

**SQUARE AND ROUND DANCE FEDERATION OF NOVA SCOTIA**  
**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**  
October 17, 2009, North Woodside Community Centre, 230 Pleasant Street, Dartmouth

**Attendees:**

Ralph & Barb MacDonald	<b>President</b>
Don and Verna Ward	<b>Vice President,</b>
Gail Davis	<b>Secretary</b>
Russell Trimper	<b>Treasurer</b>
Marion and Gerry McLellan	<b>Finance Officer</b>
Bob and Inge Ruohoniemi	<b>Between Tips, CSRDS from NS,</b>
Dottie Welch	<b>ANSSRDT Liaison, Web Master</b>
Gerry and Marion McLellan	<b>Fundy Region Rep.</b>
Clara and Harold Redden	<b>Archivist, Parade Trailer</b>
Bill and Gertie Oldford	<b>Valley Region Rep.</b>
Don and Carol Scott	<b>Awards Chair, Central Reion Rep.</b>
Gerry McKiel	<b>South Shore Representatives</b>

**Absent:**

Ralph and Valerie Brown	<b>Past President</b>
John and Lynda Reid	<b>Publications</b>

Meeting called to order at 2:pm

Moment of silence for those dancers who have passed away during the last year

Note: "We Remember" Gary Welch will put information of passing of members on the website.  
He needs the name, date of death, and the dancers club name.

Adoption of the Agenda as amended

Minutes of the 2008 AGM accepted.

**1) Business Arising from the Minutes:**

**Members at Large:** now in effect. If a dancer lives more than 50 km from an existing club, he or she will be encouraged to register for \$10.00 with the Federation as a Member at Large.

**2) Correspondence**

Letter of Thanks from Mary Dunlop of Mary's Islanders.

Letter of Thanks from John and Beth Dickinson for the Mayflower Award.

**3) Treasurer: (Attached Financial Report accepted as amended)**

Monies from Festival 2009 will be transferred to the Festival 2010 account.

(Moved to adopt – Russ Trimper, seconded – Don Ward, carried)

It was decided that instead of an audit, 2 board members will sign the financial statement to comply with requirements of the Registry of Joint Stocks.

**SQUARE AND ROUND DANCE FEDERATION OF NOVA SCOTIA**  
**STATEMENT OF INCOME & EXPENSES** Aug 1, 2008 - July 31, 2009

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total
<b>INCOME</b>					
Club Dues		660.00	27.00		687.00
DANS		25.00			25.00
CSRDS Membership		1,621.00			1,621.00
<b>Total Club Remittances</b>		<b>2,306.00</b>	<b>27.00</b>		<b>2,333.00</b>
Club Dues		660.00	27.00		687.00
Personal Subscriptions	30.00	45.00		15.00	90.00
Pins/Badges		10.00		320.00	330.00
<b>Total Operating Income</b>	<b>30.00</b>	<b>715.00</b>	<b>27.00</b>	<b>381.42</b>	<b>1,153.42</b>
<b>Non Operating Income</b>					
DANS & Insurance		1,646.00			1,646.00
Festival 2010	416.00				416.00
Festival 2009			440.00	3,089.55	3,529.55
Finance Committee Transfer				1,000.00	1,000.00
<b>SubTotal</b>	<b>416.00</b>	<b>1,646.00</b>	<b>440.00</b>	<b>4,089.55</b>	<b>6,591.55</b>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>446.00</b>	<b>2,361.00</b>	<b>467.00</b>	<b>4,470.97</b>	<b>7,744.97</b>
<b>Operating Expenses</b>					
Archives	82.21				82.21
Awards	69.46				69.46
DANS		50.00			50.00
Depreciation	102.81				102.81
CSRDS Membership	5.00	5.00			10.00
Internet	50.00				50.00
Meetings	103.08	40.98			144.06
Miscellaneous				150.00	150.00
Office Expense		5.88	63.00		68.88
Pins/badges				435.72	435.72
Publications	20.00		490.20	260.39	770.59
Publicity		190.00	313.50		503.50
Registry of Joint Stock		27.21			27.21
Representative Badges					
Service charge	7.50	7.50	7.50	7.50	30.00
Trailer	43.26	40.25			83.51
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<b>483.32</b>	<b>366.82</b>	<b>874.20</b>	<b>853.61</b>	<b>2,577.95</b>
<b>Income Less Expenses</b>	<b>(453.32)</b>	<b>348.18</b>	<b>(847.20)</b>	<b>(472.19)</b>	<b>(1,424.53)</b>
DANS		25.00			25.00
CSRDS Membership		1,621.00			1,621.00
Festival 2010				416.00	416.00
Festival 2009	250.00			1,401.04	1,651.04
<b>Total Non Operating Expenses</b>	<b>250.00</b>	<b>1,646.00</b>		<b>1,817.04</b>	<b>3,713.04</b>
<b>Opening Balance</b>	<b>3,494.73</b>	<b>3,144.22</b>	<b>3,492.40</b>	<b>2,645.20</b>	<b>3,494.73</b>
<b>Funds Due to Festival 2009</b>	<b>(250.00)</b>		<b>440.00</b>	<b>1,688.51</b>	<b>1,878.51</b>
<b>Funds Due to Festival 2010</b>	<b>416.00</b>			<b>(416.00)</b>	
<b>Depreciation</b>	<b>102.81</b>				<b>102.81</b>
<b>Operating Balance</b>	<b>3,144.22</b>	<b>3,492.40</b>	<b>2,645.20</b>	<b>3,173.01</b>	<b>3,173.01</b>

