

Waikato/Bay of Plenty Region

RSCDS New Zealand Branch Inc.

Minutes of the General Meeting held Saturday, 3 September 2016
At St Francis Church Hall, 92 Mansel Avenue, Hillcrest, Hamilton

WELCOME:

Heather Johnston opened the meeting at 1.30 pm. It was noted that well over a quorum attended and the President thanked all for their attendance. A minute's silence was held for Cathie Cruickshank (Tokoroa) and John Hudson (Tauranga). Shelley McConnel then mentioned that Alan Waters from Hamilton Scottish (and ex Te Awamutu) had died a month or so ago.

PRESENT:

Chair: Heather Johnston

Secretary: Glenna James

Co-ordinators: Communication & Publicity – Glenna James; Membership – Andrew Patterson;

Youth – Jeanette Lauder; Education and Training – Lynne Hudson.

Cambridge: Simon Barbour, Antanas Procuta, Philip Jamieson, Nikki Hart (non-member)

Hamilton Scottish: Shelley McConnel

Hauraki/Thames: Marcia Sowman, Jan McIvor

Lochiel: Christine Miller, Mary Gray, Ruary Laidlaw (International Member)

Mount Maunganui: Lynne Hudson

Rotorua: Andrew Patterson, Jeanette Patterson

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

Te Awamutu: Glenna James, Jane McIlroy, Jamie Owston

Tokoroa: Jeanette Lauder

(19 RSCDS Members)

APOLOGIES:

Balmoral: John Webb, Mary Thomas

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

Hamilton Scottish: Grietje Badham, Jill Monds, Pam Godfrey, Dawn Spence, Wayne McConnel

Hauraki/Thames: Winnifred Sheehan, Glenda Hammond, Malcolm Croft

Lochiel: Debbie Tonks

Mt Maunganui: Douglas McCartney

Opotiki: Jean Smithson, Jan Pyke

Rotorua: Sally-Anne Christensen

Tauranga: Simon Bird

Te Awamutu: Agnes Algra, Andy Algra

Tokoroa: Genny Hall, Graeme Hall, Joy Morgan

Moved that the apologies be accepted:

Glenna James/Lynne Hudson/Carried

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING HELD SATURDAY 16 APRIL 2016:

Minutes of the previous meeting had been distributed to Clubs and Associate Members before the meeting, and had been added to the Webpage, with extra copies at this meeting.

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

Antanas Procuta/Mary Gray/Carried

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

- Paeroa Tattoo – The minutes should read “on behalf of the Region” at page 8.
- Anna “Verhaegh” – Spelling should be changed.
- Membership Packs and Booklet – No response has been received from NZ Branch by Andrew Patterson. As from this year's new members, if no response has occurred from NZ Branch, Andrew will follow through with the RSCDS to obtain both. (Booklets had been requested from NZ Branch in electronic form).
- JAM Medal Tests – There will be no medal tests run in the Waikato this year. A few Waikato/BOP JAMs are doing theirs in Auckland in October and others will wait until JAM Camp next year. The date (as the hall had been booked) will now be an afternoon dance/activities for JAMs at Matangi Hall, Hamilton.

- North Shore Tattoo – This went very well and everyone who danced enjoyed themselves.
- Summer School Overseas Tutor – Sue Porter was contacted by Shelley McConnel but unfortunately her travel is already booked. The Region to keep this in mind for following years and action before travel arrangements are made. Secretary to check re Masterton SS, to find out who the overseas tutor will be.

CORRESPONDENCE (Inward & Outward):

(See below)

Moved that the correspondence be accepted:

Glenna James/Shelley McConnel/Carried

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE CORRESPONDENCE:

- Shelley McConnel has been approached by the NZ Branch President and others, regarding running a Summer School. There has been no direct approach made to the Region however.

TREASURER'S REPORT: (Andrew Patterson)

Funds at 31 August 2016

Accumulated Funds	Trading Account	Online Saver	Bonus Saver	JAM Online Saver
13582	496	1935	9288	1863

Accumulated funds

There is now a real possibility that our total funds have grown to a level which is more than we really need to sustain the Region and prepare for the unexpected. The Region exists to promote and support Scottish Country Dancing so we need to consider ways in which we can use these funds to the best advantage.

RSCDS Membership Renewal

Wearing my joint Treasurer/Membership hat, the renewal forms have been distributed to all clubs. Thanks to all those who responded to my request for a return receipt. I don't often ask for these but, when I do, it is for a really good reason. When people don't respond, I have to assume that it has not been received and then go to the bother of follow-up emails and phone calls.

