

Minutes of AGM 2015

OTTAWA ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCE CLUB  
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.  
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24, 2015  
ORANGE HALL, 41 ROSEMOUNT AVE, OTTAWA, ON

Attendees: Mary Williams, Godfrey Williams, Mary Nash, Tara MacCafferty, Don Smith, Marie-Jo Faucher, Casey Peters, Mary Shlifman, David Shlifman, Graham Thompson, Jane Thompson, Janet Inonye, Susan Barker, Brenda Heming, Edward Hearn, Catherine Reynolds, Gregory Reynolds, Sofia L., Suzette Argo, Wayne Thom

Meeting called to order at 7:30 p.m. by the President, Mary Williams.

1. Approval of the amended agenda-moved Mary S. Seconded Brenda H. Carried

2. Approval of the minutes of the AGM 2014-needs to be edited. Moved by Graham T.,  
Seconded Susan B. Carried.

3. Business arising

Teaching style. "Move of the month" petered out when we lost Irfona. Suggestions in Item 7.

Budget for acquisition of CDs. Update. Club agreed for \$500 but additional money in memory of Irfona.

Name tags for members. Temporary labels for newcomers will come from Suzette and/or Sophia.

4. Highlights of the year by Mary Williams

first-loss of Irfona on Dec. 17 has left a huge hole, she was a mentor and friend, and is greatly missed.

Dance in memory of Irfona in April, Quite Carried Away was the band. Lots of visitors, Irfona's 2 daughters attended. Photos from Casey P. and video from Edward H.. Over 700 dollars were collected.

Close partnership with contra group-sharing equipment and out of town callers.  
March 6- Mavish band with local callers.

April 3, With band Noreasters we went to Spencerville with Adena Gordon as caller  
Beginner classes with Ann Thornton-Hill, being helped now by Casey Peters.

June Harman and Michael Dyck have joined our group and June has taught two complicated dances to the group.

Club is cataloging all our music resources

Michael and June to put together wish list for the Club

Ottawa -Putting on the Dance conference- lots of ideas, fortunate that we have such a good club.

5. Treasurer's report: Godfrey Williams

Financial summary

Docs accessible through the website.

Proposal 1: reduce the Orange Hall to \$30 per session. Moved by Godfrey, Seconded by Jane.  
Carried.

Proposal 2: increase musician's gratuity to \$50, Moved by Godfrey seconded by Ann T\_H.

Approval of the financial report, moved by Jane, seconded by Suzette, carried.

5a. Not for profit motion (Moved by Mary Nash on behalf of John Nash)

To satisfy the requirements of a not-for-profit organization, Ottawa ECD Club will continue with the following directors: John Nash (President), Godfrey Williams, Graham Thompson and Michelle Sutherland. Sara Lawson will continue as the appointed secretary. Seconded by Brenda, Carried.

6. TTO 2014 report: Sara Lawson

To be attached. Accepted the report moved by Sara, seconded by Graham, Carried

7. Items for discussion to help the executive make the right decision for the club:  
Increase payment of band members from \$45 to \$50-accepted.

Offer a Family Dance, which includes parents and children.  
Generally in favor, to be discussed by the executive.

Increase publicity through Facebook-need a couple of people

Ways of improving our style-

Dance of the month-

repeat dances more often. Executive to work on this and involve the callers.

Offer "Tricky Dances" sessions. Rent Mlacak on a Sunday afternoon.

Calling: very occasionally there is no caller for the dance. If everyone had one dance that they knew well, we will never be in this position. Is there support for "Adopt a Dance"? From Putting on the Dance think about it and list people and dances. Cards available ??

8. Election of officers and volunteers for the coming season

Executive for 2015 -2016

President for one more year Mary Williams  
Vice president +Wiki master John Nash  
Treasurer Godfrey Williams  
Secretary Sara Lawson  
Web master Graham Thompson  
Publicity Susan Barker, Sophia  
Registration of members Margaret Jones  
Caller organizer/roster maker Sara Lawson  
Refreshments Brenda Heming  
Ball chairperson Sara Lawson (for one more year)  
Teacher for beginners Anne Thornton-Hill, Casey Peters  
Band liaison Anne Thornton-Hill  
Members at large David & Mary Shleifman, Susan Barker, June Harman

OTHER VOLUNTEER ROLES

Role	Leading volunteer	Back-up
Tea maker	Edward	Christine and Andrew
Cookie monster	Andrew	Robert Cook
Club computer		David
Amplifier, mike, stand	Graham	Godfrey W.
Board & easel, Wiki input	Mary W	Graham T.
Brochure producer	Susan B	Graham T.
Hall rentals	Mary W & Susan B.	
Name tag maker	Jane Thompson	
Ball planning 2015,	Tara M.	

Callers

John, Mary W, Sara, Anne, June,  
Jane T, Susan B, Gregory (Orange Hall only) Each other

9. Any Other Business

- Business cards for ECD to show to interested individuals
- Graham about the website- input is invited. Detailed info under password protection.
- Jane Austen Soc. In Ottawa closing. Aug. 23, Billings Estate has a tea dance-Brenda and Sophia to work together for this event.

10. Adjournment-meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m. seconded Suzette

Mary Williams, President

Mary Nash, Recorder

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