

COMPILED REPORTS FOR SRDFNS EXECUTIVE MEETING GREENWOOD SOBEY'S STORE, JANUARY 28, 2012

SQUARE AND ROUND DANCE FEDERATION OF NOVA SCOTIA

	August 1, 2011 - January 26, 2012			
SUMMARY OF OPERATING ACCOUNT				2012 Budget
	Q1	Q2	Total	

CLUB REMITTANCES

Club Dues		607.00	607.00	700.00
DANS		15.00	15.00	15.00
CSRDS Membership		1,491.00	1,491.00	1,500.00
Total Club Remittances		2,113.00	2,113.00	2,215.00
Club Dues		607.00	607.00	700.00
Personal Subscriptions	30.00	15.00	45.00	75.00
Pins/Badges	160.00		160.00	200.00
Cook Book Sales	50.00	60.00	110.00	150.00
Video Sales	120.00		120.00	150.00
Canvas Bags	120.00		120.00	125.00
Festival 2010	-364.31		-364.31	
Japan Campaign		1,606.91	1,606.91	
Total Income	115.69	3,794.91	3,910.60	3,915.00

EXPENSES

DANS		50.00	50.00	50.00
Internet				50.00
Meetings	48.00	7.18	55.18	200.00
Miscellaneous				25.00
Pins/badges	299.00		299.00	300.00
Publications	74.46		74.46	800.00
Registry of Joint Stock				30.00
Representative Badges				50.00
Service charge	7.50	5.00	12.50	30.00
Society Registration				
Total Operating Expenses	428.96	101.75	530.71	2,540.00
Income Less Expenses	51.04	580.25	631.29	-1,140.00
DANS		15.00	15.00	15.00
CSRDS Membership		1,491.00	1,491.00	1,500.00
Total Non Operating Expenses		1,506.00	1,506.00	1,515.00
Funds Due to Japan	1,537.64	1,606.91	3,144.55	
Funds Due to Festival 2010	-388.27		-388.27	
Operating Balance	3,188.17	3,768.42	3,768.42	2,997.13

SQUARE & ROUND DANCE FEDERATION OF NOVA SCOTIA
CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET
PERIOD ENDING January 26, 2012

ASSETS

Cash on Hand (Operating)		3,768.42		
Total Operating			3,768.42	
Japan Campaign			3,144.55	
Festival 2010 Profit		9,611.73		
Transferred to Capital Account		10,000.00		
Net			-388.27	
CAPITAL ACCOUNT				
Cash On Hand		8,849.61		
TD Bank GIC Apr 17/12 -1.90%		15,000.00		
TD Bank GIC Jun 27/12 -1.65%		10,000.00		
TD Bank GIC Mar 3/12 -1.2%		20,000.00		
Total Capital Account			53,849.61	
TOTAL LIABILITIES				
NET FINANCIAL POSITION				60,374.31

ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL POSITION

Ending Financial Position - July 31, 2011				
-Operating				3,137.13
- Capital				53,780.18
Capital Account Receipts(Disbursements) 2012 (Net)		69.43		
Transferred to/from Operating 2012				
Net Operating Account 2012		631.29		
Japan Campaign (In Operating)				3,144.55
Festival 2010 Profit (In Operating)				-388.27
Accumulated Deficits to Date		-9,403.75		
Profit from Festival 2010		9,611.73		
Net Profit for Income Tax		207.98		
Ending Financial Position				60,374.31

SQUARE AND ROUND DANCE FEDERATON OF NOVA SCOTIA

**Finance Committee Report
Oct 16, 2011 – Jan 28, 2012**

Capital Account (# 0170-0000320)

Balance forward Oct 15, 2011 8,780.18

Revenue:

Oct 31 Int capital account	.93
Nov 22 matured GIC # 18	10,000.00
Nov 23 matured GIC # 19	10,000.00
Interest on above GICs	34.25
	<u>34.25</u>
	20,069.43

