

Valley Scottish Country Dancers

Annual General Meeting

May 24, 2016

The 2016 annual general meeting of the Valley Scottish Country Dancers was held at Kings Riverside Court, Kentville on Tuesday May 24th 2016.

Present: Fred B. Huntley (Chair), Jane Hynes, Debbie Ladouceur, Marvin Ladouceur, Gail Huntley, Keith Walker, Jeff Hosick, Bill Crowson, Julia O'Malley, Ron Anderson, June Jain, Diana Walsh, Adrian Walsh, Rob Raeside, Edna McLean, David Cogswell, Janet Whitman, Ingeborg Mair, Peter Ryan, Tara Smith, Dan Kalkman, Jane Downie, Vicky Austin, Keith Austin, Maggie Keppie, Duncan Keppie, Dorothy Robbins, Bill Malesksy, Rajeev Chowdhury, Jenny Magee (Recorder)

Regrets sent from Gail Gordon and Garth Gordon

1. Welcome & Call to Order

Chairperson (President) Fred B. Huntley welcomed those in attendance and called the meeting to order at 7pm

2. Minutes of 2015 Annual General Meeting

The minutes of the 2015 Annual General Meeting were posted on the website and were read by Vicky Austin.

MOTION: To approve 2015 AGM Minutes with no addition or removals.

Moved by Peter Ryan **Seconded** by Keith Austin, Motion carried by show of hands.

3. Business arising from the minutes

There was no business arising from the minutes

4. Correspondence

- A thank you card was read from Jean & Andrew McRae thanking the Valley Scottish Country dancers for the beautiful flower arrangement for Andrew, who is currently unwell in the hospital.
- Edna McLean expressed her thank you to the group for a flower arrangement that was sent to her.

MOTION: Affirm flower arrangements made on behalf of the VSCD group to support members in need.

Moved by Maggie Keppie **Seconded** by Jeff Hosick, Carried by a show of hands.

5. Reports

(The following are summaries of the reports. The full reports are on file in the secretary's record book.)

A. Treasurer's Report

Janet Witman presented the financial statement for the Valley Scottish Country Dancers covering a period of May 22, 2015 to May 5, 2016. There was a balance forward \$3,100.15. Regular class fees and expenses resulted in a profit of \$1882.00. The advanced class has a loss of \$185.00 and the Burns supper a profit of \$2.69. Other expenses to the group being: socials total \$77.00, bank fees were \$22.15 and administration fees amounted to \$325.91, Instructor bonuses were \$800.00 and Card gift and miscellaneous items were \$40.25. Total Income was \$9,056.00, total expenses were \$8,621.62 leaving a profit of \$434.38 and a current balance of \$3,534.53. The society books have been audited and approved by Ken McRae.

MOTION: To approve the financial statement of the VSCD.

Moved by Janet Whitman **Seconded by** Jane Hynes, passed by a show of hands.

B. Burns Night (Inge Mair & Garth Gordon)

Inge Mair and Garth Gordon prepared a report, in which Inge read, on the 41st VSCD Burns Supper which was held at the Port Williams Village Centre on January 23, 2016. 170 guests were served dinner many of which stayed to enjoy the dance program and Ceilidh after the dinner and toasts. (More than usual) David Cameron was the MC other speakers included June Jain, Nirmal Jain, Peter Kerr Susan Barthos, and William Travis. Ken McRae gave the Selkirk grace and Murdina McRae gave the after grace in both English and Gaelic. Pat and his staff once again provided a fine meal and had many compliments on the meal and their service. Thank you to our local Haggis makers the haggis was superb. Macadians did a splendid job with the dance program and Sue Van Horne performed a demonstration dance. Thank you to everyone the generously contributed their time and talents in making this event a success. The night substantially broke even realizing a profit of \$2.69.

MOTION: To approve the Burns Supper report.

Moved by Inge Mair **Seconded by** Janet Whitman, passed by a show of hands.

C. Webmaster Report (Full Report)

Rob Raeside presented the webmaster report. The website reported 239 Hits in the past year. The month with the highest amount of traffic was May. 46% of the

users are originating from google and 24 % coming from the RSCDS website. There has been no changes to the website in the past year. Rob would be happy to hand over the reins of the website if anyone was interested in that task in the future.

MOTION: To Approve the webmaster report as read.

Moved by Rob Raeside **Seconded by** Keith Austin, passed by a show of hands.

