 31, 2019 – Russ

Motion to approve as circulated by Russ, second Carol, passed

b) Promotional Items

-- Live Lively decal for inside the window. Langilles are working on getting quotes, best now is \$2.50 each.

-- Bookmarks – everyone has a sufficient supply.

-- 2B1-ASK1 license plate: If we want more then we would sell them for \$20 apiece.

c) Bluenose RV

-- Bluenose RV – Gary will move their section to the historical section of the website

d) Live Lively license plate trim – Laurie Illsley

-- The version created by ARTS will not work for us because they cover our NS registration.

Laurie looked online: 200 trims would cost us \$430 dollars (includes set up and tax). Last year we had 285 dancers. Motion to follow up with the goal to have one for each square dancer. Motion by DW, second by Carol, passed. Laurie will continue to work on this and maybe ask Langilles for help. (Black with white lettering – Live Lively Square Dance.)

e) Jim and Marilyn DesBarres were appointed as the Alternate Fundy Region Valley Representatives.

8. Date and Location of next Executive: January 18, 2020 meeting at the Illsley's home, have supper and then go to dance in Melvern Square – Winter Wonderland. Start meeting at 1:30.

472 Mount Hanley Road, Lawrencetown, NS, BOS 1M0

From NS-101, Take Exit 18 to Middleton, Brickton and Mt. Hanley. Turn towards Rte 1 and Middleton. Follow Brooklyn Road 1.7 km to Trunk 1. Turn right onto Trunk 1 and go 4.6 km. Turn left onto Mt. Hanley Road. Illsley's house is on the left in 650 m.

Motion 3:20 by Al McNabb to adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted, Dottie Welch, SRDFNS Secretary