

Waikato/Bay of Plenty Region

RSCDS New Zealand Branch Inc.

Minutes of the 63rd Annual General Meeting Held Saturday 28 October 2017 at Tirau Cooperating Church Hall, Tirau

WELCOME:

The Region President, Heather Johnston opened the meeting at 2.30 pm and welcomed all to the 2017 AGM.

PRESENT: (21 RSCDS Members)

Chair: Heather Johnston

Secretary: Glenna James

Treasurer: Andrew Patterson

Co-ordinators: Education & Training – Lynne Hudson; Communication and Publicity – Glenna James,

Youth – Jeanette Lauder; Membership – Andrew Patterson

Cambridge: Antanas Procuta

Hamilton Scottish: Wayne McConnel, Shelley McConnel, Grietje Badham,

Lochiel: Jill Littlewood, Mary Gray, Christine Miller (RSCDS Int Branch), Ruary Laidlaw (RSCDS Int Branch),

Mary-Ann Laidlaw (Non-Member), Kate Corfield (Non-Member)

Mt Maunganui: Lynne Hudson, Douglas McCartney

Rotorua: Andrew Patterson, Jeanette Patterson

Taupo: Margaret Ponga

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

Te Awamutu: Jane McIlroy, Glenna James

Tokoroa: Jeanette Lauder, Joy Morgan, Ian Stewart

APOLOGIES: (21 Apologies RSCDS Members)

Balmoral: John Webb, Mary Thomas

Cambridge: Philip Jamieson, Sue Wrigley

Hamilton Scottish: Pam Godfrey, Jill Monds, Ken Weeks

Hauraki/Thames: Glenda Hammond, Marcia Sowman, David Carter, Olina Carter (Auckland RSCDS Members),

Jan McIvor (Non-Member), Winnie Sheehan (Non-Member)

Lochiel: Debbie Tonks, Howard McNally (Non-Member RSCDS)

Mt Maunganui: Fiona McCartney

Opotiki: Jean Smithson, Jan Pyke, Victoria Radley (Non-Member)

Tauranga: Cath McGregor, Alan Billing

Te Awamutu: Jamie Owston, Agnes Algra, Andy Algra

Whakatane: Betty Cressey

No Club: Gordon Tonks, Simon Barbour (Non-Member)

Moved that the apologies be accepted: Lynne Hudson/Ian Stewart/Carried

MINUTES OF THE 62ND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD 15 OCTOBER 2016:

Minutes of the previous meeting had been distributed to clubs and associate members, and had been placed on the web page.

*Moved that the Minutes, as distributed, be taken as read and confirmed as a true and correct record:
Mary Grey/Jim Carter/Carried*

MATTERS ARISING:

Page 6 – “Remits for AGM to be held 1 January 2016” should read 2017.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Moved that Inwards/Outwards correspondence be accepted: Glenna James/Linda Carter/Carried

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

- I have much pleasure in presenting my report for this my third year as Region President.
- Last year we trialled something a little different for our AGM, in that we did not hold it on any day to coincide with a club's annual dance. The idea was to have the meeting, dance for a short while and then have dinner at a local café or restaurant. Several venues were looked at before Tirau was decided on with dinner at the Loose Goose café. All who attended enjoyed the follow-on social time over dinner, even though there had been no time for dancing.

