

Valley Scottish Country Dancers  
Annual General Meeting  
May 15, 2012

Minutes

The 2012 annual general meeting of the Valley Scottish Country Dancers was held at the home of Rob and Wendy Raeside in Wolfville.

Present: Sue Van Horne (chair), Keith Austin, Vicky Austin, Peter Ryan, Dorothy Robbins, Murdina McRae, Ken McRae, Ingeborg Mair, Nellie Garvey, Julia O'Malley, Edna McLean, June Jain, Pat McLeod, Gail Archibald, Garth Gordon, Wendy Raeside, Rob Raeside, Jean MacRae, Andrew MacRae, Patrick Loughnane, Heather Watts (recorder).

1. President Sue Van Horne called the meeting to order at 7:37 p.m.
2. Minutes of the 2011 Annual General Meeting  
The minutes of the 2011 annual general meeting were read by the secretary. Ken McRae made the following correction: the first sentence of the summary of the Treasurer's report should read "Janet Whitman reported a balance of \$5,338.00 for the year with an increase in equity of \$452.17." Acceptance was moved and seconded and the motion was carried.
3. Business Arising from the Minutes  
Duncan reported on the progress of the double CD which the Society partly sponsored (detailed interim financial statement on file). 200 were made, selling for \$25, and the majority to date have gone to the Teachers Association of Canada (TAC). The instructional CD including instruction books 1, 2 and 3 from Haliburton and instruction books from the Gaelic College, is now a separate project which Duncan hopes to complete by October.
4. Correspondence  
There was no correspondence.
5. Reports  
Treasurer: (Financial Statement on file)  
In the absence of treasurer Janet Whitman, the financial statement was commented upon by the auditor, Ken McRae. He complimented Janet on her excellent bookkeeping and on her diligence in keeping track of attendance. He noted that there were four important parts to the statement: (1) The current balance is reported as \$3,886.19 which is considered good for a not-for-profit organization. (2) The loss in equity, reported as \$1,451.81, is understandable considering the \$2,000 contribution made for the production of the CDs and the bonus given to the teachers, both approved at last year's annual general meeting. (3) There are three `

main sources of income for the Society – the class fees, which covered expenses and made a profit of \$1100, the advanced classes, which essentially broke even, and the Burns Supper, which also made a profit of \$290. (4) The expenses for the instructors' fees, bonus payment and the rental of the hall are off-set by the class fees resulting in an apparent gain of \$300. However, the actual profit for the classes was \$1100 because the \$800 bonus for the previous year was paid in the current year. The books have been audited, and everything is correct.

Ken moved the adoption of the report, seconded by Duncan.

There were two clarifications: (1) Maggie pointed out that her bonus was shared with Duncan for the proportion of classes at which he was present. (2) Duncan said that it was his understanding that any profit realized from the sales of the CD would be shared with the musicians, but he would like it confirmed.

Moved by Dorothy, seconded by Vicky that if and when there is a surplus from the sales of the CD that it be shared among the musicians. Carried.

Duncan promised a complete financial breakdown on the CD, the instructional CD, the funding and sales at the next annual general meeting.

The adoption of the treasurer's report was then carried unanimously.

#### Teachers' including Advanced Class (copies on file)

The Teachers' report was read by Maggie. Three or four sets were on the floor each night of the winter and spring terms and progress can be seen in the skill level of participants. Community involvement included demonstrations at the Wolfville Nursing Home, The Evergreen Home and Riverside Court, and the National Biathlon competition at Camp Aldershot (the latter with the Gaelic Choir). The year culminated with the award of Dance Nova Scotia's Dance Inspiration Award for 2011 to Duncan and Maggie. Acceptance was moved by Maggie, seconded by Garth, Carried.

The Advanced Class report was read by Duncan. Eight advanced classes were held during the year with one or two sets on the floor.

Acceptance of the report was moved by Peter, seconded by Keith. Carried.

#### Burns Night (copy on file)

The Burns Night report was read by Gail.

Moved by Gail, seconded by Dorothy that Patrick Loughnane be the dinner caterer for Burns Night 2013. Carried.

Moved by Gail, seconded by Keith that the report be accepted. Carried.

It was reported that plans for Burns Night are well underway. The hall is booked and all speakers are confirmed. June asked for any additional suggestions for speakers, as back-up is always useful. A letter has been sent to the Port Williams firemen, the previous caterers, telling them we will handle catering for 2013 in-house. The Lions Club will continue to do the bar. Dorothy felt a trial run with the microphone before the dinner would be advisable

### Webmaster

Rob Raeside read his report. Use of the website has dropped off from 300 hits to 111, especially noticeable during the winter. The website is up to date, with information on advanced classes, the barbeque, the 2013 Burns Supper, and minutes of annual general meetings.

Acceptance of the report was moved by Rob, seconded by Gail, carried.

### President (copy on file)

Sue Van Horne read her report. She paid special tribute to Sheenagh Nagy, one of our most popular dancers and singers, who died in April.

Moved by Peter, seconded by Garth that the report be accepted. Carried.

## 6. New Business

- Dorothy asked that the minutes for the annual general meeting be produced earlier. It was agreed that they would go up on the website within two weeks of the meeting.
- Start-up date: Tuesday September 18<sup>th</sup>. Fall term runs Sept. 18 – Nov. 27, 2012, Jan. 8, 15, 22, 2013. The 2013 spring term runs Feb. 5 – May 7. The annual general meeting is two weeks after the last class, May 21<sup>st</sup>, the Burns supper January 26<sup>th</sup>. All dates are adjustable for snow dates if required.
- Discussion followed regarding class fees.  
Moved by Keith, seconded by Inge that 2012-13 class fees remain the same. Carried.
- The Dance Ceilidh will take place Sunday evening, June 24, 7 – 9 p.m. at the Lions hall in Nictaux. Take the #10 highway south from Middleton, hall is at the far end of Nictaux. The dance ceilidh is designed as a happy occasion in which to remember Sheenagh Nagy, not a wake or memorial. It will also test interest in the Middleton area for a new dance group. The Gaelic Choir will sing from 7:00 – 7:30, then simple dances from 7:30 - 8:30, a little speech about Sheenagh, a dance in her memory, and a light lunch. There will be a suggested donation fee to help Ailie continue music and dance education.
- An alert was sounded by Duncan that a new CD player may have to be purchased. Moved by Keith, seconded by Edna that a new CD player be purchased when needed. Carried.
- The bonus for the teachers was discussed. It was decided that although the fees for classes would remain the same the bonus for teachers would increase in 2012-2013.  
Moved by Ken, seconded by June that the Keppies be paid \$800 and Rob \$300 for this year, because of larger classes and the increased profit of \$1100. Carried.

## 7. Report of Nominating Committee

The report was read by Edna.

Co- Presidents  
Past President  
Secretary  
Treasurer

Sue and Crawford Van Horne  
Inge Mair  
Heather Watts  
Janet Whitman

Members at Large	Jean MacRae, June Jain, Fred Huntley
Phone Committee	Edna McLean, Jane Hynes
Burns Night Co-ordinators	Gail Archibald, Inga Mair, Keith Austin
Auditor	Ken McRae

Moved by Edna seconded by Garth that the nominating committee report be accepted.  
Carried.

8. Adjournment 9:15 p.m.

The president adjourned the meeting at 9:15 p.m. A social hour followed.