#### 4) Finance Committee Report:

##### RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS Aug. 1/08 to July 31/09

Bank Balance July 31/08 – Capital Account		\$ 671.83
Receipts – Int. TD Bank	1,404.42	<u>1,404.42</u>
		\$2,076.25
Less Disbursements:		
Transferred to Investments		\$ 901.46
Check Printing Charge		25.88
Bank Service Charge		.60
Transferred to Operating		<u>1,000.00</u>
		1,927.94
Total funds in Capital Account as of July 31/09		148.31

##### INVESTMENTS

TD Bank Mar. 18/11 2.55%	\$13,979.16	\$178.23 Sept. & Mar.
TD Bank Mar. 28/11 2.35%	<u>\$28,494.30</u>	\$334.80 Sept & Mar.
Total	\$42,473.46	

TOTAL ASSETS as of July 31/09 \$42,621.77

Tax Return has been filed with and acknowledged by Canada Revenue Agency

Finance Committee – Don and Verna Ward

(Moved to adopt – Don Ward; 2nd – Inge. R. carried)

#### 5) REPORTS:

##### President's Report to 2009 AGM: Ralph and Barbara MacDonald

The past year has seen the Executive of the Federation meet four times, one in each season. Our activities could be described as dealing with day-to-day tasks and working to maintain ongoing programs. If we look at the activities of the individuals involved in the Federation, the story told is much different. There are many innovative activities taking place, which strive to provide enjoyment of dancers here and abroad.

The Festival 2010 Board is working tirelessly to plan the best ever National Event despite the low pre-registration. No matter what the numbers are next summer, the huge amount of preparation still has to be done and we know those who come will be treated to a first class event. WE, as board members, are duty bound to talk up Festival 2010 among our dancers and urge them to plan to attend and to register.

Another successful Alguire Memorial Callers' School was held in late August with seven students from Nova Scotia (4), New Brunswick (1), Prince Edward Island (1) and Ontario (1). The curriculum was tailored to the needs of each caller and everyone left the school with many new ideas and information to strengthen their skills.

The Federation hosted a very successful Festival 2009 at Old Orchard Inn this summer. The Festival was a fundraiser for Festival 2010 and thanks go out to Maritime Callers and Cuers for donating their time and talent to the event..

Thanks to all of the members of the executive and committees of the Federation for their faithful service to Nova Scotia dancers. So much effort is required to provide the service dancers have come to take for granted. To all of you, thanks for the support you have given us and your cooperativeness in all the tasks you are asked to carry out.

**CSRDS Report:** Inge and Bob Ruohoniemi

The Canadian Square & Round Dance Society (CSRDS) held three Board meetings by teleconference during the year. The Society AGM was held in Winnipeg in September.