- A carefully thought out Questionnaire was presented to every dancer within our Region back in March. This was to gauge the feeling about the direction the New Zealand Branch Management Committee was going and whether we as a Region felt a split from the Branch was timely, or at least to look at options. Approximately 60% of dancers responded with interesting comments ranging between Governance issues and the problems that might arise should each Region take on more responsibility, to the perception of elitism, between those who attend Summer Schools including management, and “the rest.” While no mandate was given for the Region to proceed in any one direction, the Region does owe a vote of thanks to Ruary Laidlaw, Bill Jacob, Howard McNally and Andrew Patterson for the time they put into the Questionnaire and making people more aware of what is happening within New Zealand.
- Following on from the special meeting in July to discuss “Where to Next”, we trialled dances for RSCDS Book 52. We had had an earlier dance trial day in March for the NZ Branch’s Anniversary Book and my thanks to Lynne Hudson for taking both of these sessions. In April we held a successful Region Dance and my thanks to Jean Smithson and Antanas Procuta for their briefing.
- Rotorua usually gets our annual club dances off to a good start, but this year because they were hosting the QBWE School their dance took place on the Saturday night of that School. Lochiel therefore had the honour of kick-starting the year and we progressed from their great dance with other super dances throughout the year. I was particularly sad to have missed the Balmoral dance because of illness. From my perspective as a teacher, preparing club members for the various annual dances has again this year been so much easier, more relaxed and far more enjoyable because of “doable” programmes. It has also been noted that the Region’s Core Dances have featured more this year and this makes such a difference in determining the time that can be spent on learning new dances. The one or two novel dances that we did encounter, while challenging, have in the main been enjoyable to learn and dance.
- As already mentioned, QBWE School was held in Rotorua this year and the Rotorua club, small in number as it is, is to be congratulated for the wonderful job they did in organising and hosting this successful School. Although I was unable to attend the whole weekend, reports that reached me have all been very positive and those who attended the whole school apparently had a fantastic time both in their respective classes and at the social events. Others, like me, enjoyed one, and in some cases all of the evening social events.
- Continuing on from my club visits last year, I visited Hamilton Scottish in July with its large number of younger dancers, which was great to see. As I have said so many times before, young people are our future. I would like to acknowledge here the commitment of Pam Godfrey not only to the Hamilton Scottish Club, but also to the Region. Pam, as most of you will know, announced her retirement from club teaching, but I know we will continue to see her at club dances. At least I hope so. In September I visited Hauraki-Thames and I thank both them and Hamilton Scottish for their very warm welcome, with a special thank you to Hauraki-Thames for their generosity. Because we have had things to do around our home since moving in just 12 months ago, I have not had a chance to visit Balmoral nor Taupo, and whether re-elected or not I would still like to visit both in the new year.
- Cambridge hosted a Day School with 3 concurrent classes offered and well attended. Ruth Budden taught the Elementary class, Mary Thomas the Mainstream and Olina Carter the JAMs. All classes were thoroughly enjoyed from all accounts and the day culminated in a Social Dance which was also enjoyed by all, albeit a few weary ones! Unfortunately I missed the day as I was in transit from Palmerston North back to Tauranga at the time.
- On a sad note one or two of our Region members lost a loved one this year. Wayne McConnel’s mother passed away as did Philip Jamieson’s mother and Debbie Tonk’s mother. Jean Smithson lost her husband Jerome, Sue Wrigley lost her husband, Graeme and Alan Billing lost his wife Shirley. Our condolences went to them all.
- Jeanette Lauder and I have acted for the past two years as the two Region delegates of the Branch’s entitlement for the Society’s AGM elections. This year we had to vote for 5 out of the 7 nominations for the Management Board. We were given profiles and with some input from Auckland we were able to cast our votes which will be put forward by proxy at that November meeting in Edinburgh. Just as an aside, in one of the profiles some staggering numbers were put out there. In 1989 RSCDS members world-wide totalled 30,000. This number has declined by 19,000 over the last 28 years to our current membership of a mere 11,000. I find this rather concerning and food for thought in all sorts of ways.
- In closing, I would like to express my thanks to our Coordinators: to Lynne (Hudson) for her continued work in Training and Education; to Andy (Patterson) with his dual responsibility of Membership Coordinator and Treasurer keeping tabs on our spending, and Jeanette (Lauder) for her untiring work with our youth here in our Region and also work with youth beyond the Region. Jeanette is standing down this year after many years in this role and I would like to commend her for her work with, and her commitment to our young folk. Lastly but certainly not leastly, Glenna (James), also with the dual responsibility of Publicity and Communication Coordinator and Region Secretary. Glenna, as you will be aware is standing down this year too and I can’t find words adequate enough to heap the praise on her that she justly deserves. Her dedication to both of her roles has been second-to-none. The Newsletters that she has put out over the years - always an excellent read, and a great way of keeping us all in touch with each other and happenings around the Region. As Region Secretary she has been my right-hand “man” (woman just doesn’t sound right somehow, so “lady”, right-hand lady). She has

been a most dedicated and reliable Region Secretary. I have only had to ask and it has been taken care of instantly! Glenna, I have enjoyed working with you and have really appreciated your thoroughness, and the careful thought that goes into your wording of replies when sticky problems come across our desks. Big shoes to fill!

- Finally my thanks to all of you for the support you give to your club, the support you give to other clubs by your attendance at annual dances, Weekend and Day Schools, and to our Region through your attendance and input at our meetings. Thank you.

Moved that my Report be accepted Heather Johnston/Maureen Jacob/Carried

TREASURERS REPORT:

Income and Expenditure

The first section on page one shows the profit and loss on Region activities during this financial year. As you can see, we made an overall loss of \$271 as compared with a profit of \$597 in the previous year. We should expect the figures to fluctuate in this way, year on year, and three of the exceptional expenses this year were:

- \$174 Costs related to the Region questionnaire and follow-up meeting.
- \$105 Purchase of a hard drive for use by the Region Secretary.
- \$200 Donation to the Edgecombe relief fund, out of the profit from our April dance.

On the plus side, we were grateful for the contribution of \$500 from Cambridge following the Queen's Birthday Weekend School.

