

**Minutes of the 2012 Annual General Meeting
Of the Ottawa English Country Dance Club (OECD)
Wednesday, June 27, 2012 at 7 pm
Location: the Orange Hall**

Present: (if memory serves): Michelle, Godfrey & Mary W, John & Mary N, Greg & Cati, Graham & Jane, Brenda & Edward, Irfôna, Anne, Margaret J, Suzette, Jennifer, Christine, Gerry & Sara.

The meeting commenced at 7:15 and was chaired by Michelle

A. Treasurer's Report...Godfrey

Godfrey discussed his report which had been made available to membership a weeks ago. The club is a non profit organization, and its bank balance has risen to \$5619 (up \$1618 from last year). Concern that this was a bit high.

Moved by Greg, sec Irfôna, **That the OECD aim to sustain a year end balance of around \$4000 to be available as a cushion from year to year.** Carried

To this end, it was Moved by Godfrey, sec Brenda **to reduce the dancer fee for Orange Hall from \$40 per session to \$30 per session, ie \$60 for the year.** Carried

(Drop-in fee at OH is still \$10, but this accumulates and at \$30 the session fee is paid). The Mlacak membership fee will remain the same ie \$60 for the year. Rental fee for OH remains the same in the coming year (\$840), while the rental fee for Mlacak will go up slightly from \$935 to around \$1000

Moved by John, sec Michelle, that the gratuity (per player per night) for the Playford Players be kept at \$40 inasmuch as it has been raised from \$25 to \$40 in the past 3 years. Motion defeated.

Moved by Greg, sec Irfôna **that the gratuity (per player per night) for the Playford Players be raised to \$45.** Carried.

It was agreed by all present that we would like **visiting musicians** from time to time and if they require a larger gratuity from Club funds, that this be granted at the discretion of the Executive. Suzette suggested that dancers could also be asked to pay an extra amount for special guest musicians.

Moved by Michelle, sec Greg, that the Treasurer's Report be accepted. Unanimous.
Vote of thanks to Godfrey for the excellent job.

B. Trip to Ottawa 2012...Ball Committee Report

A copy of the Trip to Ottawa 2012 registration form was passed around, and Irfôna talked about Sharon Green, Rufty Tufty and the schedule.

Moved by Mary N, sec Jen, that this "report" be accepted.

There will be a meeting in late September for all interested volunteers.

Brenda suggested that we hire a cleaner to finish up at Churchill...mop the floor etc.

C. Appointment of New Executive (Core and Extended)

A vote of thanks was extended to retiring Chair Michelle who has been #1 mover and shaker for 2 years and more.

New executive 2012-2013:

Chair: Mary Williams Vice Chair John Nash

Treasurer: Godfrey Williams Backup: Graham Thompson

Secretary: Sara Lawson Backup Brenda Heming

TTO2012 Committee chair: Michelle

Contact with Musicians and Callers , Dance Schedule 2012-2013: Irfôna
Hall Bookings; Godfrey and Mary W
Publicity and Demonstrations: Mary W, John, Brenda and Suzette
Webmaster: Graham (a vote of thanks to Graham for maintaining an excellent website)

D. New Business

1. Microphone

Graham has found a system—wired microphone and speakers on ebay...cost about \$413.

Moved by Mary N, sec Margaret J, that **Graham purchase a microphone** (after consultation with callers as to whether it be wired or wireless) **and speakers at a cost of up to \$1000**. Carried.

2. Cord for the Club's Tea Kettle

This cord has gone missing. Graham and Mary W will cooperate to obtain a replacement at least cost for purchase and handling.

3. Tea and Coffee

Brenda would like to prepare a roster of persons responsible for the tea cups Mlacak. (?) offered to assist.

4. Dem Team and Publicity

Brenda, Mary W, John, Suzette will respond to requests for demonstration dances, and also for publicizing ECD. A demo team might practice in the Orange Hall in the months of July & August ...

5. Schedule and Callers Roster

Irfôna will consult with callers and perhaps meet with them before the end of July, to prepare the following

- Dance schedule for the year
- Dance flyer
- Beginner lessons...who, when, how long
- The Callers Roster
- Acquisition and availability of dance music and choreographies for the Callers. (attention to copyrights)
- Preference of microphone (wired or wireless)

6. A Message from Michelle

Thank you to the membership who turned out in such good numbers for the AGM (we were 19)..

Thank you to all those who volunteered to assist and participate in the upcoming year. (we have a very healthy club!)

Recommend that our next AGM be scheduled earlier...(perhaps June 5, 2013) at the Orange Hall.

We should dance afterwards, but allow a good 90 minutes for the meeting. No pressure to end meeting till all important issues have been properly addressed.

Dance afterwards, but with just one caller for this short night.

Circulate sign-up sheet at AGM

The meeting terminated at 8:40 pm.

And then we danced.

Respectfully submitted on June 29 2012

Sara