- The effort last Fall to have all provincial memberships submitted on time was very successful. Ralph & Barb MacDonald did a marvelous job of processing them all. Hopefully, it will be the same this year!
- The membership numbers for Nova Scotia for 2008-2009 were: 30 Clubs, 4 Associations, 41 Leaders, and 689 Dancers.
- The Society clarified the requirement to have dancers sign-in at dances to prove their attendance for Liability Insurance purposes. The recommended policy is:  
“The insurance company does not require any record of attendance at any functions, but it is the club's best interest to keep a record in the event of an accident. It is the recommendation of the Canadian Society Board of Directors that all clubs, Associations, Federations, and National Conventions use whatever method they wish to record attendance, but some record be kept.”
- The Society recommends that the National Convention host province should take over responsibility for the Canadian Square Dance toll-free number **1 886 206-6696** until the end of the convention. A volunteer for this is needed.
- The Society provided funding for eight leaders to attend Caller/Cuer schools.
- A new couple to serve as Saskatchewan Directors were accepted by the Society Board. They are: Bill and Shirley Treleaven.
- There were a total of 57 Federations, 433 Clubs, 481 Callers/Cuers/Leaders, and 13, 200 dancers in Canada during 2008-2009.
- A bid for a Convention in 2012 has not been received, Ontario will be bidding for 2014.
- The Society is trying to create a definition of “Modern Square Dancing”. This is intended to more clearly explain what is being done when taking part in the activity.
- The title “Modern Square Dancing” will be used by the Society – deleting the word Western.
- The criteria for Leader Bursarys has been changed to increase the amount to \$500 with receipts. After 2 bursarys, the Leader will have to wait 3 years before applying again.
- It has been clarified that the Cancellation Admin fees for Convention Registrations will be set by the Convention Committee. (F2010 has now set a flat fee of \$5 per person)
- Nominations for Society Awards must be sent by 28 February 2010.
- The Society Board will meet again by teleconference in June 2010.

Submitted by: Bob & Inge Ruohoniemi, Nova Scotia Directors, CSRDSociety

It was moved, seconded and carried that Bob and Inge Ruohoniemi remain as directors representing Nova Scotia to the Canadian Square and Round Dance Society.

**Parade Trailer Report:** Clara and Harold Redden Trailer.

The trailer was used twice in Halifax. It needed a safety check, and new clearance lights. It is now stored at Webster's Farms where the rent is \$100.00 for the year. A total bill of \$149.40 was submitted to the treasurer.

**Archives Report:** Clara Redden

There is a need for pictures for the souvenir booklet for Festival 2010. Clara is looking for pictures from 1982 and 1994 Halifax Festivals and 2002 St. John, NB.

## **Awards Report 2008-2009: Don and Carol Scott**

Awards report 2008-09

Dancers awards =1      Callers awards =1      50th Anniversary = 1

Club awards = 1      Mayflower award = 1

## **Central Region (Metro Square and Round Dance Association): Don and Carol Scott**

After x number of years as chair couple there has been little change in the overall condition of the Association. The number of clubs is diminishing and apathy is still evident in the lack of club members participating and the overall numbers supporting us.

The summer dances were the worst in memory since we started the single night concept. We conclude that the new location has not improved the attendance. The consensus of those at the last dance was that we have to, once again, change locations due to numbers and price increases. We cannot continue to dance and lose funds each year.

We have tried to get the need for this organization out to the members along with the benefits of it remaining and the need for their support, but there has been little or no increase in help. With the up coming 2010 National and the lack of support from general membership we see little hope of expanding the board or membership help and so must continue to struggle with who we have, the dedicated few.

I cannot do the parades next year and so a driver will have to be found if we are to continue in these advertising and public events. We need to get us (Square Dancing) more public exposure not less, but we need membership to do it. There is a core of dedicated people who support and continue to do all the work and we a great full to them, for without their work we (Metro Association) would founder and end. Thanks to all for your continued support.

## **Fundy Region – Gerry and Marion McLellan**

### **Border Rounders**

The Border Rounders have started another season of round dancing with their 2 groups: 7-8:30 PM is the phase III-IV group and 8:30 to 10 PM is the phase II group. The latter group will be introduced to Phase III rhythms beginning in October. We are not going to start new classes this year but continue to work with the twelve couples who are presently dancing. We "party" twice a year with a Christmas celebration and a May closing dance. At those times we invite a few couples (space is limited) from the Moncton club.

Although exposure to round dancing venues is limited, some of our couples enjoy supporting "Charlie's Angels" round dance club in Moncton, going to festivals, and especially attending MCCA weekends.

At this time John and I would like to thank the Harrisons and the Border Rounders for putting our names forward as possible recipients of the prestigious "Mayflower Award". We were both honored and humbled by the fact that they felt we were worthy of the award.