I should also point out the reduction in Region fees is due to the fact that the income in 2015-16 was inflated by contributions from Groups in lieu of Club affiliation fees. Now that the Groups have been re-designated as Clubs, the income reflects the true state of Region membership and compares favourably with the income of \$444 in the year 2014-15.

The interest received from our three savings accounts was \$235, reducing our overall loss to a very acceptable \$36.

Balance Sheet

Page 2 of the report shows the opening and closing balances for each account and the total accumulated funds of \$13,545.96 is almost unchanged from last year.

The only significant change is the decrease in the JAM Online Saver due to the fact that the \$220 JAM Camp subsidy to our 11 attendees was paid from this account.

I move that:

- The Treasurer's Report be accepted.
- We ratify the payment of \$75 to the reviewer, Ann Sullivan.

Andrew Patterson/Bill Jacob/Carried

Andrew Patterson/Shelley McConnel/Carried

Discussion:

- A query whether the JAM account should be combined with the Bonus Saver, in order to receive more interest. There is no charge to have more than one account. It is best to keep them separate so we can see at a glance how much is available in the JAM account.
- Add number of RSCDS members in the accounts next to the amount received.

Region Subscriptions

1. Proposal: That the Waikato/BOP Region discontinues the policy of allowing individuals to become Associate Members of the Region.

Rationale - The main benefit of Associate Membership is that individuals receive, directly from the Region, all relevant communication which the Region Secretary also sends to each Club. Associate Members are not dependent on subsequent distribution by the Club Secretary.

In conjunction with this proposal, it is argued that all those in our Region who are members of NZ Branch should receive all such communication directly from the Region Secretary. In doing so, the Region is engaging more directly with its membership at no additional cost. For practical purposes, those members who are unable to provide an email address would still need to rely on distribution via their club secretary

Thus, email-registered members of the Region will no longer gain any material benefit from Associate Membership.

<i>Effect on current Associate Members:</i>			
Member of NZ Branch	Number	Change	Consequence
Yes	10	No change	Will continue to receive communications direct from the Region
No	2	Worse off	Will need to rely on distribution via their club

<i>Effect on Members of NZ Branch:</i>				
Associate	Email	Number	Change	Consequence
Yes	Yes	10	No change	Will continue to receive communications direct from the Region
No	Yes	74	Better off	Will no longer need to rely on distribution via their club
	Yes	3	No change	Will continue to receive communication via their club

Discussion:

- The aim is to enable a direct email link to all Region RSCDS members to receive information quickly, which will work well.

- What is an Associate Member? A member of the Region, not necessarily an NZ Branch member, who receives information directly rather than waiting for the club secretary to pass on.
- The Region Secretary to distribute to RSCDS members only, but some information can be sent to all.
- Needs to be inclusive of all dancers.
- What about people who are Branch members but are not on email? The answer is that if you have selected the NZB option of 'snail mail' rather than email, this should be sent to you directly from the Secretary NZB. This is not happening other than the Kiwi News and Dancer magazine.
- It is supposed to be Region information not RSCDS stuff.

Motion: That Waikato/BOP Region discontinue the Region Associate Membership.

*Andrew Patterson/Jill Littlewood/Carried
Ruary Laidlaw – No [Non NZ Branch Member]*

Carried with the proviso that the 2 current members of NZ Branch not on email will have RSCDS and Region information posted out to them. The 1 current Region member who is not an RSCDS member, will have Region information posted out to them.

2. The region subscriptions are to remain the same at \$2 per adult financial club member as at 31 August.

Andrew Patterson/Grietje Badham/Carried

Appointment of Accounts' Reviewer

Moved that Ann Sullivan be appointed Account Reviewer again this year

Andrew Patterson/Lynne Hudson/Carried

CO-ORDINATORS REPORTS:

Education & Training Report – Lynne Hudson

- This past dancing year has seen many opportunities provided by the Cambridge Club for dancers around the region to attend classes, particularly for newer dancers. The feedback from the Day School hosted by Cambridge Club in September was very positive and dancers returned to their clubs full of enthusiasm.
- I have had no feedback regarding the Ceilidh Cambridge Club held but they are to be congratulated on their initiative and I hope that all the hard work that went into running this event was worthwhile.
- The Tauranga and Mount Maunganui Club members have danced at several outdoor events during the year. There has been plenty of public watching and voicing interest in learning to dance and are keen to begin next year when the beginner classes start again. Tauranga Club have held beginner classes over the past two years and have retained a small group of keen dancers that continue to attend regularly.
- Katikati group continues to 'evolve' in dynamics. The average age of dancer is coming down quite drastically with the influx of several home schooled youngsters and teenagers. New older dancers appear throughout the year, some remain others find it too energetic for them. The oldest most enthusiastic dancer celebrated his 90th birthday recently.
- On the first Thursday night of the month Te Awamutu Club are joined by dancers from Hamilton Scottish, Lochiel and Cambridge. This has the benefit of swelling the numbers and getting dancers accustomed to dancing with others. The folk from the visiting clubs also enjoy the evening which finishes with supper and gives the opportunity for further socialising.
- The Steiner School at Welcome Bay continue with 170 children aged from 7 to 13 learning Scottish Country Dances in the last two weeks of October which the children then perform at a 'Ceilidh' at the end of the month. Several of the teachers would like to have Scottish Country Dancing as part of the school curriculum so we wait and see.
- The primary school at Pahoia are at present working on a timetable to have Scottish Country Dancing taught throughout November this year. There are 168 students ranging in age from 7 to 11 and three enthusiastic teachers. It helps that the principal of this school is an ex-Scottish Country Dancer.
- Jane's Junkets, Cambridge and Lynne's classes for experienced dancers have been very enjoyable and well worthwhile for all participating dancers.

