**90th AGM of the Perth and Perthshire Branch of the RSCDS held at Robert Douglas Memorial Institute, Scone on 3/9/2024 at 7.00pm.**

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1. **Chairman’s Remarks**. The Chairman thanked everyone for attending, and the committee for their help and support in the last year. In particular he thanked Allana Creighton as treasurer and Rod Purcell as secretary.

He noted that this was the Centenary year as the branch was founded in February 1925. The committee had arranged a number of activities to celebrate this milestone. The Branch was having a Centenary Dance competition and that the dances would be trialled after the meeting with the winning dance being featured at the Centenary Dance in February and the Ball in April. He also announced that there would be a special souvenir Highland Gateway next year to highlight the history of the Branch. He thanked the many members, dancers volunteers, musicians bands and teachers who had supported the Branch in reaching its centenary year.

The Chairman noted that the Branch always welcomed new members each year. However there was also the sad deaths of members in the last year, especially the untimely loss of Jane Rattray who had been a past Branch Chair, Youth Services Co-ordinator and a well known and enthusiastic dancer and teacher.She had supported dancing activity across Pert and Perthshire as well as in Stirling .He commended the setting up of The Jane Rattray Memorial Fund in the branch. £100 a year would be transferred to this fund for 5 years, and the fund used to help young dancers in their SCD learning and aspiring and already qualified teachers. Jane’s family had given permission and support for this proposal. This would be publicised in the HG and website. The meeting unanimously accepted this proposal.

2. **Apologies**. Rhona Walsh, John & Margot Graham, Lucy Garthwaite, Rosalind Morrison, Theresa McVarish-Clark, William O’Driscoll, Linda Gaul, Neil Copland, Jean Black, Andrew Holmes, Pamela Malton, Sue James, Don Marshall, John Blaikie, Deb Lees, Esma Morrison, Anne Patrick, Betty McRae, Jean Dewar and Linda Carswell.

Number of members attending-28

3 **. Minutes of the Last Meeting**. They were accepted as a true record.

4. **Matters Arising**. Nothing raised.

5. **Secretary’s Report**. The Committee met 5 times in the last year and organised the 3 Winter Classes-Thanks to the teachers Rae, Judith and Fiona for all their hard work. Fiona also asked the Branch to thank the class helpers who collect money, organise refreshment and all the other things that make the classes run smoothly. The “Trifle Dance” was a great success raising £500, which has not yet been accepted by Cornhill due to changes in their staffing. Spring Classes and Summer Dances ran smoothly and were well supported.

For the future we have planned the Dance around the World event on 23/11/24 and reinstated the End of Year Dance on 27/12/24, which used to be run by the Coupar Angus Class but would now be held in RDMI.

Next year we have the Centenary Dance and Ball, and of course Spring Classes and Summer Dances.

The Secretary thanked the committee for all their work and support.

6. **Trustees Report and Accounts**. The Treasurer commented how income for events in one year can appear in the accounts of the following year. For example the ball showed a loss this year though there was no ball, however this was due to late billing - in fact the Ball showed a small profit. She also commented on our increasing reserves which may be needed pay for additional Centenary events as well as additional costs for musicians and replacing musical equipment. It was not expected there would be a budget excess in 24/25.

7. **Adoption of Reports**. Sec. Report. Prop. Betty Bott, Sec. Lorna Ogilvie

Accounts. Prop. David Carswell. Sec. Betty Blair

Both Reports were accepted unanimously

8. **Management Report.** Not Available. The chair stated that the report would be placed on the website once received.

9. **Branch Subscription 2024/25**. It was proposed to hold the branch subscription at its present level.

Prop. Janice Macdonald. Sec. Judith Borup. Motion passed unanimously.

10**. Election of Committee Members**. Morag Dunn stepped down this year and received thanks for her help. There was no opposition to the incumbent officers of Chair, Secretary and Treasurer continuing in their roles as outlined in the calling notice .All other members were willing to continue, leaving 2 committee places to fill.

Lucy Garthwaite Prop. Janice Macdonald Sec. Rhoda Purcell

Judith Borup Prop. Betty Blair Sec. Ethel Keay

Lucy and Judith were endorsed by the AGM on to the committee.

Janice had some doubts about her current status and this would be sorted out in committee, the meeting agreed to this course.

11. **Appointment of Independent Examiner**. The AGM agreed that Pamela Malton agreed to be Independent Examiner for another year.

12. **Motions and resolutions.** None had been received.

13. **AOCB**. Mo Rutherford suggested shorter dance programmes in the summer. This was discussed and it was agreed by the AGM that this would be considered in committee. It was noted that RSCDS Aberdeen had shortened programmes however this had been due to restrictions on the amount of time the hall could be booked for.

Rae asked where Streets of Milan came from in the World Day of Dance as it was not part of the RSCDS CD. The Chair said it was added by the Branch to balance the programme.

Betty Bott asked about class payments-the facility to pay for a term with a small discount and the use of a card reader. A variety of views were expressed. Any proposals would not replace existing arrangements. It was agreed by the AGM that this matter would go to committee.

14. **Date of next meeting**. 2/9/25 at 7.00pm

The chair declared the meeting closed.