

# **Waikato/Bay of Plenty Region**

## **RSCDS New Zealand Branch Inc.**

Minutes of the General Meeting held Saturday, 16 April 2016

At Ngongotaha Hall, School Road, Ngongotaha, Rotorua

### **WELCOME:**

Heather Johnston opened the meeting at 1.30 pm, welcoming all present and thanking them for their attendance. Heather then shared a few memories of Nona Craig, talking about a face cloth she had received as a prize. Nona had added the lace around it. She also had a pin cushion, which Nona had embroidered, "A woman who doesn't make mistakes doesn't make anything".

### **PRESENT:**

Chair: Heather Johnston

Secretary: Glenna James

Co-ordinators: Communication & Publicity – Glenna James; Membership – Andrew Patterson; Youth – Jeanette Lauder.

Cambridge: Antanas Procuta

Hamilton Scottish: Grietje Badham, Shelley McConnel, Wayne McConnel

Lochiel: Mary Gray, Ruary Laidlaw (RSCDS International Branch Member)

Rotorua: Andrew Patterson, Jeanette Patterson

Tauranga: Heather Johnston, Jim Carter, Linda Carter, Bill Jacob

Te Awamutu: Glenna James

Tokoroa: Joy Morgan, Jeanette Lauder

**(14 RSCDS Members)**

### **APOLOGIES:**

Lateness: Simon Barbour, Nikki Hart (non-member)

Co-ordinator: Education & Training – Lynne Hudson

Cambridge: Helen Smythe, Lesley Gousmett, Sue Wrigley, Carol Lennon

Hamilton Scottish: Jill Monds, Pam Godfrey

Hauraki/Thames: Winnifred Sheehan, Marcia Sowman, Jan McIvor

Lochiel: Debbie Tonks

Mount Maunganui: Lynne Hudson

Opotiki: Jean Smithson, Jan Pyke

Moved that the apologies be accepted:

*Linda Carter/Joy Morgan/Carried*

### **MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING HELD SATURDAY 5 SEPTEMBER 2015:**

Minutes of the previous meeting had been distributed to Clubs and Associate Members before the meeting, and had been added to the Webpage.

Moved that the Minutes as distributed be taken as read, and passed as a true and correct record:

*Jim Carter/Mary Gray/Carried*

### **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:**

- Ruary Laidlaw requested that instead of "Non-Member", he should be reclassified as "RSCDS Member Only" as he is a member of the RSCDS International Branch.
- Bill Jacob requested that for ease of reference, page numbers should be inserted into the minutes.

### **CORRESPONDENCE (Inward & Outward):**

*(attached)*

Moved that the correspondence be accepted:

*Glenna James/Antanas Procuta/Carried*

### **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE CORRESPONDENCE:**

- *RSCDS NZ Branch Delegates to vote on RSCDS Matter-* "The AGM of 2014 gave authority to the Management Board to proceed with arrangements to convert the Society to a Company limited by Guarantee (CLG) on 1st April 2015. The first part of that process is to identify the "company-law members" of the new CLG. These will be called the "delegates" for each branch. Each branch, as before, will be entitled to nominate 2 or more delegates depending upon their total number of qualifying members, ie those aged 18 or over. The entitlement is, as now, one delegate per 50 members or part

thereof, subject to a minimum of 2. Initially the number will be the same as the figures used for delegates to AGM 2014, based on the number of subscriptions paid as at end of March 2014. That figure will be reviewed and modified if necessary at the end of the financial year, ie March 2015. The figures that we have for your branch are: Total members 696; Delegate entitlement 14."

This was a very confusing email and both the Region Secretary and President believed it was to do with the ordinary delegation process for the RSCDS AGM, and not for the above. Apologies from Heather Johnston on not following up on this. The information did not go out to all regions – only to regions who had expressed interest. It is now all cleared up and Heather has now said she would be a delegate if something like this occurs again.

- *Opotiki dance programme* – The Region had talked last year quite extensively about not having too many "new or novel" dances on a dance programme. For 2015 Opotiki had done a programme based around John Drewey dances, and the 2016 programme has 10 new or not well-known dances and only 1 core dance. The President was assured last year that this time it would be mostly favourites and core dances. The President wrote to Opotiki expressing disappointment and the response was that next year, being a special year, would be a favourites programme.