Beth Dickinson

### **Cumberland Twirlers**

Our 2009 fall season started with a 'Welcome Back Barbecue', followed by two weeks of Open House to encourage some new dancers.

During last season, besides our Tuesday night club dancing, we hosted our annual Maple Fling in April & Blueberry dance in September. Our February Valentine dance was in support of the Heart & Stroke Foundation. Additionally the club donates to local hospital projects –

both annually & specific periodic drives. We 'kettle set' for the Salvation Army at Christmas, members running shifts for a specific number of days. Twice a year we join our NB neighbours, the Tantramar Twirlers to assist with the MASSIE (Mount Allison Sophomore Semester in English) immersion program, introducing square dancing to foreign students (often Japanese) who are learning the English language and Canadian culture. At our Christmas party, we bring gifts for the 'Christmas for Kids' program.

This year to celebrate the club's 35th Anniversary, we hosted an Anniversary Reunion at our May seasonal closing; this was attended by over 125 past and present graduates and/or members and was a great success.

We have been fund raising in support of 2010 National Convention since Oct'08; we have already turned in \$115 to the committee as a result of our efforts ; proceeds of our ongoing weekly 50/50 draws amounts to \$350 at this date, along with an additional \$341 from an auction & other donations. 50/50s will be ongoing until May & final balance of all raised funds remitted to Federation 2010 committee.

(Including our \$115 already remitted, we would estimate Cumberland Twirlers total contribution to 2010 to be approx \$1,000).

Sidney & Eileen Glennie, Cumberland Twirler Club representatives

## **Valley Region - Bill and Gertie Oldford**

### **Four Season Squares;**

Wayne and Linda Isles Club, located in Clementsport NS.

Wayne/Linda have had a busy 2008/2009 season, starting as caller for 08 Port George Camp Out.

Nov.17 as part of the fund raiser for Digby/Annapolis Christmas Daddies. Then as part of the televised Christmas Daddies broadcast.

Feb. 21<sup>st</sup> Wayne was one of the callers at the heart dance at Waterville.

April 25 the club took part in fund raiser for St. Joseph Catholic Church Parish in Weymouth.

May 15 Wayne taught Square Dancing to students at Clark Rutherford school in Cornwallis.

July 1<sup>st</sup> the club was part of Canada Day festivities at waterfront in Bear River.

Wayne was one of the callers at the 2009 SRDNS Festival at the Old Orchard Inn in July.

Wayne and Linda are doing an excellent job keeping Square Dancing alive in their area. Square Dancing is Tuesday evening at 7:30 to 9:30. They are running a class this fall.

### **Fundy Squares**

Tommy Collins is regular caller for Fundy Squares, square dance club. Tommy is also caller for Berwick Bells and Beaus. Fundy Squares had a very successful season 2008/2009. The club organized the Heart Dance February 21<sup>st</sup> 2009 realizing some 1500 Dollars for the Heart Association. Fundy Squares did a benefit dance for Valley Search and Rescue group realizing \$550.00. Fundy Squares dances Wednesday evenings 8 to 10pm, at the Wilmot Community Center.

### **West Kings Twirlers**

West Kings Twirlers have two callers, Nelson Labor and Laurie Illsley, who alternate night-to-night calling. Their dance night is Fridays. West Kings Twirlers did all the special dances i.e. Halloween, Valentines etc in 2008/09.

Special dances: Goofers Night where volunteer dancers call a dance. The men prepare the lunch. Highlight of the lunch is Moose soup. Winter Wonderland is a very popular dance and is

attended by dancers near and far. A guest Round dance caller Lionel Crowe will call with veteran Square Dance caller Nelson Labor this January.

The West Kings Twirlers benefit dance is held in April for the IWK. The 2009 dance realized \$2167.00. \$250.00 of that was donated by the Valley Trekkers a walking club here in the valley. The Melvern Square Community Center is the home of West Kings Twirlers.

### **Apple Valley Dancers;**

Apple Valley Dancers closed after the 2007/08 season. September 2008 saw the President and Treasurer of West Kings Twirlers attempt to keep this Plus Club dancing. With the help of four callers; Nelson Labor, Barry Walker, Laurie Illsley and Terry Lewis 2008/09 was a successful year. Nelson Labor will not be calling this year. Apple Valley Dancers will be run as a separate club.