Expense:

Nov 24 GIC # 20 (100 days maturity Mar 3, 2012) 20,000.00

Capital Acct balance Oct 15, 2011 8,849.61

Investment Acct (# 8022215)

TD Canada Trust GIC # 20 @ 1.20% (100 days) maturity Mar 3, 2012	20,000.00
TD Canada Trust GIC # 13 @ 1.90% (15 mos) maturity Apr 17, 2012	15,000.00
TD Canada Trust GIC # 16 @ 1.65% (15 mos) maturity Jun 27, 2012	<u>10,000.00</u>
Investment Acct balance Oct 15, 2011	45,000.00

Total Club Assets as of Oct 15, 2011 53,849.61

Marion McLellan
Finance Committee

CENTRAL REGION REPORT

New years dance was held all had a good time, all clubs back in operation with dwindling numbers, heart dance will be held on Sat Feb 25 at the north Woodside community center

Don and Carol Scott

SOUTH SHORE REGION REPORT for period September 10, 2011 to December 9, 2011

Preamble

At the LaHave River Ramblers Membership Meeting in May, 2011, Cathy and Paul Langille volunteered to lead a Communication Committee formed to promote the club and square dancing. A communication plan was in development when CSRDS President, Bob Ruohoniemi distributed a document entitled *Prospecting: 163 Ways to Recruit and Retain Square Dancers* at the July, 2011, SRDFNS Meeting at Old Orchard Inn. The Communication Plan was further developed by the Committee based on this document. It soon became apparent the effort required to promote one club should be expanded to include both clubs within the South Shore Region.

In August, Cathy and Paul were invited to attend a meeting of the Sunrise Squares membership where they shared the strategies as set out in the Communication Plan for LaHave River Ramblers and their implementation. Members were very enthusiastic and supportive with this initiative and were keen to be included in the promotion.

Rosie Touesnard had a ready supply of promotional material for LaHave River Ramblers which she and Heather West distributed throughout Lunenburg and Mahone Bay areas. Other promotional material promoting both clubs was developed and distributed throughout our catchment area: i.e. book marks for libraries, book stores and reading rooms; rack cards for promo events, tourist bureaus, restaurants; tri-fold brochure for medical centres, physio and chiro practices, veterinarians; hair salons, drug stores, staff rooms of banks and other larger employers; window posters for stores (i.e. convenience stores, gas stations); menu cover inserts for a restaurant; cook book display/sales with an independent bulk barn. Radio and print media are being used to full advantage.

On November 19, 2011, the Communication Committee was disbanded because there was no interest in promoting both clubs while another member indicated the desire to dance only, not promote.

The SRDFNS approved both Club's applications for \$250 grant for the purpose of promoting square dancing within the South Shore Region.

A local sign maker donated two 8 ft. x 2 ft. vinyl banners – one for each Club. Vehicle plates (Square Dancer – 2B2 Ask 1 www.squaredance.ns.ca) sales provided the funding for custom re-lettering these banners for use at demos, parades, etc.

Outreach

4-H

South Shore square dancers have invited 4-H members and four family members each, to an evening of Square Dancing. Although at writing we were asked to include Queens and Shelburne 4-H groups, we were focussing on the two Bridgewater groups this winter and would plan to expand our connection with 4-H in the spring. Because 4-H were available on Friday evenings, Sunrise Squares hosted 4-H members and their families Fri., Nov. 18, 2011 at the MARC, Dayspring, for a 4-H Family Square Dance Evening.

Girl Guides

Girls Guides were also invited to participate in a "Daughter-Father" Square Dance evening, but there has been no response to date.

The various promotional material developed for the South Shore clubs was circulated amongst the Executive and Directors of SRDFNS at their AGM, October 15, 2011, prior to the "Swing Into Fall" live fiddle music dance hosted by the Lake City Swingers.