Wayne McConnel expressed the view that the Region needs to be very careful about being perceived as "meddling" in club business. The intentions were good, but the Region cannot tell clubs what to do.

- *NZ Branch Survey* – The Region President was surprised to receive this survey from the Branch. The original remit was that NZ Branch was to look at their finances and had nothing to do with how the Region or clubs ran theirs. After sounding out Ruary Laidlaw and Katharine Hoskyn and receiving satisfactory responses, the President was happy to fill the survey out. One Region refused to fill in the survey, due to doubts about the reasoning behind it. There should have been an introductory letter about Liz Hickey beforehand as a lot of people would not have known who she was.

Bill Jacob said that Management Committee also received the survey to fill in. He expressed surprise at what the Region was being asked. "Payments" vs "reimbursements" – there are lots of grey areas in these. These should have been separated out. Payments = reward for services. Reimbursement = financial payment back to what was before.

Bill Jacob said that in the Auckland Region some club tutors receive "honoraria" remuneration. It happens in other Regions too.

Are we going to be told the result of the survey? It should be circulated, as it was a motion that was passed at the RSCDS NZ Branch AGM.

- *SS Organiser* – Jeanette Lauder had found out that a young member of Tokoroa Club had volunteered to be the organizer of the Summer School in 2019/2020, and this person had already written to Elaine Laidlaw expressing interest, and to people asking them to be on the committee. This was news to everyone. It is the Region's responsibility to look at hosting a Summer School, and to nominate someone they believe is capable of being the organizer. After speaking with the Region President and Secretary, who believed that the particular person was far too young and inexperienced, a letter was written to Elaine Laidlaw, asking her to retract that offer. Elaine then wrote a letter back to the person, explaining the process and some of the pitfalls. The question was then raised who it was, and Jeanette Lauder said it was Anna Verhoeven. She is very enthusiastic but too young. We do not want to discourage her, and the Region needs to help by including her in committees organizing day schools, then progress to weekend schools before considering tackling the large job of summer schools.

#### **TREASURER'S REPORT: Andrew Patterson**

As at 31/3/2016 we have accumulated funds of \$13451.75, as follows:

Trading Account	Online Saver	Online Bonus Saver	JAM Saver
\$481.94	\$1979.92	\$9131.66	\$1858.23

This is a reasonably healthy figure which is quite sufficient for our immediate needs and thanks are due to the JAM camp committee, who were able to restore our JAM saver funds via a significant contribution from NZ Branch (\$300 more than before the JAM Camp).

Now that our online banking is fully operational, I have decided to invest surplus funds in online saver accounts rather than a term deposit. This allows us to obtain a reasonable rate of interest without the need to commit \$10000 or more to an investment of several months.

The following expenses require the approval of this meeting:

Administration	Secretary/Communications	222.82
	Treasurer	21.50
	Hall hire for meetings	131.00
	Refreshments	33.76
	Auditor	75.00
RSCDS and Region Fees	RSCDS NZ Branch	3830.00
	RSCDS HQ	2484.00
	Refund of overpayment	46.00
Region dance 2015	Bunting and tablecloths	15.85
Core Dance Day	Hall hire	50.00
	Teacher's expenses (travel and photocopying)	57.20
JAM Camp	Accounts reviewer (reimbursed from Branch)	75.00
JAM Afternoon Dance	Hall hire	37.50
	Refreshments	17.90
Teacher's workshop	Hall hire	50.00

On the matter of expenses, I am pleased to report that more use is being made of the official claim form but, not wishing to sound too particular, it would be even more helpful if they could be submitted during the financial year in which they are incurred.

On the subject of auditor, I propose that Ann Sullivan is asked to review the accounts for the year 2015/16.

Moved that the Treasurer's Report & Reviewer be accepted: *Andrew Patterson/Wayne McConnel/Carried*  
 Moved that the expenses be paid: *Andrew Patterson/Antanas Procuta/ Carried*