Anyway, now that we have entered the new financial year, I will gladly accept completed forms and fees including, hopefully, sufficient new members to outweigh any who decide not to renew. Could I please ask people to read the forms carefully, particularly with regard to joint membership. Last year, failure to do so resulted in overpayments of \$36 which are a real pain to sort out. So far this year I have received just one form and it was accompanied by an overpayment of \$5.

Expenditure incurred since the General Meeting, April 2015, to be approved at this meeting:

\$	Item
206.41	Administration
27.07	- Meeting refreshments
40.76	- Region box-fill
138.58	- Website renewal
6360.00	Branch and Region fees
6314.00	- Fees received from members and passed on to NZ Branch
46.00	- Refund of overpayments
107.20	Core dance day
50.00	- Hall hire
57.20	- Tutor's expenses (travel and photocopying)
175.00	Teachers' Workshop
50.00	- Hall hire
125.00	- Tutor's expenses
159.25	Region Dance
32.00	- Hall hire
105.54	- Raffle prizes
4.15	- Catering
1.71	- Photocopying
15.85	- Decorations
130.40	JAMS
37.50	- Dance: Hall hire
17.90	- Dance: Catering
75.00	- JAM camp accounts review (refunded by NZ Branch)
25.00	Demonstrations
25.00	- Hall hire for practice

Moved that the Treasurer's Report be accepted and Expenditure approved:

Andrew Patterson/Jim Carter/ Carried

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE FINANCIAL REPORT:

- A suggestion that we could use some of the money to coordinate advertising. This would also help the university club starting.
- Financial help to the clubs for their advertising.
- A generic ad to be put in regularly. The question is when.
- NZ Branch offered help for advertising, but this was only for Dance Scottish Week.
- Cambridge Club was very successful in their advertising. The first term they did less advertising. It seems winter is a better time, rather than when people are just back or still on holiday. In June they did a lot more advertising (\$500) which resulted in 18 people turning up!
- A mention that Dance Scottish Month date was changed to suit NZ, rather than the UK timeframe.
- Suggested that a subcommittee be formed (Publicity Coordinator, Antanas Procuta, Wayne McConnel) to look into how advertising might work and what is required.
- Clubs in the area would then request help from the Publicity Coordinator for the generic ad to be placed in the local papers.

REPORTS:

Queen's Birthday Weekend School 2016 Cambridge (Antanas Procuta)

- In review, the Waikato Bay of Plenty Region School that the Cambridge Club organised and hosted was considered a success. It was a worthy reflection of the hard work put in by all, and by the club secretary Carol Lennon and club treasurer and catering coordinator, Marilyn Shepherd in particular. Club members and friends contributed in preparing food, hosting guests, gophering classes, and in decorating and arranging venues.
- The school had 75 attendees to the four dance and two music classes. The fourth class - for JAMs was introduced at the suggestion of the Waikato / Bay of Plenty Region meeting this time last year.
- The school ran over three days and not the two days originally mooted, and included a Social on the Sunday evening. There were around ten attendees to each of the Elementary and JAM classes. These low-ish numbers were a little disappointing. Therefore the assistance of the Region with subsidising local JAMs was a much-appreciated initiative. The most popular class, Technique, had over thirty registrants. The Advanced Social class had two sets. We believe that all participants enjoyed their classes and the school, and that the teachers and the musicians were all well appreciated.
- Tutors and musicians (with the exception of two) were billeted by club members, which helped in keeping the school costs and fees to a lower level. This approach also enabled us to use the expensive Cambridge Town Hall for the full weekend. Financially the school would have broken-even with just over 50 full fee-paying attendees, so we did well with the 70-plus registrants, although most of the registrations came late in the piece, making the lead-up to the school a little nerve-racking in the final month. It was the assistance and support from community trusts and local businesses that provided financial certainty for the school, and ultimately a reasonable financial return for the club. The club committee has accordingly agreed to pass on \$500 of this to the Region.
- The Cambridge Ball was brought forward to Queen's Birthday weekend from the usual September/October date and was operated separately to the Region School. It too was a success, with over one hundred attendees, and dancers coming from a good distance to attend the Ball. Auckland band Glenfiddle played for the Ball, and as always, provided a wonderful sound and atmosphere. We will be looking to resume the later date for the Ball next year in October 2017.

Moved that the Report be accepted:

Antanas Procuta/Jim Carter/Carried

Discussion:

- Having the Cambridge Town Hall as the central location was well worthwhile, even at the cost.
- Dancing "The Magic of Summer School" with 7 sets after the demonstration was great to see.
- The music class was included in the total cost by error. This should have been separate from the dance classes.