### **Berwick Bells and Beaus.**

Have not received a report. Tommy Collins their caller and President was to give me some info however is recovering from heart surgery. This was done in Halifax and he is now back in Kentville hospital at the time of this writing.

### **Dice Hill Squares** (information from Bob and Inge Ruohoniemi)

Dice Hill Squares caller is Bruce Savage. Bruce and the coordinators Bob and Inge have done a tremendous job in keeping this club going.

2008/09 opened the dance season with two open houses in September. Three couples and one solo attended. The solo man continued on for the season and became the most enthusiastic dancer in the club.

The fall season went well with the holiday dances and a well attended "Crazy Hat" dance.

The winter season began with an open house and the club acquired a solo lady. Due to storms the pajama dance in January and two dances in February were cancelled.

April brought better weather and a good turnout at the Bunny Hop dance and Pot luck.

The Mulberry dance May 21<sup>st</sup> saw six squares who enjoyed the calling of Bruce and brother Mark. This was the Club's yearly fund raiser.

The 09-10 season has started with two open houses. The first had 5 solo ladies attend. One of them has volunteered to learn the man's part and one is bringing her husband out.

The Dice Hill Squares hope to keep their membership above three squares as they continue Dancing 8 pm on Thursdays at the Ardoise Community Centre

### **Highland Region:** Ralph and Barb MacDonald

The two clubs in Highland region are continuing to operate and maintain their level of membership. They share special events like Halloween, Valentines and St. Patricks Day by alternating hosting duties and members visiting on these occasions.

**Highland Squares** of Stellarton have 2 couples and a single dancer in class this year and continue to have an active and fun group dancing three or more squares each week.

**Maple Leaf Whirlaways** continue to dance weekly and are happy to have one new couple who have moved to our area, having learned to dance many years ago, and joining our 2 class couples who will get their badges next spring. Recruiting new class continues to be very difficult.

## **50+ Expo Report, Don and Carol Scott**

The 50+ Expo had a few challenges this year that had to be addressed. About a week before the event we received a package in the mail informing us that we were only allowed to dance for 1 hour each day in the designated area. The area that was set up for people to demonstrate was unsuitable for us. It was too small and it had carpet. Don renegotiated with the people in charge and we were able to open up an area that we could demo in and we could also dance throughout the day as long as it did not interfere with the other organizations who had booths there.

On Friday, Dottie Welch called for us. We had people representing the province from the Valley Region, South Shore and the Metro area. We danced all day to the enjoyment of the crowds.

On Saturday, Barry Bendle and Bruce Savage came to do the calling but Barry got sick and had to go home so Bruce stayed to call. The numbers were down on Saturday morning both with dancers and crowds. Gary and Susan Lucas came Saturday morning and stayed for the day to help out at the booth. The afternoon brought more dancers and spectators so we were able to dance for the afternoon. We had dancers representing the province from the Valley Region, South Shore, Metro area and we also had a couple from Sackville, New Brunswick.

Throughout the two-day event, we were reacquainted with old friends who once participated in the activity and we were introduced to several people who stopped by the booth to pick up information on the activity with the possibility of taking up Square Dancing.

## **Between Tips: Bob Ruohoniemi**

### **SRDFNS NEWSLETTER EDITOR'S REPORT TO THE SRDFNS AGM 09**

- Eight editions of the Federation Newsletter, "Between Tips" were published since the last AGM.
- Submissions were received from: Town & Country Dancers, Cumberland Twirlers, Strathmor Strutters, Cobequid Twirlers, Metro Association, Sunrise Squares, LaHave River Ramblers, Apple Valley Dancers, Dice Hill Squares, and F2010. Many thanks to those dancers and Leaders who provided material for your Newsletter.
- There was no feedback (either complimentary, negative, or recommendations) from any readers during the year.
- It has been a great pleasure to serve as your Federation Newsletter Editor since March 2005 (my how time flies!). Unfortunately, the pressure of serving as the NS Society Directors and Vice Chairs Marketing for F2010, along with some other volunteer duties, requires my resignation from the position of Editor. It is to be hoped that we can find a new Editor as soon as possible.

Reports he will send out a short version of the newsletter in November.