D. Presidents Report (Summary)

Fred Huntley presented the VSCD Presidents report. Membership has grown substantially this year as a result of interest generated by the pre burns night free lessons. Thank you to Inge and Garth and their committee for the great job with the burns supper. Thank you to Duncan and Maggie Keppie and Rob Raeside for their time to plan and instruct the dances. The Wilmot branch classes were active again this year and instructed by Sue and Crawford Van Horn. Thank you to all the executive for your time with special thanks to Janet Whitman for so many years of service as treasurer.

The venues of the AGM (moved to Kings Riverside Court) and the final wrap up dinner and dance (moved to Saint James Anglican Church) to accommodate our growing membership.

Dance demos were performed at Kings Riverside court and at the Wolfville Nursing Home. Duncan and Maggie also had another successful Scotch on the Rocks event this year.

MOTION: To Approve the president's report as read.

Moved by Fred Huntley **Seconded by** Rajeev Chowdhury, passed by a show of hands.

E. Wilmot Group

There was no one to read a report for the Wilmot Group.

F. Teachers Report (Regular Classes)

The teachers report was read by Maggie Keppie. Weekly classes continue to be fun and well attended with 4-6 sets each time. Teachers for this year were Rob Raeside, Maggie and Duncan Keppie. Classes were split this year to allow novice dancers to work on their skills at a slower pace and provide more progressive dances for others. A ceilidh was performed at the Wolfville Nursing home in November. A dance social was held in December over the holiday break for members.

Classes were run in January preparing for Burns Night and a Burns Ceilidh was held for the residents of Kings Riverside Court. A few formations that were

worked on this year were “Over the heather”, Corners, and Mairi’s Wedding reels. Maggie expressed a special thank you to Rob Raeside for his efforts in teaching this year and years passed.

MOTION: To approve the teachers report.

Moved by Maggie Keppie **Seconded by** Diana Walsh, passed by a show of hands.

G. Advanced class Report

The report of the advanced class was read by Duncan Keppie. Seven advanced classes were held with between 1-2 sets each time. Out of town guests included a trio from Truro, 1-2 from Halifax, a couple from California on their honeymoon and a couple from PEI.

MOTION: To approve the advanced class report.

Moved by Duncan Keppie **Seconded by** Vicky Austin, passed by a show of hands.

H. Macadians Dancing Master double CD financial statement.

Duncan Keppie prepared and presented the current financial statement for the Macadians Double Dance CD.

Total cost for creation of CD \$4236.70. Total income to date including grants given from the VSCD and the RSCDS \$5620.00 Remaining balance of \$1383.30.

Further payments of \$275 x 5 = \$1375 were made to the band members in May 2016 with the remaining balance.

MOTION: To approve the Macadians Dancing Master double CD financial statement.

Moved by Duncan Keppie **Seconded by** Jane Hynes, passed by a show of hands.

I. Other

Maggie introduced the idea of dance tourism to the group and let us know the wonderful opportunity it presents.

Fred and Gail Huntley went to Belgium and danced in a group while they were there. There were 2 sets of 6 in the group.

6. New Business

- Duncan Keppie reported that Peter Giles (Fiddler in the Macadians) is unwell and asked VSCD to send a card on behalf of the group to him.

MOTION: To arrange flowers and a card to be sent to Peter Giles.

Moved by Maggie Keppie **Seconded by** Dorothy Robbins, passed by a show of hands.

- **MOTION:** To give teachers bonus amounts of \$600 for Duncan & Maggie Keppie and \$200 to Rob Raeside. (Same as last year)

Moved by Janet Whitman **Seconded by** Debbie Ladouceur, passed by a show of hands.

- **MOTION:** To except the important dates for next year's dance term as follows:

Term 1: September 20th - November 29th, 2016 and January 1-24, 2017

Term 2: February 7th, 2017 – May 9th, 2017

Burns Supper date: January 28th, 2017

Moved by Rob Raeside **Seconded by** Gail Huntley, passed by a show of hands.

- Maggie presented a gift of an Annapolis Valley Tartan sash and Broach to Jenny Magee who was leaving the group to go to British Columbia.

7. Report of the Nominating Committee

The report of the nominating committee was prepared by Edna McLean and Dorothy Robbins and read by Edna McLean. The proposed executive for the 2016-2017 VSCD Dance Term is as follows:

President: Fred Huntley

Past Presidents: Sue and Crawford Van Horne

Treasurer: Janet Whitman

Secretary: Vicki Austin

Members at large: Julia O'malley, Diana Walsh

Phone Committee: Jane Hynes and Edna McLean

MOTION: To approve the nominating committee report.

Moved by Edna McLean **Seconded by** Rajeev Chowdhury, passed by a show of hands.

8. Adjournment

Keith Austin moved that the 2016 VSCD AGM be adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Jenny Magee (Secretary)