Mainstream Day School – 30 July 2016 (Read by the Secretary in the absence of Grietje Badham)

- Hamilton Scottish hosted the Mainstream Day School for the Region at St John's Methodist Church in Hamilton East on Saturday the 30th of July.
- Twenty six dancers with a range of experience attended the school. The teacher was the very experienced tutor Esther Mackay from Waitemata. Three sessions were held, two in the morning and one in the afternoon.

- Although Esther's main emphasis was on phrasing, she did spend some time on the finishing of steps, especially in strathspey travelling and strathspey setting, and getting dancers to think about their finishing as they were dancing. Some interesting dances were on Esther's programme and for most attendees, dancing the spurtle in "The Blue Mess Jacket", and the bourrel in "Miss Eleanor" would have been a new experience. Besides these two rather complex formations, every dancer in the class would have learned something new during the teaching sessions.
- A well earned cup of tea at the end of the afternoon session was interrupted by the very loud fire siren going off, sending everyone outside. We later found out a false alarm was triggered in one of the flats near the church hall.
- Thanks to Esther for a great day of teaching and to Campbell Mackay for working the music system.

Moved that the Report be accepted:

Glenna James/Lynne Hudson/Carried

Discussion:

- The Region would like to thank Grietje and members of the Hamilton Scottish SCD Society for such a well-run, and enjoyable day, and also on their choice of tutor for a class of wide-ranging experience and abilities.
- Ruary Laidlaw mentioned that one JAM wanted to go to the afternoon class only (as she was unavailable in the morning) but was not allowed to attend. Perhaps organisers could think about situations like that for the next Day School. Shelley McConnel said it was comprehensively discussed at Hamilton Scottish Club before the decision was made.
- Heather Johnston brought up the issue of profits:
 - The School was held on behalf of the Region but Hamilton Scottish were keeping the profit for their club. The Region (in principle) underwrites any of these Schools and would suffer the loss if there was one.
 - Shelley McConnel said that the clubs do all the work, so should keep the profit. The Region held a dance after the School and made a profit from that.
 - Ruary Laidlaw suggested that if the principle was that the Region underwrote an event, then a percentage of the profits should be given to the Region.
 - Andrew Patterson said that the Region had plenty of money. We want to encourage the clubs to run these events. The Region had asked all clubs whether they would host one and Hamilton Scottish said yes.
 - Antanas Procuta said that when the Region/Cambridge Ball was held with Max and Marian playing, the Region paid the loss.
 - In a Weekend School, the Saturday night ball is the club's own ball, and any profit from that is separate and kept by the club.
 - There is no difference between Day Schools and Weekend Schools. Weekend Schools pay a percentage of the profit to the Region, and the Region underwrites any loss.
 - This was discussed a long time ago. There was no set percentage but the "expectation" was that some of the profit might go back to the Region. The idea is to try and keep costs down and to break even, not amass a profit.
 - The Region Management Committee is to meet to come up with a guideline, for the April 2017 general meeting along the lines of "When the Region requests a host for an event, some profit sharing would occur".

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Host for Queen's Birthday Weekend School 2017

- The Region does not have a host for 2017. The Secretary has emailed twice since the April meeting requesting a host club, but no responses were received in the affirmative. This is a 12 month operation so it needs to be decided as soon as possible. A list was tabled of who has hosted the schools since 2006:

2006	Tauranga
2007	Mt Maunganui
2008	Lochiel
2009	Opotiki
2010	Te Awamutu
2011	Tokoroa
2012	Hamilton Scottish
2013	Mt Maunganui
2014	Te Awamutu
2015	Tauranga
2016	Cambridge

CLUBS (14 counting Whitianga):

-	-	Balmoral (Recently re-formed)
-	2016	Cambridge
-	2012	Hamilton Scottish
-	-	Hauraki/Thames
2008	-	Lochiel
2007	2013	Mt Maunganui
2009/	-	Opotiki
-	-	Rotorua
2006	2015	Tauranga
2010	2014	Te Awamutu
-	2011	Tokoroa
-	-	Taupo U3A (Recently affiliated)
2009/	-	Whakatane
-	-	Whitianga/Galbraith

- The Eastern BOP clubs (Opotiki/Balmoral/Whakatane) talked about doing a combined one, but decided they did not have enough members.
- The President suggested that Rotorua might look at doing it, as they had not done one since prior to 2006. Rotorua Club will discuss this at their AGM. Heather Johnston will send a copy of the Weekend School Guidelines to them prior to this.
- Thames/Hauraki has also expressed interest. They will take the suggestion back to their club to discuss. If Rotorua take 2017, then they would look at 2018.
- Hamilton Scottish also made an expression of interest for 2018.
- Jane McIlroy suggested that one person be appointed as an organiser of a School, and for them to choose the place where the school would be held, even if they didn't live in the particular area, and run the school with the local club's help.