## **DANS: Gerry McLellan**

DANS have added a resource kit on Modern Square Dance to its product line; the kits are available to dance teachers and school teachers throughout the province. A portion of the revenue from these sales will be placed in a fund for providing dance workshops to school teachers. NS teachers may



purchase through the Dept of Education; outside through DANS website. This program was created by volunteer committees consisting of the very best dance teachers and public school educators; Dottie Welch was very much involved in this project. The DVD was completed in January 2009 and a manual will be completed this fall.

DANS Revues now list special Square & Round dances being held by NS clubs; they also have a link from their web site, [www.dancens.ca](http://www.dancens.ca), to the Federation Calendar of Events. They will continue to follow July 2010 National Convention progress in their Revue & include a special article following the event.

Cathy Langille is no longer on DANS Board of Directors representing Square & Round Dance and it is preferable that the SRDFNS representative assume this position. DANS next election of Officers is in June 2010.

**ANSSRDT Report:** Dottie Welch

**ANSSRDT LIAISON REPORT to SRDFNS AGM October 17th, 2009**

Submitted by Dottie Welch, ANSSRDT Liaison

**ANSSRDT Executive for April 2009 - April 2010:**

President:	Kerry Fletcher
Vice-President and Secretary:	Ken & Fran Eagles (also Past Presidents)
Treasurer:	Laurie & Wilma Illsley
Square Dance Coordinator:	Ralph & Barb MacDonald
Round Dance Coordinator:	Lionel & Janet Crowe
ANSSRDT Newsletter Editor:	Dottie Welch
DANS Contact:	Laurie Illsley
Liaison to SRDFNS:	Dottie Welch

**ANSSRDT (Association of Nova Scotia Square & Round Dance Teachers):**

ANSSRDT met in April and September at E. H. Horne School in Enfield with about a dozen leaders in attendance each time. The square dance workshops included creating singing call figures, snap shot resolutions, preparing patter and singing figures for the new Mainstream teaching order, selecting patter music, record filing systems, and resolving when all are paired. The round dance workshops focused on cueing waltzes and mixers. The next meeting is scheduled for April 17, 2010. Alex Ritchie was presented with his certificate of Honourary Life Membership in ANSSRDT at the Alguire Memorial Callers School Special Dance. ANSSRDT Newsletters with more details are available on the website.

**ALGUIRE FUND:**

The fourth biannual Alguire Memorial Callers School was successfully held during the last week of August 2009 between the two hurricanes. Barry and Pam Clasper from Ontario proved to be excellent teachers and their expertise combined with the local staff of Kerry Fletcher and Dottie Welch created an experience that was beneficial to all involved. Seven leaders completed the week and outdid themselves calling the final dance on Friday evening. They are Ralph and Barb MacDonald, Laurie and Wilma Illsley, Faye and Jerry Germon, Lionel and Shannon Parsons, Gary and Joan MacNeil Jones, Réal Caron, and Nick Dahm (from Ontario). As far as we know, this was the only full-curriculum school held in Canada during 2009.

**CALLERLAB** (International Association of Square Dance Callers):

The 36th CALLERLAB Convention was held April 5-8, 2009, in Kansas City, Missouri. The "Show Me" theme was especially evident when Elmer Sheffield and Wave Driver led a session on Using Your Music. Both own record companies and are favourite recording artists. The new Mainstream Teaching Order has been approved (list at [www.Callerlab.org](http://www.Callerlab.org)). The triennial program review was completed with no changes to the Mainstream or Plus Programs. The Any-Hand Concept has been moved from the preface to the list at A-1. The next Convention is scheduled for March 28-31 in Niagara Falls, New York.

**MCCA** (Maritime Callers and Cuers Association):

MCCA held a successful workshop weekend in Amherst on June 13-14, 2009. Workshops emphasized adjusting Singing Figures for aging dancers, formation and arrangement management, isolated sight calling, general sight resolution, and finished with a Beach Party themed dance.

The Maritime Square and Round Dance Convention will be held this year in Fredericton, New Brunswick on November 6 and 7. There will be a hall appropriate for Basic dancers at all times. Most rooms have carpet so be prepared with appropriate shoes. Tasteful Casual Attire is acceptable at the morning and afternoon sessions. Please wear Nova Scotia tartan when possible. Hope to see you there!