Moved that this report be accepted: Lynne Hudson/Douglas McCartney/Carried

Membership Report – Andrew Patterson

- The RSCDS Fees are now in from all clubs and online receipts have been sent to all Club Secretaries. Thanks to everybody for ensuring that the forms were returned by the deadline imposed by NZ Branch.
- The number of NZ Branch members is unchanged at 87. Although a few members decided not to renew, we are pleased to welcome the 5 new members who have redressed the balance. So far as the number of club members is concerned, the upward trend continues thanks largely to the success of the Balmoral and Katikati clubs and the re-designation of Taupo as a Club.
- Next, I will be sending out invoices for the Region fees due from each Club.

Membership Category	Number
Adult Single	20
Adult Single - Email	34
Adult Joint	2
Adult Joint - Email	28
RSCDS Life Member	1
RSCDS Life Member - Email	1
RSCDS Life Family	1
Total Membership	87

Club	Membership	
	RSCDS	Club *
Balmoral	2	8
Cambridge	9	15
Hamilton Scottish	12	23
Hauraki-Thames	4	20
Katikati	0	14
Lochiel	4	22
Mount Maunganui	7	28
Opotiki	2	9
Rotorua	6	14
Taupo	1	17
Tauranga	16	31
Te Awamutu	9	13
Tokoroa	12	14
Whakatane	2	15
Club Membership	86	243
Non-Club	1	
Region Membership	87	

*As at 31st August 2016

Moved that this report be accepted: Andrew Patterson/Margaret Ponga/Carried

Communication & Publicity – Glenna James

- Antanas has organised new flyers and business cards, and they are available for clubs here today. A lot of work from Antanas and his work colleague have made this possible, and they look fantastic. We hope you will be able to use these to advertise your club, for demonstrations to encourage others to come along and have a go. Use the business cards to hand out at work or to acquaintances wherever you go -you never know -it might be just what that person is looking for as recreation or socially.
- The Paeroa Highland Games & Tattoo was another very successful event. Congratulations on the hard work done by Wayne and Shelley McConnel to put on both the afternoon dancing and evening Tattoo event. It was very well received and great publicity for dancing in general. Next year is their 25th anniversary, and they want us back – bigger and better. Please add to your calendar Saturday 10 February and let Wayne know of your interest. We would like as many dancers as possible
- Some clubs in the Region seem to have had some success with attracting new people. Well done, we all know how much work is involved in beginner classes or ceilidhs.
- The last newsletter of the year will be out soon, and my last one as Coordinator. I have really enjoyed doing these and hope the next person to take this role on has as much fun as I have.
- Thank you for your support over the past 3 years!

Moved that this report be accepted: Glenna James/Antanas Procuta/Carried with acclamation

Youth Coordinators Report – Jeanette Lauder

JAM Membership

- Clubs will have recently registered their JAMs for the new membership year and I have not asked for an indication of numbers but imagine it will be around 30 to 40 JAMs across the region.
- Please continue to promote JAM membership and the related benefits such as Branch Scholarships and the Society's Youth Leadership Award amongst young dancers in your clubs.

Medal Tests

- While Medal Tests have not been held in our region this year some of those attending JAM Camp sat Medal Tests with two candidates being successful. Some JAMs who were unable to get to the JAM Camp are wanting to sit Medal Tests next year.

JAM Camp 2017

- Eleven dancers from our region attended JAM camp at Wairarapa College in Masterton in April accompanied by a number of parents. The JAMs who went have commented on the fun they had with other young dancers. The next camp will be run in 2019 by the Auckland Region.
- Thanks to the Region for their contribution towards the Camp fees for each of the JAMs who went to Camp.

