

Valley Scottish Country Dancers
Annual General Meeting
May 18, 2010

The 2010 Annual Meeting of the Valley Scottish Country Dancers was held at the home of Rob and Wendy Raeside.

Present: Inge Mair, Anne Keirstead, Maggie Keppie, Janet Whitman, Ken McRae, Rob Raeside, Wendy Raeside, Crawford Van Horne, Sue Van Horne, Edna McLean, Nellie Garvey, Jean MacRae, Andrew MacRae, Jane Hynes, Peter Ryan, June Jain, Heather Watts, Gail Archibald

1. Crawford Van Horne called the meeting to order at 7:40 p.m. He extended a welcome to the members and expressed thanks to the Raesides for hosting the AGM.
2. Minutes of 2009 AGM were read and approved on a motion by Gail Archibald and seconded by Rob Raeside.
3. Business arising from Minutes
 - a) Report on new decorations for Burns Night
Sue Van Horne reported that four different tartans were purchased for table runners. A great team of servers and cutters made this possible. A favourable response was received. Storage at the Van Horne's.
 - b) Purchase of new CD's
New music was purchased to accommodate the different demands of the dancers.
4. Correspondence

Thank you from Ross Creek Centre for the Arts for donation in memory of Gretchen McCullough.

5. Reports

Treasurer: See attached financial statement. Janet Whitman reported a gain in equity of \$1,218.67. Increased attendance at classes was the main reason. The statement was audited by Ken McRae. Janet moved the adoption of her report, seconded by Ken McRae. Motion carried. General appreciation was expressed for the excellent and committed work of the treasurer.

Teachers: See attached report. Maggie reported on a successful year with the added challenge of increased attendance in the allotted space at the Wolfville Legion. This has made it difficult to separate the different skill levels for part of the evening's instruction. Maggie offered Saturday night socials once a month for more experienced dancers as an innovative way to address part of this issue. Maggie was assisted in co-teaching by Rob Raeside and Duncan Keppie. Maggie moved the adoption of her report, seconded by Jane Hynes. Motion carried.

Burns' Night: See attached report. Ken McRae reported another successful Burns' supper and dance with a full attendance of 170 and a waiting list. CBC Information Morning interviewed local CBC contact, Laura Churchill Duke, regarding the event and its history. Ken, along with Gail Archibald, co-chaired the event again. Moved by Ken, seconded by Inge Mair. Motion carried. Consideration will be needed to look at someone to chair or co-chair on year 4 of Ken and Gail's final year of co-ordination.

Website Manager: Rob Raeside reported that the free website is no longer available. Effective October 1, 2009, VSCD has had their own domain at a cost of \$75/year. There were 365 page views and 24 by search engines. The busiest months were January 2010 with 98 hits and May 2010 with 45. The most searched for item was Maggie Keppie. Rob is looking for people to contribute items for the site. Rob moved the adoption of his report, seconded by June Jain. Motion carried.

President: Sue Van Horne, co-President reported on the general activities over the past year and expressed special thanks to many individuals including the teachers and the team who were responsible

for the new decorations and table runners for Burns Supper and Dance. Sue moved the adoption of her report, seconded by Andrew MacRae. Motion carried.

6. New Business

a) Remuneration for teachers

Because of the VSCD's healthy financial situation, it was felt that the teachers' current fees should be reconsidered. Discussion ensued re bonus versus raising instructors' fees. Ken McRae moved that we provide a bonus of \$800 to teachers, split in proportion - \$600 to Maggie and \$200 to Rob. Seconded by Peter Ryan. Motion carried.

b) Burns' Supper and Dance

Date for the next event is January 22, 2011. June Jain moved that the speaker for The Immortal Memory be reimbursed with an honorarium of \$65. Seconded by Andrew MacRae. Motion carried.

c) Fall and Winter Classes – Dates and Fee Structure

Term I – Sept. 14 to end of Nov. with snowdate 1st week of December and 2 classes in January 2011.

Term II – January 25 x14 weeks to April 26

Fee Structure – Janet moved that the fees be adjusted to \$60/term or \$6/night. Seconded by Rob. Motion carried.

d) Kirkin' o' the Tartan – June 13, 2010

e) VSCD Broom

It was agreed that the broom that was purchased for \$50.00 and no longer needed, be given to Edna McLean's Sunday School class.

7. Report of the Nominating Committee

Co-Presidents – Sue and Crawford Van Horne

Past President – Inge Mair

Secretary – Gail Archibald

Treasurer – Janet Whitman

Members at Large – Jean MacRae, Heather Watts, Jane Hynes

Phone Committee – Jane Hynes, Edna McLean

Burns Night Co-ordinators – Ken McRae, Gail Archibald

8. Adjournment

On a motion by Heather Watts, the meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m. A social time followed and was enjoyed by all.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail Archibald

Secretary