**SRDFNS Festival 2009 Report:**

**SRDFNS FESTIVAL 2009, Old Orchard Inn, July 24th & 25th, 2009**

**Festival 2009 Financial Report:**

Income:

Income from Registration:	3,087.50	
50/50 Draws	212.50	
Raffles	167.00	
Donations	62.55	
Total Income		3,529.55

Expenses:

Old Orchard Inn (w. SOCAN)	1,322.10	
Ribbons	128.94	
Sound Equipment	200.00	
Total Expenses		1,651.04
Net profit is		1,878.51

**Registration:** Pre-Registered at \$22.50 per person: 38 dancers  
Pre-Registered after May 1 at \$25.00 per person: 16 dancers  
Registered at the door at \$25.00 per person: 71 dancers  
Registered for one day at \$17.50 per person: 3 dancers (and 1 paid extra \$5 Sat. eve)

**The following Leaders volunteered their time and expertise:**

**Nova Scotia:** Lionel & Janet Crowe, Beth & John Dickinson, Kerry Fletcher,  
Laurie & Wilma Illsley, Wayne & Linda Isles, Gary & Joan MacNeil Jones,  
Terry & Marsha Lewis, Ralph & Barb MacDonald, Lionel & Shannon Parsons,  
Barry & Claire Walker, Dottie & Gary Welch

**New Brunswick:** Ken & Fran Eagles, Terry Hebert, Ron & Barb Lowe, Jim & Pat McLean  
**Ontario:** Dave and Blanche Paulen (former Nova Scoti

**Dance Halls:** Salon D: Basic & Singers Salon E: Mainstream Fireside Lounge: Plus  
Salon A & B: Rounds

**Dancer's Duds & Frills Shop** from PEI was in Salon C and did a brisk business.

**Program:** Early Bird Dance Friday afternoon 2-4 pm

Opening Ceremonies: Welcome Speeches and Mary's Islanders

Dancing: Friday Evening 8 – 10:30 pm

Saturday Morning 10-Noon, including Goofer opportunity, Pool dancing, & Contra time

Saturday Afternoon 2-4 pm, with workshops in each hall

Saturday Evening dancing 7:00-8:30 then opening of doors and the Grand Finale.

**The Mayflower Award** was presented during the Grand Finale to Beth and John Dickinson. It was a well-kept secret and supported by many dancers from their clubs. Congratulations!

**Raffles:** Paper Tole made by Dianne Burns won by Anne Brennan

Quilt Rack made by Harold Redden won by Tommy Collins

Embroidered Tablecloth donated by Ruohoniemis won by Shirley Robinson.

**General Opinion:** We know how to throw a party and everyone had a good time.

**Thanks** to all who assisted in the organization and participated in the dancing!

Respectfully submitted by: Dottie Welch, Bob Ruohoniemi, and Ralph MacDonald

**Festival 2010 Report:** Wayne and Dianne Burns

Volunteers needed for Wednesday which is set up day for flooring, registration and decorations. .

Notices will be coming out to that effect.

**Halifax National Festival 2010 Report to**  
**Square & Round Dance Federation of Nova Scotia Annual General Meeting**  
**North Woodside Community Centre, Dartmouth, October 17<sup>th</sup>, 2009**

Planning for the Halifax National Festival 2010 is continuing on schedule. Regular monthly Board meetings are being held and where required, Executive meetings. Various issues and decisions that could be finalized have been done and are ready for implementation.

Registrations have been very slow coming in. As of our last Board meeting, October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2009, we have 594 dancers registered. We know, after doing some research in Hotel registrations to date and comparing the Hotel registrations with our registration list, there are a lot of unregistered dancers planning to attend. With this information and knowing that there are approximately 31 dancers coming from Japan and also cloggers that do not register until just before the Festival, we can safely say that actual number committed now to coming is about 800 dancers. With the delay in dancers registering, not giving us the up front capital that is required, the planning process has not been an easy task. However, all the Board members and their committees are giving this Festival 100% and it shows in our accomplishments to date.

Advertising has been done and continues to be done to all clubs and organizations within Canada. We have advertised in various square dance publications within Canada, the United States, Australia, New Zealand and Europe. Extensive advertising has been carried out in the New England

States. Some members of the Board have attended Conventions in New England, Wisconsin, California and Ontario. Registration desks or displays have been set up in these areas.

After policy clarification at the CSRDS AGM in September, we decided to eliminate the 20% registration cancellation fee and replace it with a flat fee of \$5.00 per registration. Registration forms have been revised to reflect this decision.

Special fund raising dances and events have been held, the latest being the Nova Scotia Square and Round Dance Federation Festival that was held this July.