Moved that this report be accepted: Jeanette Lauder/Maureen Jacob/Carried with acclamation

Discussion:

- Medal Tests:
 - There were no medal tests this year in the Waikato.
 - Junior classes have been cancelled for the Masterton Summer School. That also means there will be no medal tests at that time.
 - There is one JAM at least who wants to do a medal test next year, so our Region or Auckland need to do tests next year.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

<u>PRESIDENT:</u>	Heather Johnston	Jim Carter	Linda Carter
<u>SECRETARY:</u>	Maureen Jacob	Heather Johnston	Glenna James
<u>TREASURER:</u>	Andrew Patterson	Linda Carter	Ian Stewart
<u>COORDINATORS:</u>			
Education & Training:	Lynne Hudson	Ian Stewart	Jim Carter
Membership:	Andrew Patterson	Glenna James	Jill Littlewood
Comm. & Publicity:	Glenna James	Shelley McConnel	Linda Carter
Youth:	No Nominations received or from the floor.		

All were elected unopposed.

Discussion:

Regarding the Youth position, there were several declines from those present at the meeting. It was suggested we contact Rosemary Nicholson, Debbie Tonks and Mary Thomas to ascertain their interest. Secretary to do so, and include the Job Description.

BRANCH AGM BUSINESS:

Delegates to NZ Branch AGM

- 5 delegates are permitted this year (1 delegate per 20 RSCDS members)
- Appointed: Antanas Procuta; Andrew Patterson; Jeanette Patterson. Evelyn Knights and Colleen Gunn (Tauranga Club) are to be approached by Heather Johnston as they will also be attending Summer School. If not, Antanas and Andrew are to carry 2 votes each.
- Delegates are to have the authority to change their vote, after discussion at the AGM, if information on the day deems it appropriate to do so.

Remits

REMIT 1 – CONSTITUTION CHANGES

It is proposed that clauses 3.1, 5.1 and 8.5 items (3) and (6) of the Constitution of the Royal Scottish Country Dance Society New Zealand Branch Incorporated be amended to facilitate decisions made at the AGM on 1 January 2017.

- Clause 3.1 (5) and (6) – To disestablish the positions of Communications and Publicity Co-Ordinator and Membership Co-Ordinator and create new positions of the Communications/Publicity and Membership Co-Ordinator and the Information Technology Co-Ordinator.
- Clause 5.1 – To amend the list of Regions that comprise the RSCDS NZ Branch Inc to note the fact that the South Canterbury Region has ceased to exist.
- Clause 8.5 (3) and (6) – To allow for the Branch to request either a review or an audit of Annual Accounts.

Proposed: Elaine Laidlaw (President) Seconded: Margaret Cantwell (Treasurer)

Carried

REMIT 2 – PRESIDENT'S TRAVEL BUDGET

The Management Committee propose that a provision is made in the annual budget of \$1,500 to fund travel within New Zealand for the Branch President. The fund is to be used when the President is travelling to the Regions to further the aims of the Branch. Acceptance of this remit applies for the current financial year (1 September 2017 to 31 August 2018); as reflected in the budget tabled for approval at this meeting. Proposed: Margaret Cantwell

(Treasurer) Seconded: Liz Lusher (Secretary)

Carried (Bill & Maureen Jacob – No)

REMIT 3 – HONORARIA AND PAYMENTS FOR NON-MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE POSITION HOLDERS

- Management Committee propose that the person holding the following position at the commencement of the 2018 AGM be entitled to claim an annual honoraria in recognition of the time and effort involved in undertaking this role - RSCDS NZB Editor \$600; RSCDS NZB Bookshop Keeper \$600; RSCDS NZB Recordshop Keeper \$600.
- Management Committee further propose that Summer School fee at the non-dancing rate be paid for the following positions - RSCDS NZ Branch Bookshop Keeper; RSCDS NZ Branch Recordshop Keeper

Acceptance of this remit applies for the current financial year (1 September 2017 to 31 August 2018).

Proposed: Margaret Cantwell (Treasurer) Seconded: Liz Lusher (Secretary)

Carried (Bill & Maureen Jacob – No)

