

Ottawa English Country Dance Club--Annual General Meeting June 26, 2013.

The meeting took place at the Orange Hall, and ran from 7:30 to about 8:40 pm.

The meeting was presided over by the President Mary Williams and had a record attendance of 25 persons. Refreshments were provided by members, and afterwards, we danced 6 dances, called by Sara, Mary, Greg, Anne and John.

1. Approval of the Agenda: with the addition of 3 items: Dancing at Chrysler, Dancing at Colonel By, and Insurance. Moved by Mary Williams, Seconded by John Nash. Carried.

2. Approval of the Minutes of 2012. Moved by Sara Lawson, seconded by Brenda Heming. No discussion.

3. Highlights of the Year Jun 2012 – Jun 2013. as presented by Mary Williams:

- Membership: at Mlacak, dropped 2 to **30**: at OH, dropped 2 to **13**.
- Sadly we regret the loss of long time members Nigel and Angela Kilby.
- TTO 2012: a successful ball weekend with Caller Sharon Green and Musicians Rufty Tufty. Net profit of \$569.\
- Equipment: Graham purchased new microphone and speaker which has been used continually throughout the season. Graham constructed a callers podium which has been used by guest callers. A cord has been purchased for the kettle.
- Publicity and Recognition: Article about ECD in EMC last fall: Dem at Colonel By in August 2012: Thanks received from CDSS for \$1200 donation we made to them in lieu of payment to TTO caller Sharon Green.
- 2 Guest Callers and 1 group of Musicians: Nils Freedland & Crowfoot in April 2013 and David Millstone in May.

5. Treasurers Report attached: . Financial summary of 2011-**2012** and 2012-**2013**

Noted that we had a net loss in the current fiscal year of \$985, but we had a healthy year's end bank balance of \$4634.

Godfrey noted that a raise for the Playford Players of \$5 per session per player had been approved at the AGM in 2012, but that raise has not yet been applied. Moved by Irfôna and seconded by John that the raise be applied immediately, ie in Sept 2013.

We had two guest callers and a guest musical group (total extra cost to club: \$775). The club carried most of the extra cost but an additional entrance fee of \$5 was charged on one evening (Apr 5)

Godfrey thanked Graham Thompson for being the backup treasurer (as well as backup equipment carrier). Graham's role as deputy treasurer was made official by a motion: Moved by John Nash, Seconded by Mary Nash.

6. Ball Committee report...Sara Lawson.

The Ball committee now consists of

Sara Lawson Chair, Irfôna Larkin Secretary, Music and Caller contact, Mary Williams Location and Refreshments, Graham Thompson, Communication, Godfrey Williams Treasurer and Registrar.

A heartfelt thanks is extended to outgoing Chair Michelle Sutherland for two years of leadership, boundless energy and artistic creativity.

Plans are well underway for TripToOttawa Nov 8-10 2013...registrations forms are now being distributed.

Plans are already begun for TTO 2014 Nov 7-9...a caller has been engaged and we are negotiating with musicians.

Although the ball has made a respectable profit for the past two years, the possibility always remains that there will be a shortfall, especially with the prospect of wildly increasing rental and insurance costs in 2014. The Club is obligated to cover the shortfall of any of its activities, but we work hard and plan carefully to prevent TTO ever needing a bailout.

A volunteer request list for the upcoming Ball Weekend (TTO 2013) was circulated by Mary and generously responded to.

7. Club Status

Godfrey pointed out that we are a *not-for-profit organization*, registered as such with the City of Ottawa. Your executive tries to keep abreast of the changing rules and rental policies of the City of Ottawa.

As a registered not-for-profit organization we have a Board of Directors consisting of John Nash, Irfôna Larkin, Godfrey Williams, Michelle Sutherland, and Graham Thompson (replacing Nigel Kilby) Acceptance of this Board of Directors: moved by Godfrey, seconded by Janet Strangeways.

8. Other Business

These items for information only...any future decisions will be made by the executive as required:

- a) Catering the Tea Break. Edward Hearn has volunteered for the coming year. Suggestions were solicited to reduce the onerous job of cup washing? Use Styrofoam (at a price)? Wyoc washyourowncup ByoCup or don't drink? Cancel Tea break?
- b) Attracting New Members: CBC free announcement? Twitter? Use Meet-up Ottawa? Publicity through Jane Austen Society? More Dems? Keep telling your friends and acquaintances?
- c) Dem at Colonol By days this August ...conditions unpleasant....has never recruited a new dancer give it a Bye? ...John will explain to organizers.
- d) Guest callers....last year's two guest callers were appreciated. Another couple in the coming year would be welcomed. If additional fees are needed, it will be made clear to the membership that this will happen, and the supplementary fee will be kept as low as possible.
- e) Beginner Classes. A couple new dancers applauded the availability of beginner classes, as did the teacher Anne Thornton Hill. One dancer would like to see some dances repeated over a period of weeks till thoroughly well known.
- f) Insurance. Possibly under the umbrella of CDSS. This must be investigated seriously in the new season.
- g) John invited dress-up participants to the Dance at Chrysler ON on July 20, 2013.

9. Motion to adjourn at approx 8:40 pm: Moved Brenda, Sec Edward. Carried.

OECD Committee 2013-2014: (back-up when needed)

President: Mary Williams **Vice president & "Wicki Master":** John Nash
Secretary: Sara Lawson **Treasurer:** Godfrey Williams (Graham Thompson)
Webmaster: Graham Thompson **Musicians and Caller Roster:** Irfôna Larkin
Publicity: Brenda Heming, Suzette Argo **Dance Record on Web:** Mary Williams
TTO Chair Sara Lawson **Tea** Edward Hearn **Cookies** AndrewMcDonald
Wicki Music John Nash (Graham T) **Mike & Speaker** Graham Thompson
Callers: John Nash, Irfôna Larkin, Mary Williams, Sara Lawson, Anne Thornton Hill,
Greg Reynolds, Michelle Sutherland