Core Dance Day

- This will be held at Hinuera Hall on 26 November. Information will be sent out by Heather Johnston, who is coordinating this.

OTHER BUSINESS:

2017 Calendar

The dates so far - and to be ratified at the AGM - are:

28 Dec 2016 – 5 January 2017	Summer School	Christchurch
31 December	Hogmanay Dance	Senior Citizens Hall, Cambridge
6 February	<i>Waitangi Day</i>	
11 – 12 February	Weekend Retreat	Athenree Camp? <i>Tbc & Organiser?</i>
11 February	Paeroa Highland Games	Paeroa
26 February	Howick Tattoo	Lloyd Elsmore Park, Pakuranga
4 March	Katikati Ceilidh	
14-17 April	<i>Easter</i>	
21 – 23 April	JAM Camp	Wairarapa College, Masterton
25 April	<i>ANZAC Day</i>	
6 May	Lochiel Ball	
20 May	Opotiki Dance	
2-5 June	Queen's Birthday Weekend School	tba
11 June	JAM Dance	
24 June	Tauranga Ball	
1 July	Beginners Dance (Lochiel)	
9 - 16 July	Australian Winter School	Hahndorf, Adelaide Hills
29 July	Te Awamutu Dance	
12 August	Tokoroa Dance	
26 August	Balmoral Dance	
2 September	Hamilton Scottish Dance	
16 September	Thames Dance	
14 October	Cambridge Ball	
23 October	Labour Weekend School	tbc
11 November	Mt Maunganui Dance	

To be added:

Jan-Feb	Twilight Dancing (Lochiel)
March	Teachers Workshop
April	General Meeting
	Rotorua Dance
?	Mainstream Day School
?	Elementary Day School
September	General Meeting
September	Taupo Dance
October	AGM
November	Core Dance Day

NZ Branch Process of Managing Information about Individual Clubs (Andrew Patterson)

How does NZ Branch know about new or resurrected clubs/groups? Whose responsibility is it to inform NZ Branch?

- There is now no distinction between clubs and groups.
- NZ Branch has a relationship with clubs:
 - A generic email address set up by NZ Branch (.....@dance.scottish)
 - A directory of each club
- The decision is that the Secretary of the Region asks the pertinent club:
 - Do they want to be listed in the Directory of the NZ Branch
 - What personal email is used for the club so that a generic email can be linked to this email address and redirected there

The Secretary will send this query out as part of the Region update (Presidents, Secretaries etc of clubs information) sent out at the end of the dancing year.

- Andrew Patterson received a list from NZ Branch of the personal emails and linked generic email address.
- Andrew Patterson is to inform NZ Branch that the following groups need to be deleted from the directory:
 - Tairua
 - Paeroa
 - Hinuera

Remit to be presented to the RSCDS NZ Branch AGM

That NZ Branch aim to establish Dance Scottish clubs at all NZ Universities within the next three years.

The role of NZ Branch would be to maintain contact with young dancers who go to university and encourage the establishment of clubs by providing access to:

- recorded music
- dance books
- local resources including:
 - experienced dance teachers as mentors
 - music systems
 - Suitable dance halls / venues

Through establishing a small number of clubs run by and for young dancers, they can enjoy the exhilaration and excitement of energetic dancing that attracted most of us to Scottish country dance in the past.

Proposer: Wayne McConnel

Seconder: Jeanette Lauder

Discussion:

- The original intent was to have this remit completed and sent out to all RSCDS members by email prior to 31 August, with a decision to be made by members. Unfortunately this did not happen in time.

Moved: That the Secretary send the remit to the Branch, although past the deadline, to see if NZ Branch will still accept it.

Lynne Hudson/Linda Carter/Carried

Next Meetings:

- AGM – Tirau Hall 15 October 2016 at 3.30pm (3.00 cuppa). Trialling something new – a social event to follow the meeting with drinks and dinner in Tirau. Venue to be confirmed but either Loose Goose Café or Okoirore Pub. Bring dancing shoes, as there may be some dancing inbetween.
- General Meeting – April 2017 (before the Rotorua dance - which date is to be confirmed)

There being no further business, the President closed the meeting at 4.20 pm.

Linda Carter thanked the President and Secretary for a good meeting.

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

Waikato/BOP Region – General Meeting

April 2015 – September 2015

Correspondence Inwards

To	Topic
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 th Anniversary Weekend School Hastings – Annual Dance Auckland – Young Peoples Tea Dance Waikanae 40 th Dance

Correspondence Outward

From	Topic
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