REMIT 4 – HONORARIUM AND PAYMENTS FOR MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE POSITION HOLDERS

- **Part A Honorarium:** Management Committee propose that the person holding the following position at the commencement of the AGM be entitled to claim an annual honoraria in recognition of the time and effort involved in undertaking this role - RSCDS NZB Treasurer \$1,000; RSCDS NZB Secretary \$1,000
Acceptance of this remit applies for the current financial year (1 September 2017 to 31 August 2018); as reflected in the budget tabled for approval at this meeting. **Carried**
- **Part B Management Committee Expenses for Summer Meetings & AGM for 2018 Financial Year** - Management Committee further propose that Summer School fee at the non-dancing rate (exclusive of any single occupancy supplement or other optional surcharges) be paid for the following positions: - RSCDS NZB President; RSCDS NZB Vice President; RSCDS NZB Treasurer; RSCDS NZB Secretary; Co-ordinators- Communications & Publicity; Education & Training; Membership; Youth.
Acceptance of this remit applies for the current financial year (1 September 2017 to 31 August 2018); as reflected in the budget tabled for approval at this meeting. **Abstain (Bill Jacob; Margaret Ponga No)**
- **Part C Management Committee Expenses for Summer Meetings & AGM for 2019 Financial Year** - Management Committee further propose that Summer School fee at the non-dancing rate (exclusive of any single occupancy supplement or other optional surcharges) be paid for the following positions - RSCDS NZB President; RSCDS NZB Vice President; RSCDS NZB Treasurer; RSCDS NZB Secretary; Co-ordinators- Communications, Publicity and Membership; Education & Training; Information Technology; Youth.
Acceptance of this remit applies for the current financial year (1 September 2018 to 31 August 2019); as reflected in the budget tabled for approval at this meeting.
Proposed: Margaret Cantwell (Treasurer) Seconded: Elaine Laidlaw (President) **Not Carried**

Proposed Amendment: That the Summer School fee at the non-dancing rate (exclusive of any single occupancy supplement or other optional surcharges) be paid for three nights surrounding the AGM (in order for the business of the AGM to be concluded) for the following positions - RSCDS NZB: President; Vice President (if applicable); Treasurer; Secretary; Co-ordinators- Communications, Publicity & Membership; Education & Training; Information Technology; Youth.

Acceptance of this remit applies for the financial year – 1 September 2018 to 31 August 2019, and thereafter.
Rationale:

- The Society conducts their business of the AGM over a weekend. Our Branch should be capable of doing the same. This means that 3 days becomes the standard payment. If any member of Management Committee has a case for further payment, they can gain further reimbursement using the 2016 AGM motion, "That Management Committee and other Branch appointees continue to be able to be reimbursed for reasonable actual expenditure on NZ Branch business".
- Having a continuing remit ensures that we do not end up with the same remits every year, and as there is no actual monetary value, it does not need to be re-submitted. If the members of the Branch want an amendment, a new remit can be submitted for the next AGM.

Moved: Glenna James/Shelley McConnel/Carried

AMENDMENT CARRIED

REMIT 5 – MEMBERSHIP FEES – AGM 1 JANUARY 2018

Management Committee propose that the combined New Zealand Branch Service Fee and Society Fee for 2018/2019 for an Adult Single Member be \$90. The fees for other membership categories will to be calculated as set out in the tables below:

Membership Category	Branch Service Fee	Society Fee	Combined Fee
Adult Single	100%	100%	\$90
Adult Single Email	100% - \$10	100%	\$80
* Adult Joint (per person)	80%	80%	\$72
** Adult Joint Email (per person)	80% - \$5	80%	\$67
*** Introductory	50%	50%	\$45

Further the Management Committee propose to change the way that the Branch Service fee for other membership categories be set.

Membership Category	Branch Fee	Society Fee	Combined Fee
Young Adult (18 – 24)	80% - \$10	80%	\$62
Young Adult (18 - 24) Email	80% - \$20	80%	\$52

Membership Category	Adult Single Combined Fee	Branch Service Fee
RSCDS Life Member	60%	\$54
RSCDS Life Email	60% less \$10.00	\$44

In accordance with Clause 2.2 (1) of the New Zealand Branch Constitution the New Zealand Branch Service Fees for 2018/2019 (as a portion of the Combined Fee) will be determined in the following manner, with all amounts rounded to the nearest dollar.

Adult Single Member

The combined Ordinary Annual Member Fee, minus:

- (a) The Society's membership subscription payable converted to NZ Dollars, and;
- (b) An amount from the RSCDS Subscriptions Fund Surplus as determined by the Management Committee.

RATIONALE:

The Society charges all NZ Branch Members an Annual Subscription Fee (currently 20 pounds) which the NZ Branch collects on their behalf (the Society Fee) and pays to the Society in late October or early November each year. The amount collected via the Society Fee will be more or less than the amount due to the Society on the payment date depending on

- the difference in the exchange rate on the payment date from the day the Society Fee is determined
- and any amount the Management Committee has determined to pay from the accumulated funds in the RSCDS Subscription account.

The NZ RSCDS utilises an RSCDS Subscription account to manage the collection of the RSCDS Annual Subscriptions and to manage issues concerning exchange rates.

At present the exchange rate fluctuation can be large as the Society Fee is set by 31 March each year as agreed with Members at the 2011 AGM. Regions wanted to inform all Members of the fee levels at the beginning of the dancing year and this could only be done once the split between the Branch Service Fee and the Society Fee was known. So there are 7 months over which the exchange rate will fluctuate between setting the Society Fee and paying the RSCDS subscriptions to the UK. The formulae presented in the remit means the Society Fee can be set in July, just ahead of the renewal period commencing at 1 August.