This material will be assessed by a professional marketer for its appearance and content before re-presenting it to the Federation Directors at their January 28th, 2012 meeting. (Done)

Recruitment Results

As a result of the promotional blitz, LaHave River Ramblers attracted 3 new couples, with a possibility of 1 more couple. Sunrise Squares had 2 new couples in class.

Of the 3 new couples who attended LaHave River Ramblers; 1 couple attended one evening; 2 couples continued for 2 weeks, none returned after 3 weeks and the couple who said they would attend never showed. Two couples already known to LaHave River Ramblers members (former dancers, widows with new partners) currently form their class.

Sunrise Square have retained their 4 new dancers (2 couples) in class.

Other Special Dances

September 20, 2011: Both clubs held Outdoor Promo Dance at the Little Red Barn in Wileville.
Caller was Neil Dorey

September 16, 2011: Cardiac Rehab., Bridgewater YMCA intro to square dancing using tapes supplemented by guidance from Mike Touesnard. Dancers from both clubs attended.

September 23, 2011: Bonnie Lea Farm's New Barn Celebration demo and participation.
Dancers from LaHave River Ramblers, called by Dottie Welch

October 29, 2011: Harvest Dance by LaHave River Ramblers, Wileville Fire Hall, 32 dancers

November 18, 2011: 4-H members hosted by Sunrise Squares

November 27, 2011: South Shore in Motion Christmas Parade – decorated truck with club banners mounted on side rails mounted on the box with large cut-out dance couple.

November 29, 2011: Sunrise Squares community service dance for residents of Ridgewood Care Facility in Bridgewater

Respectfully submitted,
Paul & Cathy Langille
South Shore Representatives, SRDFNS

VALLEY REGION REPORT – JAN. 28, 2012

Apple Valley Dancers (plus club) continues to dance Tuesday evenings at Melvern Square Community Centers with callers Barry Walker and Laurie Illsley. Terry Lewis will join them once again in the spring.

Berwick Belles and Beaus dance the 3rd Thursday of the month at the Anglican Church Hall with caller Tommy Collins. They hosted a Christmas Dance.

Fundy Squares continue to dance at the Wilmot Community Centre on Wednesday evenings. They had a very successful 25th anniversary dance in November at which time they were presented with a certificate from the Square and Round Dance Federation of Nova Scotia. It was well attended and included many former Fundy Dancers. Wilfred and Goldie Burns were in attendance and we enjoyed dancing a tip to Wilfred who had been their caller for many years. Tommy Collins is their present caller and did a great job. Fundy has been busy and has hosted a Christmas Party as well as a January Thaw Party. Future dances include a Valentine Party

Feb. 8th and a Pot luck / St. Patrick's Day Benefit Dance. Free will donation to Palliative Care of Soldiers Memorial Hospital. April 11th will be their Spring into Spring dance. Fundy has a class of 12 dancers.

West Kings Twirlers dance every Friday evening with callers Nelson Labor and Laurie Illsley at Melvern Square Community Centre. They hosted a Christmas Party as well as a Western Night. Tonight (Jan 28th) is their Winter Wonderland Dance with caller Nelson Labor and cuer Pat Labor. West Kings hosted a very enjoyable New Year's Eve Party with dancing including several spot dances, games and skits. Good fun and delicious food was enjoyed by all.

Feb. 18th Annapolis Valley Annual Square and Round Dance for Hearts will take place at the Waterville and District Fire Hall. Valley callers will once again donate their time and talents to make this a great success. Free will offering with all money collected going to the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Nova Scotia. Tax receipt will be issued. Come out and enjoy a fun evening of dancing and support a great cause.

Submitted by Al and Corinne McNabb – Valley Region Reps.

Report from the Dice Hill Squares to the SRDFNS Board Meeting 28 Jan. 2012

The Dice Hill Squares have had some difficulties with keeping to the regular schedule this season. Six dances were canceled for either lack of dancers or severe weather. When the dances have occurred, there has been between 1 and 2½ squares (of the 3 squares of members) on the floor. The special Halloween, Crazy Hat, and Christmas dances were well attended.

