

Minutes of the OECD AGM held on July 28, 2017 at 7:15 pm in the Orange Hall in Ottawa

Meeting was attended by 17 members: June Harman, Michael Dyck, Godfrey & Mary Williams, Sara Lawson, Graham & Jane Thompson, David & Mary Schleifman, Joey Walker, Susan Barker, Milan Skubnik, Wendy Jermyn, Donna Sim, Andrew Macdonald, Christine Banfil, Wayne Thoms. Thanks to Joey W for collecting the names.

1. Call to Order 7:18 pm. Agenda approved moved Jane T, seconded Mary W
2. Approval of the minutes of AGM 2016: two corrections were made: 4e) Wifi to Wiki and 4h) Hole in the Wall Gang. Mov Graham, Sec Joey
3. Business arising: none
4. President's Report (June Harman): Salient points:
 - dots placed beside favourite dances during past year.
 - dance of the month has fallen by the wayside
 - Anne TH taught beginners class for 6 weeks in the fall session; Michelle taught "Edward's Hour" in the winter session
 - Guest callers Adina Gordon on March 10, David Smukler on Mar 17
 - At Mlacak, Playford Players did 7 evenings and Quite Carried Away did 12 half evenings during the year
 - June has overseen several outside events of ECD demonstration and audience participation...all good for publicity. June has also given extra practice sessions in her own home, for ball prep, special dances, and caller training.
5. Treasurer's Report (Godfrey Williams)

Mlacak membership was 41 (up 2 from 2016); Orange Hall membership was 15 (down 3 from 2016)

End of year bank balance was \$6718, an increase of 35% from 2016

Acceptance Mov Godfrey, Sec Graham
6. TTO 2016 report: (Sara Lawson) Guest caller in 2016 was Graham Christian and musicians Karen Axelrod, Rachel Bell and Eric Marten played for all sessions. Compared to 2015, registration fee was raised from 90 to \$110: Ball attendance increased from 64 to 83; and net weekend earnings rose from - \$267 to + \$2772.
7. TTO 2017 report: (Mary Williams) This year's ball will be Nov 10 - 13. Registration will be limited to 85. Guest caller is Beverley Francis, accompanied by the Flying Romanos. QCA will play on Friday night, and local callers will do Sunday morning. Registration for club members has begun, and will open to general public on Sept 1.
8. Points of Discussion.
 - a) Cataloguing and updating club's musical property...CDs, dance instructions, Wiki. June Harman will appoint someone to be in charge.
 - b) Teaching beginners: Anne Thornton Hill to do again the beginners classes in fall session, and Michelle will do special instruction classes on nights when QCA are playing.
 - c) It was decided to continue the engagement of our local band Quite Carried Away for 12 half evenings during the coming year. June is mentoring the group and will be their caller. Playford Players will also be engaged to play once a month.
 - d) Dance of the month will be reinstated by the callers.
 - e) Publicity: June will set up a plan and organize volunteers. June Harman will also do The Brochure.

9. Executive for 2017-2018

President.....June Haman
Vice President and wiki master.....John Nash
Admin Assistant.....Mary Willians
Treasurer.....Godfrey Williams
Secretary.....Sara Lawson
Web Master.....Graham Thompson
Ball Chairperson.....Mary Williams
Members at Large:.....David & Mary Shleifman, Michael Dyck

10, Other Important Volunteer Roles

Refreshments.....Brenda Heming
Registration of Members.....Margaret Jones
Callers: June Harman, John Nash, Greg Reynolds, Mary Williams,
Sara Lawson, Anne Thornton Hill, Susan Barker
Teachers for Beginners.....Anne Thornton Hill, Michelle Sutherland
LibrarianJohn Nash
Friday night tea & cookies.....Edward Hearn, Andrew Macdonald
Club computer.....David Schleifman
Amplifier, microphone,.....Graham Thompson
Board-easel-wiki.....Jane Thompson
Name tags.....Jane Thompson
Brochure.....June Harman

11. The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm. Mov Godfrey, Sec Christine.
The meeting was followed by an hour of dancing, called by June and Mary.

Respectfully submitted: Sara Lawson