The Adult Single Member fees is the same as for previous years, as are the fees for the membership categories included in the first table.

The proposal to change the Youth Adult and Life categories is to allow the dollar amount of the fee to be known at the date of the AGM. The previous formula is provided below to inform discussion of the Remit.

Membership Category	Branch Fee	Society Fee
RSCDS Life Member	100%	N/A
RSCDS Life Email	100% less \$10.00	N/A
Young Adult (18 – 24)	60%	80%
Young Adult Email	60% less \$10.00	80%

The proposed formula also means that the Youth Adult and Life members will see no change in their annual subscription unless the Adult Single fee changes, which has not been the case under the previous formula. For example for the 2016-17 year RSCDS Life Member paid \$52, for 2017-18 year they paid \$58, while for both years the Adult Single Fee was \$90.

In the context of considering this remit there are currently 15 RSCDS Life Members and 6 Young Adults. The RSCDS Life members will reduce over time as this category of member is no longer available through the Society.

Proposed: Margaret Cantwell (Treasurer) Seconded: Elaine Laidlaw

Discussion:

The Branch should be determining the fee from their budget, rather than a fee based on fluctuations in exchange rates. Delegates to ask the question at the NZB AGM.

Carried

REMIT 6 – REMOVAL OF VICE-PRESIDENT

That the Constitution of the NZ Branch be amended to remove the position of Vice President and re-distribute allocated tasks to other Management Committee roles.

Proposed: Bill Jacob Seconded: Heather Johnston

Carried

REMIT 7 – YOUNG DANCERS AT UNIVERSITY

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

Proposer: Wayne McConnel Seconder: Jeanette Lauder

That the Management Committee of the RSCDS New Zealand Branch Inc. establish a two-year consultative process to review and consider the possibility of the NZ Branch adopting a membership-based voting system that enables each financial member to be responsible for the allocation of their own vote – whether directly, or by proxy, postal or electronic voting – at General and Special meetings of the NZ Branch, with a view to the recommendation of a appropriate remit to the 2020 AGM of the NZ Branch (with a progress report provided to the 2019 AGM). Such a remit would envisage voting entitlement be granted directly to financial members of the Branch, and replacing the current delegate-based voting system.

Moved: Antanas Procuta Secoded: Katharine Hoskyn

Carried

Appointment of Branch Delegates (2) for Society's AGM 2018

Heather Johnston and Jeanette Lauder are standing down as the WaiBOP Region's 2 delegates for the NZ Branch. These positions are for the RSCDS 2018/19 year. There is a £1 liability if the Society fails. When voting for the new Chairman and other positions this year, Auckland did a quick poll of members. The 2 new delegates are Lynne Hudson and Glenna James who both volunteered.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

2018 Calendar:

28 Dec 2016 – 5 January 2017		Summer School Nelson
13 January	Lesley Gousmett's 60th Birthday	
21 January Sunday	Twilight Dancing	
29 Monday	Auckland Anniversary	
4 February Sunday	Twilight Dancing	
6 February Tuesday	Waitangi Day	
10 February	Paeroa Games/Tattoo	
17 February	"A Wee Scottish Afternoon" (Otorohanga)	
3 March	Ceilidh (Otorohanga) tbc	
10 March	Teachers Workshop	
23 March Friday	Hamilton Scottish Ceilidh	
30 March – 2 April Easter Weekend		School (Timaru)
7 April	Beginners Dance (Lochiel)	Auckland Opening Social
16-27 April	School Holidays	
21 April	Region General Meeting	
	Rotorua Dance	
25 April Wednesday	ANZAC Day	
5 May	Lochiel Dance	
12 May	Opotiki	
13 May Sunday	Mothers Day	
19 May	Jacob's 50th Wedding Ann Dance (Omokoroa)	
2 – 4 June QBW School Hamilton		
2 June	Hamilton Scottish Ball	
10 June Sunday	Tokoroa JAM/Beginner Tea Dance	
23 June	Tauranga Dance	
9-20 July	School Holidays	
21 July	Te Awamutu Ball (50th) Tbc	Auckland Region Ball
11 August	Tokoroa Dance	
18 August	Balmoral Dance	
2 September Sunday	Fathers Day	
8 September	Taupo Dance	
15 September	Thames Dance tbc	
22 September		Spring Dance Auckland
1-12 October	School Holidays	
20-22 October		Labour Weekend School
27 October	Cambridge Dance	
10 November	Mt Maunganui Dance	
24 November	Core Dance Day	

Paeroa Highland Games and Tattoo – 10 February 2018

2018 will be their 25th anniversary and they have asked for a big display for the Tattoo in the evening. Wayne has agreed to organize this again, with Shelley doing the afternoon participation dancing. Wayne is asking for 6 sets of

3 to dance in the evening. This is a Region event, with lots of possibilities for advertising why we enjoy dancing so much. Involvement could be for both events, or just in one. The Tattoo however is the main event for display. An email will come out before the end of the dancing year, so that you can put it on the calendar, and encourage people in your club to come along. Please let Wayne know as soon as possible if you are able to participate.