The Open House in January had to be canceled because of bad weather so it wasn't until the first 2012 dance that one returning dancer came out. He has been away from dancing for a couple of years but still remembers it all!

The Dice Hill Squares were pleased to make a donation greater than the recommended amount to the Society Tsunami Disaster Appeal.

The club has begun a new program of monthly Contra Dances with two more sessions on the first Saturday of February and March at 7:30pm. Dottie Welch is providing the instruction to an enthusiastic group of current square dancers and newcomers. Anyone is invited to attend as instruction is provided for each individual Contra dance, so prior attendance is not necessary.

The Dice Hill Squares hope that the next 14 scheduled dances are not subject to cancellations.

The wind-up event is the Mulberry Dance on 17 May.

All Nova Scotia dancers are welcome to visit the Dice Hill Squares on Thursday nights for dancing from 8 to 10pm. at the Ardoise Community Hall, School Road and Highway1, Ardoise. Easy Rounds are provided at all dances during the Square Dance breaks.

Submitted by: Bob & Inge Ruohoniemi
Coordinators, Dice Hill Squares

FUNDY REGION REPORTS, Jan 28, 2012

Border Rounders

After a slight storm delay and following Christmas break, The Border Rounders are back on the dance floor.

There has been a nice interchange between Charlie's Angels and Border Rounders with 4 to 6 couples travelling back and forth between the two clubs for the larger parties. A joint Christmas party was well attended with forty people enjoying a delicious potluck supper, games, prizes and dancing. David and Brenda Van Zoost and Frank and Lois O'Blenis received certificates for dancing 20+ years with the club. There is no charge for this dance but couples are asked to bring a child's gift for "Christmas for Kids".

Those round dancers who are interested in Ph III and IV dances should mark the 15th of Sept on their calendars as there will be a afternoon and evening of dancing for you at the Nappan Experimental Farm Pavilion. For more info contact Frank O'Blenis at 902-667-9498.

Submitted by Beth Dickinson

Strathmore Strutters

Not much to report. Had our Christmas party, 3 squares turned up. Each week we are lucky to have 6 couples. Admittedly, at the party sometimes only 1 sq was on the floor and 3 for the last tip.

In addition to all the bad knees and hips, another suffered a heart attack and had a pacemaker in - not allowed to do any dancing or skating for 6 months. Another couple lost. We only have 4 - 6 couples turn out weekly and next month that will be reduced as at least 3 of those go south for 2 months. At the members request, we are including a plus teach each week prior to mainstream dancing.

Bob was on the sick list this week so without a Caller we were forced to cancel an engagement with a nursing home as well as our own Monday night club dancing.

Happy New Year, Phyllis.

Cumberland Twirlers

Our club remains active & held 2 open house dances in October, now have 2 new class members.

On Tuesday nights we now enjoy classes in basic, plus & mainstream. Thirty-three members came out to our Halloween party to enjoy the 'spooks' and good food.

The special event for November was our Western Night dance and supper of beans, chilli, potato scallop etc. Our members and other club guests totalled 79 for this fun night. Additionally in Nov we held a club auction raising \$200 for the Japanese Tsunami Recovery fund. Dec was a very busy month. Eleven couples volunteered to 'Kettle Set' for the Salvation Army, taking shifts of 2 hours over a few days both in Amherst & Springhill. We wear our Cumberland Twirlers jackets displaying club logo & name, great PR for the club as well as support for a worthwhile cause.

We entertained at the Joggins Fire Hall Seniors Christmas party for the 14th year. Our own Christmas party brought out 38 members all bearing gifts in support of Christmas for Kids campaign.

Regular dancing resumed Jan 10, 2012 and Jan 17 our club enjoyed a night dancing with the Tantram Twirlers, Sackville as our Caller was ill.

