SRDFNS Executive meeting April 19, 2013 Bridgewater, NS

Regional report to Border Rounders, Cumberland Twirlers, Strathmore Strutters

Reports

President: (Paul & Cathy Langille)

Paul is working on dancer Data Base with a goal of Oct or Nov for completion of information. He is currently collecting names, year began dancing, e-mail addresses etc. Club reps are requested to forward these details to him at <u>prlangille@eastlink.ca</u> for their current membership. This is a major undertaking & he is putting in major hours to bring it to a satisfactory completion; our cooperation in this regard is critical.

Paul & Cathy have been visiting and becoming acquainted with clubs throughout the Province. If you are having a special event or just need some outside input, please do not hesitate to contact them.

Insurance:

Federation is looking for a new Provincial Insurance Coordinator to replace Ralph MacDonald who has carried this responsibility with him regardless of 'what hat he wore' for 13 years.

Archives:

Harold & Clara Redden have a room full of archive material – much appears to be 'stuff' no one knew what to do with ie photo albums with no names, dates, event identification etc from clubs now closed.

A major clean <u>out</u> is underway to evaluate contents, eliminate duplicates, electronically convert as possible for ease of storage etc.

A collection of records will be passed to ANSSRDT; these will be available to active callers. New guidelines have been established to limit type, condition & amount of material appropriate for storage. Harold & Clara will not reoffer at October 2013 AGM

Publicity

SRDFNS Web site:

Clubs are asked to check their own web information to ensure accuracy ie contact person, weekly dance info etc. Club history especially needs updating. Forward changes to Gary at <u>gwelch@ap.stmarys.ca</u>

Banners:

A promotional banner has been designed for use at any opportunity to market our dance genres for recruitment. It is a vertical, retractable type banner, size approx 33"x 80" and is available to anyone in the Federation's member clubs.

A travelling banner has also been designed and is intended for use at out-of-province and out-of-country events.

Please contact Publicity Officers (Paul & Cathy Langille) to reserve the banner(s) for your function.

Community Links – Ageing Well Together:

Community Links has granted our request to have September of their 2014 calendar reserved for square and round dancing. This is an excellent opportunity to promote this activity throughout Nova Scotia - 15,000 copies for \$250 / great coverage for little cost. Cathy is designing a collage of the pictures she receives & is asking all clubs to provide her with club photos for use in this project. (Cumberland have already sent theirs in)

<u>50+ Expo:</u>

June 7 & 8, 2013 Exhibition grounds, Halifax. They are looking for another caller & demo dancers. Contact Carol <u>c.j.scott@ns.sympatico.ca</u>

<u>Awards:</u> Beth & John Dickinson were presented their 30 year Federation longevity certificate for Cueing, at Maple Fling in Amherst in April. Paul & Cathy were on hand for the presentation.

Regional reports

Most clubs have been entertaining at nursing / special care homes and holding fund raising dances for charities etc over the last 3 months. They are now in 'wind up' mode, planning summer closing dances etc.

Berwick Belles 'n Beaus will hold a very special dance in Waterville on Apr 20th to celebrate & honor long time dancer, Ester Chute's 100th Birthday; she has been dancing for 51 years. Appropriate presentations will be made by Federation & Society representatives.

Liaison reports

ANSSRDT:

Dottie reports there is a trend towards lowering dress code - nationally as well as locally

CSRDS:

The Society Board has established a Membership Committee to deal with all facets of Society memberships. The Chair is the Society Vice President, Eric MacCormack. Representatives from all the Provinces, except PEI, have volunteered to serve on this committee.

Dancers/Callers who plan to attend the August NS Caller School & plan to apply for a grant from the Society need to apply by June 15, 2013. Late applications will be funded only if there are still sufficient funds in the year's budget. Complete application information is available on the Society web page <u>www.squaredance.ca</u>

Please note all provincial information changes, updates, corrections should be sent to the NS Society Directors: Bob & Inge Ruohoniemi <u>bobruoho@eastlink.ca</u>

Effective April 1, 2013, Bob Ruohoniemi resumed the duties of President of the Society

New Business

SRDFNS Festival 2013:

NSCC Pictou Campus, Stellarton, July 26 & 27. All floors are tiled & rooms air conditioned. Dress code - tasteful casual attire during the day, traditional attire in the evening. Motels in Stellarton & New Glasgow; dry camping at rear of Community Campus \$20 for weekend – free dumping at Irving service station in New Glasgow; four Public Campgrounds in Pictou County. Dancer's Duds & Frills Shop will be on site.

Federation pins:

A new supply of Federation square & round dance pins has been purchased and will be distributed to Federation club members as requested. One will be included in graduation packages; additional sold at \$2/ea.

By Law review:

A committee was formed to review current By Laws and recommend changes. A draft copy will be available to Federation Executive July meeting.

Next meeting Sunday, July 28, 9:00 am, Stellarton, NS

Gerry & Marion McLellan SRDFNS Fundy Region reps