#### REPORTS:

##### **Education & Training Coordinator – Lynne Hudson This report was read by Glenna in Lynne's absence**

- Two dancers from the Waikato/Bay of Plenty Region, Glenna James and Robyn Dowdle, attended the Teachers' Preparation Course at the 2015/16 Summer School in Auckland. Hopefully they will go on to further their experience by working towards their Units to gain full a Teaching Certificate.
- Several clubs around the region have had new dancers join, mostly people in the older age group. Many of the older dancers have not had to move very fast so achieving movement to music, getting to the right position at the right time can always be a "light bulb" moment for these people.
- The most important thing that teachers in the clubs should remember is Miss Milligan's advice regarding older people, which is "With older people, do not stress the details of technique. Get them to feel the rhythm. It is surprising how soon they themselves begin to desire to improve their steps. You should never let your dance hour become merely a lesson. Keep the social spirit before you all the time."
- As very little happens in the local dancing 'world' between the end of the season in November and the beginning of the season in March, and between the end of year General Meeting and the Annual General Meeting, I would suggest that all Coordinator's reports only be made at the Annual General Meeting at the end of the dancing year. If anything of significance does occur that needs urgent consideration, then call for a special report at a General Meeting.

Moved that the Report be accepted: *Glenna James/Jim Carter/Carried*

#### *Discussion:*

Agreed that the status quo should remain in regard to coordinator reports, apart from the general meeting in September.

#### *Motion:*

No mandatory coordinators reports to be done in the second yearly general meeting except where a coordinator wishes to bring something up.

Moved that the Motion be approved *Wayne McConnel/Jim Carter/Carried*

##### **Membership Report – Andrew Patterson**

Year	Branch	Region	Associate
2014/15	86	211	15
2015/16	81	222	15

- There has been a substantial rise in Region membership this year, with Lochiel and Mount Maunganui leading the way. It is to be hoped that our new members will be encouraged to join the RSCDS and make up the reduction in membership due to individuals becoming less active or not renewing their membership for other reasons. Indeed, the RSCDS membership would have declined still further if six clubs had not all provided one new member this year.

- As I mentioned at a previous meeting, NZ Branch agreed in December 2014 to issue new members with the RSCDS Welcome Packs that have been prepared by HQ, but there has been no action so far. I will pursue this if I submit any forms for new members in September and, if all else fails, may need to take up HQ's offer to send them to me direct.
- Associate membership remains constant and is particularly recommended to those members who prefer to have communication by post.

Moved that the Report be accepted:

*Andrew Patterson/Linda Carter/Carried*

*Discussion:*

- Andrew asked NZ Branch for Welcome Packs to be sent, which are done for new members from RSCDS Headquarters, and are available overseas. He received only the local NZ Branch ones. When asked, NZ Branch said that a couple of items are not appropriate for NZ members. Andrew is to ask NZ Branch again (Linda Glavin). The RSCDS provide these to the NZ Branch. Andrew's suggestion is that the Branch would send them direct to the member (taking out an extra step of sending to the Region who then forward it on), with Andrew providing the names of members in our Region. Andrew is informally in touch with the RSCDS. The Society can send them direct to him. Meeting agreed that he should correspond with NZ Branch and say that if they cannot supply them, that the Region would go direct to the RSCDS. The meeting will leave it to Andrew to action. The Region backs the idea of new members in the last 12 months to receive the pack. Ruary suggested that all new members should receive it. A member can join at any time, although the year begins 1 September, so the idea is to give to people as soon as they join the RSCDS.

Motion: That the Region support our Membership Coordinator in ensuring that all new members of the NZ Branch of the RSCDS in our Region receive the RSCDS Headquarters Welcome Pack.

*Shelley McConnel/Jim Carter/Carried*

- NZ Branch introductory booklet. These are \$6 each. NZ Branch to be asked to update this booklet and send to new dancers at no cost.

Motion: That an updated version of the NZ Branch booklet to be provided to all clubs in NZ, free of charge.

*Wayne McConnel/Grietje Badham/Carried (Antanas Procuta – No)*

#### **Communication and Publicity Coordinator – Glenna James**

Another year of dancing starts at clubs, again with mixed results at attracting new members. Cambridge did separate beginners classes and have 3 new members. Te Awamutu had an ad in the local paper and got 3 new ones – one was very keen but her body couldn't cope, one said it wasn't for her and the other is still dancing (she had danced prior – about 24 years ago). Let me know how your club has done.

