

Minutes of the OECD AGM June 27, 2018

The 2018 AGM of the Ottawa English Dance Club took place in the Orange Hall on Wednesday, June 27 2018. The meeting, chaired by June Harman, began at 7:15, and was attended by 30 members of the Club.

1. The **Agenda** was approved: Mov Joey Walker, Sec Wayne Thoms

2. **President's Report**...June Harman:

June mentioned the following points:

- the dot system on dance lists..indicating which dances were enjoyed most
- dance of the month....this didn't happen last year. June feels we should try again.
- Edwards Hour .. the beginner session, was very successful both for participation and results. Thanks to Michelle
- Mlacak membership is at an all time high (51) and Orange Hall a sustaining 16.
- last year we did not have guest callers nor bands because we couldn't cooperate with the Montreal Contra Dancers (date conflicts). Possibility of sharing next year.
- we had 2 live bands at Mlacak: ..Playford Players once a month, while Quite Carried Away did half evenings as well as the Jane Austen tea party and ball workshops.

4. **Treasurer's Report:** Godfrey Williams. This excellent detailed financial report will soon be available on the website. Some highlights:

The club bank balance increased this year by \$887. It is now \$7608

Mlacak receipts cover the cost of its rental and the musicians' fees

Orange hall is financially self sufficient.

The ball, TTO 2017 was a financial success, clearing \$1077

The Irfona fund for purchase of new music is \$396 and the Scholarship Fund is \$165

In the new year, the Club will waiver membership fees to regular callers at Mlacak.

Moved by Godfrey, Sec by Wayne that the report be accepted. Unanimous

5. **TTO Reports: Mary Williams**

TTO 2017 was held on November 10, 11, 12 of 2017. The Guest Caller was Beverly Francis and the guest band was The Flying Romanos. Quite Carried Away played at the Friday Welcome Dance. Local callers called on the Sunday morning.

The number of dancers was limited to 80-85 and this resulted in a comfortable dancing space as well as an incentive for prompt registration. The band chose to drive to Ottawa instead of fly, which saved money and resulted in a surplus of \$1075.

A Musicians Workshop was offered by the Flying Romanos, and several members of the QCA participated. It was felt to be a valuable opportunity to learn from and. Experienced band.

Most club members took on a volunteer role and the event was very successful.

TTO 2018 will be held on November 9, 10, 11. The Guest Caller will be Joanna Reiner Wilkinson and the guest musicians will be Karen Axelrod, Eric Martin and Anna Paton. Quite Carried Away will play at the Friday Welcome Dance.

Registration this year is on-line with the payment to be made by mail to the Registrar. Reports are automatically produced and the system has been simplified. (Thanks to Graham). Again, there will be a limit on the number of dancers (80-85) to ensure comfortable dancing space.

Anna Patton will be offering a musicians' workshop on Saturday morning in the upstairs hall at Churchill. Joanna has agreed to have lunch with local callers to give them tips and advice. This will occur Saturday noon in the upstairs hall at Churchill.

QCA will play at the Friday Welcome Dance and possibly also on Sunday morning with the guest musicians. Local callers will not be calling this year.

6. Items for Discussion

- a) Edward's Hour: Continuation of this program... (Michelle teaching beginners in the first half of the evenings in Mlacak for the first 6 weeks of each season) was unanimously supported.
- b) Bands: We will continue with the same format as last year: Playford Players once a month and Quite Carried Away two second-half evenings a month. QCA likes this format as they only need to learn 7-8 tunes at a time.
- c) OECD Name badges... shall we have first name only, or both names? A quick show of hands showed we're evenly divided! This will be sorted out by the badge maker(s) round the first of October. Graham seems to be in charge of this.
- d) Club music and Dance resources, and Wiki dance instructions: John Nash has done a tremendous amount of work organizing the music and the dance instructions. There's a problem because some of the music on MPG is not officially "owned" by OECD. John needs help editing the dance instructions. USB sticks will be available for beginning teachers. Volunteer helpers please contact John. Joey Walker and Mary Williams have been very helpful so far. John plans to have brief meetings from time to time (eg at Orange Hall) and he invites any member who has discovered a new dance to bring it to him for adding to the collection. Note that there is \$396 in the Irfõna fund for purchase of new music recordings.
- e) Publicity: Mary Shleifman has been sending notices to local newspapers and that has been effective in bringing in new inquiries. Events such as the Jane Austen Tea Party also stir up interest. June will coordinate a team of publicity persons including herself, Joey Walker, Mary Schlieffman, and Jennifer Laughton who has expertise in social media!

6. Executive for the upcoming season 2018-2019

No votes were required as there were no multiple candidates vying for any of the positions.

We have a wonderful club where so many members volunteer to take on specific roles for the good of the group.

Core Executive:

President: Mary Shleifman
Vice President: Mary Williams
Secretary: Mary Nash
Treasurer: Godfrey Williams
Ball Chair: Mary Williams
Member-at-large: David Shleifman

Other Roles:

Web Master: Graham Thompson
Artistic Director: (Bands, Teachers, Special events) June Harman
Wiki Master and Librarian: (Music on CD, dance instructions) John Nash
Publicity: Coordinator: June Harman
Assisted by Mary Shleifman, Joey Walker, Jennifer Laughton:
Registration of Members: Margaret Jones
Caller Roster: Sara Lawson
Refreshments (cookies and tea): Edward Hearn, Andrew Macdonald, Robert Cook
Dance equipment: Graham Thompson, David Schlieffman, John Nash
Brochure: June Harman
Callers: Greg Reynolds, Jamie Hargrove, John Nash, June Harman, Mary Williams, Sara Lawson, Michelle Sutherland (beginners)
Bands: Playford Players (Elizabeth Scarletti), Quite Carried Away (Milan Skubnik)

7. Adjournment at 8:30 pm.

Meeting was followed by dancing, called by Greg Reynolds, John Nash, June Harman

This report submitted by (outgoing) secretary Sara Lawson. July 1, 2018