Cambridge Day School Report – Antanas Procuta

- The Region Day School seemed really successful. We had the three classes; Mary Thomas' Mainstream class with around 20 dancers, Ruth Budden's Beginner's also with around 20, and Olina Carter's JAM class with just 2 students, but with two gophers to make formations and dances teachable. Despite just the 4 JAM students, the hall size we had was perfect (the Red Cross Hall is indeed a tiny hall), and Olina did a brilliant job with the students doing accordingly well from the attention and enthusiasm she was able to provide.
- There were 6-7 sets for the social in the afternoon/evening, and everyone seemed to benefit from and enjoy both their classes and the social.
- I understand Ken Weeks did a good trade; the gap between the end of the School and the beginning of the Social, and then also during the social supper break provided good opportunities for people to try on shoes and look through his wares etc.
- Dancers came from the extent of the region, and left looking a little exhausted, but very happy.
- I understand we're around breaking-even financially on the day, which is fine.
- I hadn't realised until after the social that there had been a clash with Bill Jacob's 70th, which is a little unfortunate, but just one of those things.
- I think the Cambridge club committee did very well in the organising and catering, and it's in events like this that I really appreciate the breadth and capabilities of club membership.

Rotorua QBWE Financial Report – Jeanette Patterson

We made a considerable profit over the weekend. This was because more people attended than our budget (which was for 60 people). A total of 70 people attended the weekend:

- 46 Full timers -RSCDS members
- 13 Full timers -non RSCDS members
- 11 Part timers -attending the classes
- 12 in the Music Class on Sunday
- Plus extras attending the Ball on Saturday and a few at the Sunday Social

Also some services been donated. We appreciated the support from Pub Charity which covered the School Hall hireage of \$2,700. We thank the BNZ bank and Bunnings for the pens and bags supplied.

We found that going around to clubs, dances, balls and making contact to the outer regions personally really helped. We wish to donate \$1,500 to the Region out of an overall profit of about \$3,700 and would like to thank the Region their support.

Jeanette Patterson / Linda Carter / Carried, with a vote of thanks for the very generous donation

2019/2020 Summer School

There was general discussion around hosting a Summer School in the Region. There were several people who were interested. An expression of interest is to be sent to NZ Branch, stating that the Region is investigating the possibility, but that nothing is certain as yet.

Flyers and business cards

Antanas had brought along these and people were able to take approximately 50 of each for their club. Well done Antanas – a brilliant job.

Next Meeting:

The 2018 AGM will be held at a date to be decided at the April General Meeting.

The meeting closed at 5.45 pm, with apologies for the lack of time for dancing.

A vote of thanks to the Chair and Secretary.

Signed.....President

Date.....

Correspondence Inward

Secretary NZ Branch	Remits for NZ Branch AGM (8 in total) Nominations for NZ Branch positions (President; Vice President; Communications, Publicity & Membership; Information Technology; Youth). Outstanding and to be done from the floor are Secretary; Treasurer; Education & Training. Region Questionnaire (to be filled in after the Region AGM) Withdrawal of Hazel Fish for the NZ Branch Youth Coordinator position Deaths: Wanda Cowley (Waiheke)
Region Membership Coordinator	2017/18 Membership List
Region Executive & Remit Owners	Email discussions regarding remits Waikato/BOP Region will be submitting to the NZB AGM.
Region Members	Remit regarding Removal of Role of Membership, Communication & Publicity Coordinator to NZ Branch, has been withdrawn by the Mover, Andrew Patterson.
Antanas Procuta	Email stating that his Remit (Change to Individual Member Voting from Region Delegates Voting) has been changed from a Remit to a discussion paper. Interim Report on Cambridge Day School Confirmation of print run for flyers (500) and business cards (1000)
Clubs	Club dance dates for 2018 requested.

Correspondence Outward

NZ Branch Secretary	Remit re University Club on behalf of Wayne McConnel
Region President	Query as to whether Secretary or Mover was to send Remits to NZB. Also which Remits were now to go ahead as things had changed since the Region Meeting.
Region Committee Members	Discussion re Antanas' remit that had been changed to a discussion document, and that the Meeting had already approved it as a Remit. Approval for discussion document only now.
Clubs & RSCDS Associate Members	Agenda and items for Region AGM 8 Remits from NZ Branch for discussion at Region AGM Nominations for NZ Branch positions
Antanas Procuta	Draft minutes from August Region Meeting, showing what was discussed regarding his Remit re Voting Rights.
Clubs	Responses to clubs regarding dance dates for 2018.