A member of Te Awamutu read my musings in the November newsletter:

*When you see the smiles of dancers around the room while they are dancing, the fantastic music, all the conversations around the hall with people catching up with friends, WHY is it that people outside dancing don't see what they are missing and be enthused about joining a very sociable, fun activity? We need to market that! Perhaps inviting new people along to a ball would be a better option, where they can see the interaction and enjoyment, rather than along to a club night where some of our clubs are struggling to get enough people; or in the case of JAMs, where they can see other young people having fun.*

Her response was:

*That the region puts on a special "newcomers ball" in a central place (Te Awamutu?) The programme is tailored to include some well loved and straightforward dances which most people know. The dances are not only briefed but walked through once. Then they are danced. Then all those who have danced take a newcomer onto the floor and the same dance is repeated. This time the dance is walked.... Maybe not four times but possibly more than once. Then it is danced. The programme could include four to six dances which are done like this scattered throughout the evening. As well there would be dances which are done in the normal manner of a ball. That way newcomers not only get to see what the final product so to speak is, but they get to have a go at some dances in an achievable way.*

Your thoughts?

Moved that the Report be accepted:

*Glenna James/Joy Morgan/Carried*

*Discussion:*

- Lochiel has started the ball rolling by having the Beginners Dance in April. It was decided it was still a bit early for beginners and would be better suited later in the year.
- Hamilton Scottish have organised a ceilidh on Friday 10 June, which is for the Dance Scottish Month.
- Hamilton Scottish requested a copy of the email received re Newcomers ball.

#### **Youth Coordinator – Jeanette Lauder**

##### **JAM Membership**

It was very encouraging to see a large number of JAMs at the recent Beginners' Ball. Please be sure that they know about JAMs and encourage them to join as Junior Associate Members. From data supplied this week by the JAM Committee there are 33 registered JAMs within our region. These are from Hamilton Scottish, Rotorua,

Lochiel, Hinuera and Tokoroa. Over the last 12 months there have been 12 new or returning JAMs and 11 who did not continue their membership. With the registration year running from the beginning of September I am hopeful that these figures will rise.

#### *JAM Camp 2015*

Thanks to Jeanette and Andy Patterson for the work they have done in organising the review of the final JAM Camp accounts. I have liaised with the new treasurer of the New Zealand Branch and, as earlier reported in this meeting, our region has been reimbursed the \$1042.26 plus the \$75 review fee. The Camp account has now been closed.

#### *Queen's Birthday Weekend School*

The number of JAMs currently registered for this school is small. Please canvas your JAMs to see if they would attend. The region has previously provided some funding reimbursement for those JAMs who attend the full school. If JAMs cannot commit to the full weekend please ask them consider attending for just the Saturday. It would be disappointing if the JAM class could not go ahead in some form – both for those JAMs who have registered and for the teacher who has been invited to work with the class.

#### *JAM afternoon*

The date of 2nd July has been set for a JAM afternoon this year. Last year's event was held at the end of October but it was felt this was too late. I would like to canvas JAMs from within the region for ideas as to what form the afternoon might take.

#### *Region Medal Tests*

We have not yet set a date for Medal Tests within the Waikato Bay of Plenty for this year. I would like to suggest they be held later in the year, perhaps in early October. The school holidays run from September 23rd to October 9th. Maybe 17th September or 8th October would give teachers sufficient time to prepare candidates for the various tests. This is not always easy, especially if there are JAMs in the same club working at various levels. Either of these dates will also allow the requisite 6 month break between levels for those JAMs who might then sit the next level test at JAM Camp in April. For those who are not familiar with Medal Tests the syllabi are available via the Youth page of the New Zealand Branch website.

#### *JAM Camp 2017*

Clubs with JAMs will have recently received a flyer promoting next year's JAM Camp. It is being held at Wairarapa College in Masterton again. The dates are from 21st to 23rd April 2017. Please support any JAMs in your club in their fundraising efforts. Last year was the first time our region has supported individual JAMs from the region to attend JAM Camp and this was much appreciated. Do members think this is something that might be continued in the future?

#### *Branch Youth Fund*

In the latest edition of Jigs and More mention was made of the Branch Youth Fund. I encourage clubs to become familiar with this as it appears to cover a wide range of funding possibilities. Applications close on 1 June and 1 December each year with decisions on these applications being made by the end of the following month.

Moved that the Report be accepted:

*Jeanette Lauder/Simon Bird/Carried*

#### *Discussion:*

- Encourage all JAM members to attend the QBW school. They may prefer just to do the Saturday? The cost would be \$45 for both classes Saturday and the Ball.
- Request for funds for the JAMs for QBW (see final page) and approval to cover the costs of Medal Tests.
- There is the Branch Youth Fund available for applications also if necessary.
- Email to go to the organiser of the JAM Camp to send a copy of the flyer to Hamilton Scottish in particular and Region Secretary for as no-one apart from the Youth Co-ordinator has seen this.