We have had a busy and very good year.

Eileen & Sid Glennie, Federation Club reps

HIGHLAND REGION REPORT - Jan 28,2012

Highland Squares are having a good year with two class members and a strong attendance every night . With one square of snowbirds enjoying the warmth of the south, we still have between two to three squares each night. Our special dances see visitors from Antigonish and Truro clubs and our members enjoy visits to Antigonish on their special dance nights.

Mapleleaf Whirlaways are doing well, dancing two squares most nights, a feat we haven't achieved for many years. Many of our members attended Highland Squares Halloween and Christmas dances. We support the Antigonish Senior Games and take the opportunity to give the square dance activity a bit of visibility in our area.

BLUENOSE R V SQUARES

Bluenose R V Squares, who dance from May to October, had another fun filled year in 2011. Our attendance remains strong with 30 rigs most weekends with half coming in to the campground on Thursday for more fun and friendship. In the past two seasons, we spent two days raising funds to support charities which, so far, have included Cancer Research, Christmas Daddies, and Japan Earthquake & Tsunami Fund.

On January 12, we lost Pat Matheson, a beloved member and strong supporter of our club and Timberlea Twirlers. Our thoughts are with Marilyn at this difficult time.

NS Directors Canadian Square & Round Dance Society **Report to the SRDFNS Board Meeting - 28 Jan. 2012**

The Canadian Square & Round Dance Society held their AGM 2011 on 22 October in Montreal.

- It was recommended that all Canadian square dance flyers and correspondence include the Society website www.squaredance.ca and the toll free number 1 866 206 6696. Both systems have volunteers looking after them to provide current information to dancers and to the general public.
- It was decided that all provincial information changes, updates, corrections should be sent to the appropriate provincial Society directors. eg. Bob & Inge Ruohoniemi 902 757-3884, bobruoho@eastlink.ca The Directors will deal with the Webmaster and telephone monitor.
- It was reconfirmed that the Liability Insurance for each year begins only from 1 January. New dancers coming to the activity are not covered until they are included in the next year's insurance policy. Additions to the membership can be made until the end of February.
- Provincial Federations, Associations, and Clubs are encouraged to nominate both Leaders and dancers for the Society Award of Excellence and/or the Longevity Award. Contact

the NS Directors for full details.

- The Festival 2014 Committee is busy making the arrangements for the Convention to be held July 17-19 2014, at the new Ottawa Convention Centre. One portion of the Centre was tested July 21st, 2011 at a special fund-raiser. The next dance there, will be held on Friday, 20 July 2012. Those planning to attend F2014 are encouraged to register for the Festival before reserving a hotel room.
- The Society Board members are concerned about the increased number of requests for “Named Insured Certificates”. When these are paid for by the Society, it absolves that facility from any action taken against them by the attendees! It means, they are not responsible for anything that may occur to attendees at the dance event. Organizers should ask whether the facility has their own Liability coverage. The Society Liability Insurance coverage is meant for the paid-up Society members only.
- The Society is preparing a draft badge or dangle to be purchased by those dancers who have danced in more than one Canadian Province or Territory. More information will be coming as the project progresses.
- The Society Appeal to Support Japanese Square Dancer Earthquake and Tsunami Victims was advertised to all Canadian Provinces and also placed on the Society Website.
- The Society Board is searching for someone to become the Chair of the Society Publicity Committee. Anyone interested is asked to contact the NS Society Directors.
- The Society AGM 2012 will be held in Ottawa on July 20th. The next Board meeting will be by teleconference on 22 April.
- The Canada Council of the Arts will be conducting a survey of all forms of dance in Canada. Consultants will be hired to prepare the survey to be completed by 31 March, 2012. The Canadian Square & Round Dance Society members will be asked to participate.

Submitted by: Bob and Inge Ruohoniemi Nova Scotia Directors CSRDS