



Royal Scottish Dance Society

Perth and Perthshire Branch

Scottish Charity No: SCO24464

Minute of the meeting of the 84th Annual General Meeting of the RSCDS Perth and Perthshire Branch held in Kinnoull Church Hall, Perth on the 4 September 2018 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 Jean Black, Betty Blair, Margaret Davidson, Elsie Craig, Keith and Jenny Evans, Rae Farrow, Kathleen Frew, Margot Graham, Jenny Greene, Adam and Catherine Holmes, Ethel Keay, John McDonald, Janice McHugh, Rosalind Morrison, Lorna Ogilvie, Margaret Paterson, Anne Patrick, June Templeman, Margaret Young

3. Minute of the AGM, September 2017

The minute was approved by the AGM.

4. Secretary's Report

The report highlighted the work of the Branch in running Winter classes, Spring Classes, New Book classes and Summer Dances. Thanks were expressed to the teachers and musicians for their work over the last year. Hazel Ryan was thanked for her work in maintaining the Branch website. Rod had ensured that the Highland Gateway continued to be informative to Branch members. The Secretary noted that guidance on vulnerable people had been shared with Branch class teachers. The Branch had offered sponsorship to young dancers to attend the Spring Fling in Glasgow. A revised Constitution in line with the model Constitution developed by HQ was to be presented to the AGM. The Secretary thanked the support provided by the Committee. The Secretary encouraged members to consider joining the Committee in future years

5. Trustee's Report

The Treasurer highlighted that the overall surplus was £111. The Spring classes offset any losses from the Spring dances. The Treasurer thanked John Blaikie as Independent Assessor and Linda Carswell for their assistance.

6. Management Report

As the Management Board Representative Linda Gaul intimated that a new HQ website would be launched in November. Linda encouraged members to explore the new site. The 2019 AGM would be held in Perth. There would be one motion which would be to leave the subscription rate unchanged. Book 52 would be published in July. The 2nd Volume of Imperial Dances would be printed either in time for the AGM or the 2019 Winter School. A review was being undertaken of Branches and affiliated groups and a preliminary report would be published in 2019. Although the previous Executive Officer had left after 7 months, due to family reasons, Sandra Parrish, previously Finance Officer, had been appointed to the post on an interim basis.

7. Adoption of Reports

The AGM adopted the Trustee's Report, the Secretary's Report and the Management Report (Proposed by John Graham and seconded by Sue James).

8. Branch Subscription

The AGM agreed that the Branch subscription for 2018/19 should remain unchanged.

9. Honoraria

The AGM agreed that the Honoraria should remain unchanged for 2018/19.

10. Motion to approve the adoption of a new Constitution

The Secretary informed the Committee that the proposed Constitution was largely based upon the model constitution developed by RSCDS HQ. The new model reflected the new status of the Society as a company limited by guarantee. It was intended to extend the term of the Chair to up to 3 years. The Chair noted that the draft Constitution highlighted what would happen should the Branch ever dissolve and the powers of the Branch in relation to members who brought the Branch into disrepute.

The Secretary had received comments on the draft. He noted that the term of the Vice Chair was up to 2 years and it was recommended that this should be

unchanged in order ensure that election to that office and possibly to the office of Chair does not become overly lengthy.

The AGM expressed concern that the charitable status of the Branch required to be more clearly stated. A query was raised about the reference to “a licence” within the Constitution. The Secretary agreed to seek guidance from HQ on the comments which could then be considered by the Committee. The AGM agreed to defer consideration of the constitution until the following AGM.

Linda Gaul proposed a special resolution that the term of the current Chair should be extended for the period of one year up to a maximum of three years. This proposal was unanimously agreed by the AGM.

11. Election of Officers

The following officers were elected by the Branch;

Chair: Rod Purcell (Proposed by Hazel Ryan and seconded by Linda Gaul)

Vice-Chair: Vacant

Secretary: Christopher Smith (Proposed by David Carswell and seconded by Susan Black)

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

Committee members: Janice Macdonald (Proposed by Margaret Breckenridge and seconded by Hazel Ryan.) and Allana Creighton (Proposed by Christopher Smith and seconded by Rod Purcell).

The post of Independent Assessor remained vacant.

12. Motions

No motions had been submitted to the Branch Secretary.

13. AOCB

The AGM asked if the Branch intended to run another technique class. It was agreed to consider this suggestion. It was also suggested that the Branch run specific new book classes. The Chair noted that the Branch had been asked to provide a demonstration team for the 3 November AGM. If anyone was interested in participating they should contact Rhoda Purcell. The AGM asked if the Branch could form a link with Podiatry to compliment the Sports Physiotherapy service which it paid for.

14. There being no further business the AGM ended.