#### ***Queen's Birthday Weekend School 2016 Cambridge – Antanas Procuta***

A quick précis seven weeks out from the School.

- Taking on board the discussion at the Region Meeting in September last year, the School has been extended from a Saturday-Sunday School to a Saturday-Sunday-Monday morning weekend school, and a JAM class has been added in.
- Glenfiddle is providing the music for the Ball, the Sunday evening Social and – with other musicians joining in - for all four dance classes (typically two musicians per class). Lynne Scott is taking a music class on the Sunday morning, and Lynne and Sharlene Penman are together providing a music comprehension class for dancers. The latter class is gratis to all Weekend School attendees.
- We have some external funding that has allowed us to headquarter the school at the Cambridge Town Hall, and the other three halls for classes are all in walking distance.
- We are planning for 60-70 attendees to the School, and around 80-90 for the Saturday evening Ball, and the registrations at this point are approximately 30; primarily in Doug Mills' Technique class and Mary's Advanced Social class.
- We would like all class numbers to improve significantly, and especially for the JAM and Elementary classes, and would appreciate the region clubs assisting in promoting the school.

### *Classes & Tutors*

- As noted above, there are to be four dance classes: JAM's (aimed at mid-capability JAMs) Beginners/Elementary, Technique, & Advanced Social, along with a musicians' class, and the music education class for dancers. With the club tutor's signed approval, advanced JAMs can register for other classes while still paying the JAM fees.
- Nicole Trewavas (Manawatu), Andrea Wells (Wellington), Doug Mills (Christchurch), and Mary Thomas (WBoP) have accepted our invitations to teach the dance classes.

### *Sponsorship and Funding*

- We have support from a local pharmacy, supermarket, bank and others for various items required, and have received contributions from local charitable funding trusts.
- Branch President and wife, David and Francis Williamson, are joining the school for the whole weekend.

Moved that the Report be accepted:

*Antanas Procuta/Shelley McConnel/Carried*

### *Discussion:*

- Budgeted on 60-70 attendees, and have 30 applications so far. Clubs need to promote this hard now.
- The supermarket across the road from the Town Hall has parking available.
- If anyone requires a billet, contact Antanas.

### ***Teachers Workshop – Lynne Hudson (Read by Glenna in Lynne's absence)***

- This year's workshop was again held at Hinuera Hall.
- The main concentration of the Workshop was on formations that had appeared in the latest RSCDS publications that were not mentioned in the RSCDS Manual or TAC. Teachers took turns in delivering the different dances and interpreting the ways that these formations could be taught in a club situation. After each dance there was discussion on main teaching points and suitability for general club execution. We then moved on to dancing the dances wherein there were formations that were in the RSCDS Manual but were not done very often. I would like to thank those teachers that volunteered to take a dance at such short notice.
- Prior to the Workshop getting underway, volunteers were called for to dance through a new formation devised by Ruary Laidlaw. After dancing the formation through at different tempos, and general tweaking, the formation was danced to everyone's satisfaction. We look forward to dancing the dance this five couple reel will be appearing in.

Moved that the Report be accepted:

*Glenna James/Antanas Procuta/Carried*

### **GENERAL BUSINESS:**

#### *QBW School 2017*

- No club has volunteered at present. All clubs to be asked to give this serious thought.

#### *Beginner/Elementary Day School*

- Tokoroa Club has volunteered to host this. They suggest an afternoon class only, then carry on to a social evening. Newer dancers come along to the class and more experienced dancers to the evening. The format would be 1pm-3.30pm class; break for tea; 4.30pm-7.30pm social.
- Confirmation of 18 June and format for this school.
- Rotorua had also considered hosting this, maybe next time.

#### *Mainstream Day School*

- Hamilton Scottish have organized 30 July at St Johns Church Hall, Hamilton East, from 9am-3pm. Tutor and pricing to be confirmed.

#### *Summer School Report*

Virginia Mathieson attended the Musicians Course and also played for classes. It was very beneficial to her.

