

**VALLEY SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCERS
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
May 27, 2008**

The 2008 Annual General Meeting of the Valley Scottish Country Dancers was held at the home of Inge Mair in Hantsport on Tuesday, May 27, 2008.

Present: Jane Hynes, June Jain, Theresa Pelley, Heather Watts, Andrew MacRae, Dorothy Walker Robbins, Ken McRae, Wendy Raeside, Jean MacRae, Edna McLean, Murdina McRae, Kathleen Baker, Janet Whitman, Maggie Keppie, Ingeborg Mair, Nellie Harvey and Gail Archibald.

Regrets: Phil Dyer, Rob Raeside, Beth Keech

- 1. President Inge Mair extended a welcome to all and called the meeting to order at 7:42 p.m.**
- 2. Minutes from May 22, 2007 AGM were read and approved on a motion by Gail Archibald and seconded by Jane Hynes.**
- 3. Reports**

Treasurer - Janet Whitman gave the Financial Report for 2007-8. She reported that unusual expenditures, along with increased costs at the Burns Supper and reduced income from class fees, resulted in an equity loss of \$1,304.55 for the year as compared to \$294.24 equity loss in the previous year. Current balance is \$3,467.13 as compared to \$4,771.68 for 2007. The financial books were audited by Ken McRae who has agreed to be our auditor again next year. Thanks to Ken for his financial expertise. A vote of thanks was extended to Janet for her excellent work as treasurer.

Ken moved and Dorothy seconded that the Treasurer's Report be accepted. Motion carried.

Teachers – Maggie Keppie reported on the 2007-8 dance year. She noted the Fall term started with the challenge of finding a new venue for weekly classes upon being told that our Tuesday night slot was no longer available at Wolfville School after 20+ years. An unsuccessful attempt to be reinstated led us to Grand Pre Danse, a newly renovated warehouse where several dance studios were being opened for public use. Unfortunately, a recent fire has destroyed the warehouse and we will have to relocate again. 14 classes were held in each of the fall and winter terms. The two mid-term socials are continuing and enjoyed by all. The mid-term social in March included children for the first hour since it coincided with March break. Maggie also reported that the dancing has progressed to new levels this year to include advanced figures such as rondelles, poussettes, and the Knot. A new 3-week mini course in Old Tyme Dancing was added at the end of the year, hosted by Max and Shirley Skinner at the Wolfville Baptist Church. A once monthly dance class for children at P.W. Elementary School was offered during the Fall with nine enthusiastic participants. She raised the issue once again of how to successfully integrate new dancers with more experienced dancers. VSCD hosted RSCDS Nova Scotia Branch dance on May 4, followed by High Tea. She thanked Rob for his weekly assistance in teaching and Duncan when he is available.

Maggie moved the adoption of her report, seconded by Wendy. Motion carried.

Burns Night - Wendy presented Rob Raeside's written report. Ticket sales were slower this year and recommends doing some advertising for the event. A loss of \$250 this year was attributed to more head table guests, an increase in bar licence, wine and flowers. New caterers will need to be found since the Port Williams Lionesses have now disbanded. Rob has indicated that he is no longer able to be the co-ordinator of this event, but has prepared a detailed outline for his successor and will be available to assist. Maggie and Andrew extended a very sincere thank you to Rob for his leadership over the years. A special thanks also goes to Wendy for her role in ticket sales, etc for Burns Night.

Wendy moved the adoption of Rob's report, seconded by Theresa.
Motion carried.

Website Manager – Written report submitted by Rob stated that the statistics were very similar to last year.

Wendy moved the adoption of the report, seconded by Jane.
Motion carried.

6. New Business

- a. Burns Supper and Dance will be held on January 24, 2009.
- b. Venue for Fall Classes
Discussion took place concerning the venue and it appears that there may be an opportunity to go back to the Wolfville School. Further investigation is required. Motion: It was moved by Maggie and seconded by Jane that Theresa Pelley contact Wolfville School Principal Steve Keddy regarding reinstating VSCD to Wolfville School for Tuesday night classes. Motion carried.
- c. Venue for End of Term Dance and BBQ – June 21.
Since the venue for this event no longer exists, the search is on to find another location. Maggie will check on these possibilities:
 1. Port Williams School
 2. Dance Hall at Evangeline Beach
 3. Hortonville Hall
 4. Greenwich – United Church, Fire Hall, Community Hall.The venue selected will determine where the Pot Luck/BBQ will be held – Beth Keech's or Edna McLean's. Both have generously offered the use of their homes for the occasion.
- d. Dates for Fall and Winter Terms

Fall term	September 16 – November 25 (Snowdate December 2) January 6 – 20
Winter term	January 27 x 14 weeks
- e. Burns Supper Coordinator was referred to the Executive Committee for resolution.

**f. Kirkin' o' the Tartan – June 8 at Covenantor Church,
Grand Pre.**

7. Report of Nominating Committee

**President – Ingeborg Mair
Secretary – Gail Archibald
Treasurer – Janet Whitman**

**Members at Large – Edna McLean, Kathleen Baker, Jane
Hynes**

**Nominating Committee – Dorothy Walker Robbins, Edna
McLean.**

**Dorothy moved the adoption of her report, seconded by Edna
McLean. Motion carried.**

8. Other Business

**Fee structure – It was noted that in light of increasing costs the
class fees will need to be increased. Motion: Ken moved that the
fee be increased at an amount to be determined by the Executive
Committee. Seconded by Maggie. Motion carried.**

**Pat Hynes Memorial – Maggie moved that we make a
contribution of \$150 to Valley Regional Hospital Auxiliary in
memory of Pat, a long-time active member and teacher of the
VSCD. Seconded by Kathleen Baker. Motion carried.**

9. Adjournment

**On a motion by Maggie, the meeting was adjourned at 9:25 p.m.
A social hour followed. Thanks to Inge for hosting the meeting.**

Respectfully submitted,

**Gail Archibald,
Secretary**