

Ottawa English country dance club

AGM Wednesday, June 17th, 2020 VIA ZOOM, started at 7:22 p.m.

1. Agenda was presented.

2. Approval of the agenda- the agenda was approved.

3. Approval of the minutes of the AGM 2019- approved as previously distributed.

4. Business arising

President's Report:Mary Shleifman

TTO 2019 report:Mary Williams, appended at the end.

TTO 2020 decision postponed to mid-August.,

Artistic director report:.....June Harman

The Playford Players band retired in 2019 after many years of providing live music for some of our Friday night dances. June circulated a card to gather messages from dancers, and sent it to Elizabeth Scarlett.

We had two special events last year:

Oct 18, 2019 - Jamie Hargrove called to visiting band Maivish

Jan 3, 2020 visiting caller David Smukler called to Quite Carried Away

All other planned special dancers were canceled due to Covid-19

Financial report:John Nash. Appended at the end.

5. Matters arising from Financial report:

A. Proposal to offer QCA a cancellation payment ("kill fee"). Total of \$100.00 was approved.

B. "Thank you" and kill fee in case TTO 2020 is canceled, to our

guest caller, band and sound technician. Discussion postponed until mid-Aug. 2020

C. Proposal to offer returning members a \$10 fee reduction
on full membership, when we return to dance. Approved.

6. Election of officers for the coming season with hope. All officers agreed to stay on.

Executive for 2020-21

- President.....Mary Shleifman
- Vice President.....Mary Williams
- Wiki master.....John Nash
- Treasurer.....Edward and John
- Secretary.....Mary Nash
- Web Master.....Graham Thompson
- Publicity.....Antonia and Joey

-Suzanne Sakaluk agreed to take on our Facebook page.

-All members should 'like' our Facebook page.

- Artistic Director.....June Harman
- TTO Ball chair.....Mary Williams
- Members at large.....David Shleifman

Specific Volunteer Roles -everyone is willing to carry on.

Registration of Members.....Antonia and Joey

Caller organization/roster maker.....Michelle Sutherland

Refreshments.....Edward, Andrew and Robert

Librarian (CDs, instructions, scores).....John Nash

Teachers for Beginners.....Michelle Sutherland

Board and easel, record of dances.....Graham Thompson

Amplifier and mic pack.....Graham Thompson

Club computer and amplifier.....David Shleifman

Hall booker.....Mary Williams

Brochure production.....June Harman

Band liason.....June Harman

8. Other business:

A. Secretary for executive meetings. Exec. Meeting followed the AGM

B. Return to dancing-it was suggested that we try to get together virtually on a regular basis and try lectures and small talks.

Other? No other business was discussed.

Callers

Mary Williams, Sara Lawson, John Nash, June Harman, Jamie Hargrove, Greg Reynolds

(McNabb CC) Mary Shleifman

Bands-Quite Carried Away

9. Adjournment at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Mary M. Nash, Secretary to the AGM

Report from TTO 2019 Planning Committee

Trip To Ottawa Dance Weekend was held on November 8, 9 and 10, 2019.

Guest caller: Judi Rivkin

Musicians: Karen Axelrod, Eric Martin, Anna Patton

Full and enjoyable weekend.

Good feedback from participants: some logistical improvements will be implemented next time.

The 2 biggest issues were parking and lack of room in the cloakroom for changing shoes and dressing in Ball gowns on Saturday evening.

Parking: Businesses and All Saints Church will be approached to ask if their parking lots can be used by participants.

Extension of the cloakroom: We can use the Fitness Centre, which is off the main lobby. This can be a general area for changing shoes with a smaller area for changing into gowns. A system will be introduced to label shoes which are currently not being worn. Hopefully there will be no mislaid shoes as a result.

A decision regarding the hosting of TTO 2020 will be made in mid-August in close communication with the guest caller and musicians. Feedback has already been received by from many members and past participants. Everyone will receive an email towards the end of August, reporting the final decision.

Submitted by Mary Williams, Chair TTO 2020.