Glenna James attended the Teachers Preparation Class, and reported:

- It was well worthwhile and would be of benefit to anyone helping teach at club or prepare to go on to get their Teachers Certificate.
- The School accommodation was at the Waipuna Lodge and the accommodation was great, as were the meals. It is an easier option for organisers being held at a hotel, but the downside is having to use transport for all classes as well as evening functions. The main negative was the fact that the teachers had to share rooms and I do not agree with this. With all their workload, they need privacy and quiet in order to do their best.
- A very small committee (3) and it needed more members. They had helpers but it seemed to be short on some things.
- The shops were only open in the afternoon for a couple of hours. It was impossible for our class and the Musicians class to get there when it was open. The shopkeepers were not impressed with the reasons given for why it was not open with the usual hours (and it comes back to the point above).

- The Reel of Seven were a great band to dance to, although their music had a different sound. It was fantastic to see the Musicians Class play with them – from memory they had 2 accordians, 16 fiddles, 3 cellos, 4 pianos, 5 wood instruments and 2 drum sets!

Glenna was encouraged by the meeting to keep going and sit her Teaching Certificate.

#### *Summer School AGM Report*

- Remit 1(a) “That Management Committee undertake a complete review of the total package of payments to office-bearers and other positions, taking into account the total package available to each position and also a vote on each of the following parts to this remit”.

**Waibop Region (Yes). Passed (For 42)**

- Remit 1(i) - That honoraria or any form of bulk expense payment to New Zealand Branch officers be removed.

**Waibop Region (Abstain). Not Passed (For 1, Against 30, Abstentions 11)**

- Remit 1(ii) - That honoraria or bulk expense payments be reduced to a level appropriate to a voluntary organisation in which many members give time freely.

**Waibop Region (Yes). Not Passed (For 8, Against 18, Abstentions 13)**

- Remit 1 (iii) - That honoraria or bulk expense payments and the total package of payments be reviewed so that there is a more equitable distribution of payments (this involves reviewing who receives payments).

**Waibop Region (Abstain). Passed (For 36, Against 0, Abstentions 6)**

- Remit 1(iv) - That honoraria or payments not taken up be shown in the accounts as a donation.

**Waibop Region (Abstain). Passed (For 15, Against 7, Abstentions 19)**

Bill Jacob said that the Management Committee had discussed this later at a meeting.

- Remit 2(a) Kiwi News - That Management Committee review its communication plan with a view to removing Kiwi News from its current activity.

**Waibop Region (Vote after discussion at meeting). Motion withdrawn prior to meeting, due to Management Committee agreeing to merge Kiwi News and MAC News.**

- Remit 3: JAM medal test financing - That the amount forwarded to the RSCDS New Zealand Branch by any Scottish Country Dance body applying to offer Medal Tests for Junior Associate Members be set at \$5 per candidate (or a similar amount that covers the cost of supplying the actual medal plus sundry expenses) with any further portion of the total fee being retained by the organising body to offset costs incurred by them.

**Waibop Region (Yes). Passed (For 28, Against 14)**

- Remit 4: Membership Fees - The Management Committee propose that the combined New Zealand Branch Service Fee and RSCDS Subscription for 2016/2017 for an ordinary Annual Member be \$90. That in accordance with Clause 2.2 (1) of the New Zealand Branch Constitution the New Zealand Branch Service Fees for 2016/2017 are, with all amounts rounded to the nearest dollar :-

*Adult Single Member* - the result of the following calculation:-

(a) The combined ordinary Annual Member Fee, minus:

(b) The Society's membership subscription payable converted to NZ Dollars, minus:

(c) An amount from the RSCDS Subscriptions Fund Surplus as determined by the Management Committee.

#### *Other Members*

Membership Category	Branch Fee	Society Fee
Adult Single Email	100% less \$10.00	100%
* Adult Joint (per person)	80%	80%
** Adult Joint Email	80% less \$5.00	80%
RSCDS Life Member	100%	N/A
RSCDS Life Email	100% less \$10.00	N/A
RSCDS Life Family	60%	N/A
Young Adult (18 – 24)	60%	80%
Young Adult Email	60% less \$10.00	80%
*** Introductory	50%	50%

\* Only one Joint Member may be registered in association with any other Joint or fee paying Member in a household. Both should be registered as Adult Joint.

\*\*Both members should be registered as Adult Joint Email, only one will receive publications sent by email.

