

Valley Scottish Country Dancers
Annual General Meeting
May 22, 2007

The 2007 Annual General Meeting was held at the home of Inge Mair in Hantsport on Tuesday, May22, 2007.

The following were present: Peter Ryan, Edna McLean, June Jain, Dorothy Robbins, Janet Whitman, Pat McLeod, Nellie Garvey, Gail Archibald, Murdena and Ken McRae, Inga Mair, Jane Hynes, Maggie Keppie, Heather Watts, Jean Williams, Wendy Raeside, Phil Dyer.

President Inge Mair called the meeting to order. The secretary read the minutes of the May 15, 2006 meeting. There being no errors or omissions, the minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report:

Janet Whitman, treasurer, gave a report of the financial standing for the year 2006-2007. The balance as of June 1, 2006 stood at \$5065.92 and the current balance on May 22, 2007 is \$4771.68 showing a loss in equity for the year of \$294.24. Approval of the report was moved by Ken and seconded by Peter. Motion carried.

Teacher's Report:

Maggie reviewed the year's program that consisted of 13 sessions in the first term and 14 sessions in the second term. A mid-term social was enjoyed by all and will be continued.

Maggie is teaching a children's class from 7:00 to 7:30 PM. It has been done on an informal basis but might be formalized in the future.

Maggie led a discussion on how to introduce new dancers to the group. It was generally agreed that the past methods of integrating new dancers with more experienced dancers should be continued.

Maggie thanked Rob for his continued support.

Inge stated that she has approached the school for next year and it appears we will be able to continue as in the past. The tentative schedule for the coming year was agreed as follows:

First Term	Sept 11-Nov 27
	Jan 8-15
Mid-year Party	Dec 28(Friday)
Burns Night	Jan 19
Second Term	Jan 27-April 29

Maggie led a discussion on how to get and keep new dancers. One suggestion was a brochure be provided to Welcome Wagon for new residents of the area. Maggie will adapt the program so that newcomers will not be overwhelmed.

Acceptance of the Teacher's Report was moved by Maggie and seconded by Dorothy. Motion carried.

Burns Supper Report:

Wendy Raeside provided Rob's written report. The supper was held on Jan 20, 2007 in the Port Williams community center. Almost all the tickets were sold, and the system of advertising first to dancers and opening sales to the general public on 30 Nov worked fairly well. The consensus seemed to be that the meal was good, the speeches were appropriate, of suitable length, and enjoyed by all and the revamped facility was a nice addition to the evening. A profit of \$200. was achieved. The proposed date for next year's supper is Jan. 19, 2008.

It was moved that the executive be given the authority to raise the ticket price. Moved by Ken, seconded by June. Motion carried.

Maggie moved a vote of thanks to Rob and Wendy for all their hard work. All agreed.

Approval of the report was moved by Maggie and seconded by June. Motion carried.

Website Report: (www.geocities.com/valleyscd/)

Rob's report states that the site receives about 20 visits each month, with a peak of 40-60 hits in December and January and about 30 hits in each May and June. The website is linked from the NSSCD web page and from the Inter-city Scot(www.intercityscot.org) which is a central compendium of Scottish Country Dance groups across North America.

New Business:

1. Celtic Singing

Maggie stated that at the next Burns Supper Gaelic singing will be performed. A meeting at Maggie's house will be held and she invites all interested parties to attend.

2. The Kirkin' o' the Tartan

This event will be held at the Covenanter Church in Grand Pre on the first Sunday in June.

Nominating Committee Report:

President – Ingeborg Mair

Treasurer – Janet Whitman

Secretary – Gail Archibald

Members at large – Edna McLean, Kathleen Baker, Jane Hynes

Nominating Committee – Dorothy Robbins, Edna McLean

Further nominations were called for from the floor. There being no further nominations the officers were approved.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned (moved/seconded Dorothy/Peter) and a social time followed.

Respectfully submitted,

Phil Dyer
Secretary