

Trip to Ottawa 2014 Report of the Ball Committee for the OECD AGM on June 24, 2015. Submitted by Sara Lawson (in absentia)

The 2014 Ball took place on November 7 to 9, and all dances were held at the Churchill Seniors Recreation Centre.

The Organizing Committee of TTO 2014 consisted of our dear departed Irfôna Larkin who made the contacts with caller & musicians; Mary Williams who arranged the venue, and organized the volunteers, Graham Thompson our computer guru always ready to help, Godfrey Williams our registrar and meticulous treasurer, and myself as chair. We are grateful to the many many volunteers who helped generously and willingly to make TTO 2014 another very successful dance weekend.

Our guest caller **Joanna Reiner** and our musicians **Karen Axelrod** and **Eric Martin** were outstanding. Eighty participants registered for all or part of the weekend. Registration fee for the whole weekend was \$105, but most registrants took advantage of the early bird special..only \$90!

Ball receipts were highest ever this year, at \$6432.64, while ball expenses amounted to 5658.30, leaving us with a profit of \$774.34... We try to keep the fees as low as possible and we have avoided going into debt for the past 5 years. The slim margin can cause some anxiety however. For this reason we wish to again ask the Club for backup if needed,in the coming two years A motion to this end will be filed at the end of this report.

Moving on to TTO 2015, plans are well underway. The TTO 2015 Committee has engaged Orly Krasner who called for us previously about 6 years ago, and we will have three musicians, Karen Axelrod on keyboard, Eric Martin on violin (same as last year) and Rachel Bell a piano accordionist!. Susan Barker has joined the committee and she has reserved Churchill Centre for the whole weekend. We have kept the fee at the same level as 2014. Again, the date is our traditional first weekend in November. Mark your calendars for Nov 6 to 8, 2015!

Motion for acceptance of the Ball Report: \_\_\_\_\_  
Seconded \_\_\_\_\_ Carried(?)

Motion: Moved that the Ottawa English Dance Club be prepared to subsidise each of the November Balls in the next two years up to a maximum of \$1000 if needed. Moved Sara Lawson Seconded

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