\*\*\* Introductory membership is available to new members joining after 1 January. The fee is 50% of the fee for Full Annual membership for the relevant membership year. It is not available to lapsed members re-joining.

**Waibop Region (Yes). Passed (For 42, Against 0, Abstentions 0)**

#### *Clubs Affiliation Policy (See attached)*

#### *Discussion:*

The only change from the draft was to add “Adult” Member.

NZ Branch does not recognize informal groups.

3 groups have already expressed interest in joining the Region and paying a capita sum.

The thrust of the proposal is to bring all groups into line the same. All receive the benefits. All will be called clubs.

The \$2 per capita charge is on the clubs, not individual members. An honesty policy will reign - the Region will not be checking up on clubs.

Members who dance at more than one club should pay an affiliation fee to one of these clubs, and it is this club who will pay the capitation fee. Those members would be considered "visitors" at the other club/s.

The new "clubs" who presently have a member paying an Associate Membership in order to receive information can carry on as usual, but will change the listing to the club's name, rather than the member's name.

Secretary to change Region listing to add in all clubs, and check with Andrew Patterson for email addresses for the Region and NZ Branch so that all clubs are now listed in both places.

Secretary to check with Balmoral/Awakeri for the name to be used in future. White Heather group has now amalgamated with Thames. Add Taupo and Katikati as clubs. Papamoa and Paunani are not included.

Moved that the policy for affiliation for all "clubs" in the Region be passed:

*Heather Johnston/Simon Bird/Carried with acclamation*

#### **OTHER BUSINESS:**

##### **North Shore Tattoo**

Katherine Hoskyn has invited dancers from the Waikato/BOP to take part in the Tartan Day demonstration on Sunday 3 July. This will be a massed display. A practice of the 4 dances will be held prior to the event – details to come. The Auckland Region is offering \$25 to each participant outside of the Auckland area to go towards travel expenses.

##### **Paeroa Tattoo**

Wayne & Shelley McConnel organised the dancing displays at the Paeroa Highland Games. Shelley did 2 brackets of dances during the afternoon and Wayne was approached to organize a Men's set of dancers at the Tattoo in the evening. He had 2 sets of five couples, dancing Reel of 51<sup>st</sup>. It was a great event on both occasions, although the caber tossing potholes could have been lethal! Dancing closer to the grandstand might be a way around this, with more visibility to the audience. The McConnels are happy to do it again in 2017, with perhaps a weekend retreat built around it (Friday night social). We would need to book early as the bands normally book out the accommodation.

##### **Remit for NZ Branch 2017 AGM**

Wayne McConnel suggested that we formalize a goal for NZ Branch to have a club dancing in every university in New Zealand within 2 years (7 universities in NZ). There would be a potential to do the same with polytechs later. These would be autonomous clubs. The idea is to have young people dancing with other young people, planting seeds for future SCD dancers. Every university in Scotland has a club. There is funding available in universities if you get 10 members (\$1,000 funding and a free room to use). You could encourage them as part of university games. A review to be held in 2 years' time, and if it hadn't worked, look at what could we do better? 31 August is the cutoff for the remit. Wayne McConnel to organise this remit so we can send to our region, then on to other regions for their discussion.

##### **JAM Funding at QBW 2016**

Request for JAM funding for QBW School at Cambridge in June. The Region has always supported JAMs to schools and should do so again. Decision to fund any JAMs attending the full school only, and only those in our Region. \$85 is the full fee for JAMs.

Moved: That the Waikato/BOP Region subsidize any of our Region JAMs attending the full Queen's Birthday Weekend School for 50% of the cost, out of Region JAM funds.

*Linda Carter/Shelley McConnel - carried*

Antanas Procuta to promote this to all clubs in the Region.

##### **SS Tutor in NZ**

Shelley McConnel asked the meeting whether Sue Porter, one of the overseas tutors for Summer School 2016/17 could be utilized in our Region, after Summer School in January. It was agreed it was a good idea to invite her to enjoy our hospitality. Shelley said that at Easter in Vichy France, the overseas tutor had a class of 160, and the tutor also took classes in other Regions after that school. The question was - do we contribute to the funds for her travel to NZ, or just to the costs of getting her here from Christchurch, and accommodation? An overture first to Christchurch SS organizer - Heather Johnston to talk to David Williamson, as it may detract SS participants. Afterwards Shelley would contact Sue Porter to see if she was interested.

