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**Ottawa English Country Dance Annual General Meeting....June 26, 2014**  
**OECD AGM 2014**

The AGM 2014 was held in Orange Hall at 7:30 pm on June 26. The meeting was chaired by Mary Williams, and minutes taken by Sara Lawson. There were 18 members in attendance and 2 ½ guests. (Roger, Emily and Calum)

The Agenda was approved with one correction (OECD Secretary is Sara Lawson). Moved Brenda, seconded Irfôna.

The Minutes of OECD AGM 2013 were approved. Moved Sara, Seconded Janet Inouye. It was confirmed that the Playford Players have received their "raise" throughout the past year.

Highlights of the Year:

Mary noted that this past year, the membership has increased from 30 to 38. That's 27%!

John Nash called at a beginners dance at Chrysler ON on July 20 2013. The event was a success.

David Smukler was a guest caller at Mlacak on March 14 2014. There was no extra fee for dancers.

Two demonstration dances were done during the year: Engineers Wives and Park Place.

There were two introduction the ECD sessions, March 29 and May 10 2014. Callers were John, Mary and Anne.

John Nash called at Sofia's Birthday dance.

CDSS Centennial year and POTD2

Guest Emily Addison reported that CDSS has planned a conference in Canada, in Ottawa on the weekend of March 20-22 2015, spearheaded by Linda Henry, the Outreach Manager for CDSS. Discussion topics for workshops: finance, bands, publicity, recruiting new dancers etc. There will be some dancing, English & Contra.

Sara Lawson volunteered to act as one of the contacts between OECD and the event organizers.

Beginners Instruction

It was affirmed that our two beginner sessions are useful and should be continued. Thanks to Anne Thornton-Hill who has given this instruction for >2 years. New dancers felt that one session was sufficient to launch them with reasonable confidence into the main group.

Don Smith would like to see more technique instruction in the main group. Don's suggestion resulted in callers identifying "a move a month".

Asking new dancers to sit out more difficult dances is not considered an option. However, newcomers who drop in outside the beginner class may be asked to watch more complex dances and we may repeat the dance.

Treasurer's Report Godfrey Williams

This report is affixed to the minutes.

The 2014 year-end negative balance of \$411.69 is explained by the fact that we had to pay in advance for the Churchill Centre for TTO 2014 in November. Apart from that, we actually had a positive balance of about \$408.

Gratuities for guest musicians and callers came to \$620, higher than usual. Rents at both Mlacak and Orange Hall increased.

Orange Hall membership fell from 13 to 11, (it is not subsidized and must pay for itself) so membership fee there will rise in the coming year.

The treasurer proposed the following additions:

1. Orange Hall fee to be increased from \$30 to \$40 per session (half year)
2. John will move the web site and wiki from Ottawa University to GoDaddy; cost will be \$67.68 first year, and \$135 thereafter. The wiki contains some 600 dances and is immensely useful to our callers.
3. Crowfoot will play at Mlacak on March 6. Dancers will pay \$10 each for the evening, and the club will make up the rest for their fee. (\$500 in this case)
4. \$500 to be allocated for the purchase of dance music and instructions for the club.
5. \$400 to be allocated for the purchase of a laminator and name tags with bar magnets

Treasurer's report and recommendations accepted.

Moved Godfrey, seconded Brenda. Carried

#### TTO Trip to Ottawa -- Ball Weekend Report--Sara Lawson

TTO 2013 in November of last year was a social and financial success. Scott Higgs called, Crowfoot played, and we cleared \$530.

The committee remains the same: Chair Sara L, Venue and Refreshments Mary W, Musicians & Callers Irfôna, Website and Contacts Graham and Treasurer Godfrey.

For the upcoming TTO 2014 this November 7-9, we have engaged Joanna Reiner as caller, and musicians Karen Axelrod and Eric Marten. Registration forms are available on paper and on the website.

#### Election of OECD Officers

There were no changes made to the present roster...it remains-

President Mary Williams  
Vice President and Wiki Master John Nash  
Treasurer Godfrey Williams  
Secretary Sara Lawson  
Publicity Brenda Heming, Suzette Argo, Sofia  
Beginners classes Anne Thornton-Hill  
Music and Caller Roster Irfôna Larkin  
Website and Club contacts Graham Thompson  
Ball Chairperson Sara Lawson

Official board of directors of the nonprofit organization: John, Godfrey, Graham, Michelle, and Sara (secretary).

Other volunteer jobs--Tea maker, cookie monster, dance recorder, rental contact, brochure producer, computer & wiki bringer.....also remain the same till changed. Anyone interested in helping with these jobs please talk to Mary.

#### Name tags

From a page of designs presented by Jane, we favored a name tag format, with the TTO logo in a light colour as background, and both names in prominent black, surname larger. Double magnet bar. Final format up to Jane who will produce tags for TTO and for all other club members.

We adjourned at 8:30 Moved John, Seconded Suzette.  
And then we danced four dances.

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