Applications for grants have been forwarded to the Provincial Government with no approvals being received yet.

Work has been started on the Souvenir Book. A decorating plan, consisting of the main stage area and other locations has been completed and presented to the Board with full approval. The planning of opening and closing ceremonies including guest speakers, entertainment, etc. is ongoing. The banner parade and fashion show are in the planning stages. The flooring issue has been resolved. Other issues such as first aid, security, communication, operations center, and dancing programs are in various stages of being completed.

The cookbook fundraiser has been a major success with approximately 125 books out of 1000 being left for sale. We had a raffle at the Nova Scotia Festival in July where we sold tickets on a paper tole, table cloth and quilt rack. We have now started a raffle on a blue and white queen size quilt, Nova Scotia tartan wreath and a life-size hand-carved trout. These will be drawn at the Festival.

In general, we are in good shape as far as planning is concerned, however we need to work on increasing registrations, especially for Nova Scotia. I would like the Regional Reps and also anyone else who is in attendance at this AGM to impress upon dancers in their areas to please submit their registrations if they are going to attend. Dancers may not realize the cost that is involved to put on an event such as this. The cost of the WTCC and Metro Centre is \$64,760.00 plus HST and this does not include such items as staging and other minor requirements that are not included in the contract with WTCC. The cost of flooring is approximately \$5500.00 to \$7500.00 US. The cost of water for the 3 days will be at least \$2500.00. There is also the cost for the production of the Festival badge, Halifax bars, I'm Registered ribbons, spectator ribbons, host ribbons, etc. Printing costs for the newsletter, registration forms, souvenir book, round syllabus and clogging syllabus. Many of these items must be paid for before the event. In order to pay these costs we need the dollars from registrations and if the registrations are slow in coming in, it makes the planning process and bill paying process very difficult to carry out. So please, take this message back to your clubs.

We have another request for you to take back to your dancers. At the end of the opening ceremony we would like all Nova Scotia dancers wearing the Nova Scotian tartan to march onto the arena floor from a designated seating area. Once there, they will participate in a simple ceremony inviting all dancers from outside of Nova Scotia to join them for the opening dance. Encourage the dancers to register and let us know they will be part of this welcome.

Respectively Submitted  
Wayne & Dianne Burns

Motion made by Harold Redden, 2<sup>nd</sup> Don Scott to accept all reports. Carried

**5) Nominations and Elections of Officers: elected by acclamation.**

<b>President</b>	Ralph and Barb MacDonald
<b>Vice President,</b>	Don and Verna Ward
<b>Past President</b>	Ralph and Valerie Brown
<b>Secretary</b>	Gail Davis
<b>Treasurer</b>	Russell and Mary Trimper
<b>Finance Officer</b>	Marion and Gerry McLellan
<b>CSR from NS,</b>	Bob and Inge Ruohoniemi
<b>ANSSRDT Liaison</b>	Dottie Welch
<b>Awards Chair</b>	Don and Carol Scott
<b>Web Master</b>	Gary Welch
<b>Archivist</b>	Clara Redden
<b>Publication</b>	John and Lynda Reid
<b>Parade Trailer</b>	Harold Redden

**6) Regional Representatives:**

<b>Fundy Reg. Rep.</b>	Gerry and Marion McLellan
<b>Valley Reg. Rep.</b>	Bill and Gertie Oldford
<b>South Shore Representatives</b>	Gerry and Irleen MaKiel (stepping down in Jan 2010.)
<b>Central Region</b>	Don and Carol Scott
<b>Highland Region</b>	Ralph and Barb MacDonald

**7) New Business**

a) **1 800 number:** No one has offered to take this position

b) **Publicity Officer:** no offers yet to fill the vacancy.

c) **50+ Expo:** Carol Scott made a motion that activities associated with Expo 50+ be dropped and that the monies be redirected to other promotional activities such as Seniors Advocate or The Chronicle Herald. 2<sup>nd</sup> Harold. Motion carried.

**8) Preparations for meeting:** For the AGM a packet will be prepared with the reports from the various committees and subcommittees, along with the last year's minutes, which will be sent to all the clubs. For this year, copies of reports will be sent by email to John Reid to be copied and sent out with flyers.

**9) Annual General Meeting for 2010** will be held on Oct. 16, 2010 at the North Woodside Community Centre, Dartmouth.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:30 pm

Respectfully Submitted

Gail Davis