There being no further business, the President closed the meeting at 5.20 pm.

Linda Carter thanked the President and Secretary for an orderly meeting.

Signed..... Date.....



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April 2015 – September 2015

**Correspondence Inwards**

<b>To</b>	<b>Topic</b>
RSCDS	Newsletters
NZ Branch Secretary	RSCDS Dancer Scholarship for Summer School RSCDS Teacher Preparation Class Scholarship – change of closing date Newsletters: Kiwi News, Recordshop, Summer School Request for physical address for Cambridge & Lochiel Clubs' secretary JAM Camp Information
NZB Membership	Membership Lists
NZB Treasurer	Error in fees information for Membership
Region President	Email re Core Dance Day date Email re confirmed date of 21 November 2015 for Core Dance Day
Region Membership	Email re new Associate Member
Region Publicity	Lower Hutt beginners classes flyer & info
JAM Camp Sec	Information regarding Camp Request for clubs to have a fundraising night for the Camp
Ban Erect	Flag purchase
Clubs	Dance programmes Lochiel - Change of secretary address Cambridge – Change of secretary Balmoral Group – agree to host day school Opotiki Club – yes to day school Cambridge Club – Physical address of Club secretary Hamilton Scottish – Invitation to Secretary to their dance
Other Regions	San Francisco Branch re 50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Weekend School Hastings – Annual Dance Auckland – Young Peoples Tea Dance Waikanae 40 <sup>th</sup> Dance

**Correspondence Outward**

<b>From</b>	<b>Topic</b>
RSCDS	April Newsletter items
Region Membership	Membership lists Error in fees for membership
Ban Erect	Flag purchase
Clubs	2015 Region Calendar Dance programmes, Schools and other Events Newsletters Death Notices NZ Branch info Request for club hosting a day school (Intermediates or Upper Intermediates) either 25 July or 1 August RSCDS Teacher Preparation Class Scholarship – change of closing date JAM Camp info Request for clubs to host a club night fundraising for JAM Camp Hamilton Scottish – thanks for invite to their ball

## ***POLICY: AFFILIATION TO THE REGION***

***DATED: 16 April 2016***

### ***RATIONALE***

For many years the Waikato/Bay of Plenty Region has consisted of clubs and groups. Historically, clubs were by definition those organisations which had a formulated and working Constitution, and groups were those that did not. However all clubs and groups receive the benefits that the Waikato/Bay of Plenty Region has to offer through their affiliation to the Region, and therefore all (clubs and groups) should pay to the Region the annual capitation fee currently calculated at \$2.00 per adult member regardless of that organisation's status. As the RSCDS NZ Branch Inc. does not recognise groups as such, the Waikato/Bay of Plenty Region could then dispense with this 'group' status and call each of its affiliated member organisations, 'a club'.

### ***POLICY STATEMENT***

The role of the Region is to promote growth and enjoyment of Scottish Country Dancing (SCD) within the Waikato/Bay of Plenty area.

### ***IMPLEMENTATION***

The Region will do this by:

- Providing clubs with the facility and platform to advertise their activities.
- Organising Region events, both social and instructional/educational.
- Ensuring that clubs are aware of other related activities (SCD or otherwise) in the Region.
- Supporting our clubs where, when and as necessary.
- Distributing information and communications related to SCD and the RSCDS to all clubs.
- Communicating and promoting the benefits of RSCDS membership to all dancers.
- Encouraging a good level of technique in a social context.
- Raising public awareness of SCD amongst the general public by using all available media options.

### ***BENEFITS***

By being fully affiliated the clubs will all have:

- Listings in online and printed directories.
- Advertising platforms for club events.
- Club 'window' on the Region website.
- All communications from the Region and Branch.
- An allocated Branch email address (generic).
- Direct communications from NZ Branch to the club (via the above address).
- Inclusion in the Branch's Public Liability and Material Damage insurance policy.

### ***EXCLUSIONS***

The annual capitation fee for a new Club (or a Club that is being revived) may be waived for a period determined by the Region in consultation with that Club, as it seeks to establish (or re-establish) itself.

### ***EVALUATION AND REVIEW***

This policy will undergo an evaluation and/or a review if/when the Region, for whatever reason, makes changes to the capitation fee.

This policy was ratified by members of the Waikato/Bay of Plenty Region at a general meeting held on

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President: .....

Secretary: .....