



Royal Scottish Country Dance Society

Perth and Perthshire Branch

Scottish Charity No: SC024464

Minute of the meeting of the 85th Annual General Meeting of the RSCDS Perth and Perthshire Branch held in Kinnoull Church Hall, Perth on the 3 September 2019 at 7.30 pm.

1. Chairman's Remarks

The Chairman welcomed all those present for coming to the AGM. The Chair thanked the Committee for their support during the past year.

2. Apologies

Apologies had been received from 26 members.

3. Minute of the AGM, September 2018

Item 5 to change from "Spring" to "Summer" dancing. Item 5 to read "2018 AGM"

With these amendments the minute was approved by the AGM.

4. Secretary's Report

The report highlighted the work of the Branch in running Winter classes, a Children's Class, Spring Classes, New Book classes and Summer Dances. A successful ball had been held. The Highland Gateway and Branch website continued to inform and update members. The Branch Committee met regularly to consider a number of issues. The Secretary highlighted the support provided by teachers within the Branch in teaching, MC roles and devising programmes. It was noted that the Branch had many talented bands and musicians. The Secretary thanked Branch members and Committee members for their support during his tenure of office.

5. Matters Arising for the Minute

The AGM considered the draft Branch Constitution. The Secretary noted that a copy of the RSCDS licence had now been sent to the Branch. The Chair noted that the Constitution was based on the HQ model and should be compliant with OSCR requirements. A number of questions were asked. Concern was raised as to the compliance of the revised Constitution with OSCR. It was proposed that the charity number of the Branch would be displayed on the Constitution.

The AGM voted on the proposal to amend the constitution to include reference to the charity number on the front of the Constitution. This proposal was agreed by 22 votes in favour, two against and 3 abstentions.

The AGM then voted on adopting the new constitution. The vote of the AGM was 22 votes in favour of adoption, 01 vote against adoption and 4 abstentions.

6. Trustee's Report

The Treasurer noted that the deficit was partly due to the rising costs associated with the Wednesday class. The accounts also included three years of costs for Kinnoull Church. Entry prices had been increased and it was not expected that the deficit would be repeated. Reserves remained at £5500. The Branch intended to host a 95th Anniversary Ball in 2020. The Treasurer thanked John Graham for inspecting the accounts.

7. Management Report

Linda Gaul highlighted that HQ had appointed a new Office Manager and Communications Manager. Information was now available through electronic newsletters, Twitter and Facebook. A Group had been created to review the membership structure. HQ was keen for Branches to recruit new members and for affiliated groups to become a Branch. It was intended that HQ would reduce the HQ element of the subscription and release revenue back to Branches. The 2nd Book of Imperial Dances had been published. A further 30 popular dance book will be ready for the Winter gathering. Next year two Spring Flings would be held in St Petersburg and Toronto.

8. Adoption of Reports

The AGM adopted the Trustee's Report, the Secretary's Report and the Management Report (Proposed by Allana Creighton and seconded by Wanda Rogers).

9. Branch Subscription

The AGM agreed that the Branch subscription for 2020/2021 should remain unchanged.

10. Honoraria

The AGM agreed that the Honoraria should remain unchanged for 2019/20.

11. Independent Examiner

The AGM agreed to John Graham to continue as the Examiner for the Branch.

12. Election of Officers

The following officers were elected by the Branch;

Chair: Allana Creighton (Proposed by Rod Purcell and seconded by Judith Borup)

Vice-Chair: Vacant

Secretary: Sue James (Proposed by Christopher Smith and seconded by Judith Borup)

Treasurer: Judith Borup (Proposed by Christopher Smith and seconded by Rod Purcell)

Committee members: Linda Carswell (Proposed by Christopher Smith and seconded by Wanda Roger.) and Janet Macdonald (Proposed by Christopher Smith and seconded by Sue James).

13. Motions

No motions had been submitted to the Branch Secretary.

14. AOCB

Sue James notified the AGM that it was not possible to receive podiatry at a reduced cost however a podiatrist specialising in sports injuries would be willing to speak to the Branch. It was agreed that the Committee should consider this further.

15. There being no further business the AGM ended. The Chair thanked all those for attending.