

# **Waikato/Bay of Plenty Region**

**RSCDS New Zealand Branch Inc.**

Minutes of the General Meeting held Saturday 21 September 2019

At Saint James Hall, Pahau Street, Thames.

## **WELCOME**

Jean Smithson opened the meeting at 2.00 p.m. by welcoming all present and thanking them for their attendance. A quorum was met.

## **PRESENT**

Chair: Jean Smithson  
Secretary: Maureen Jacob  
Coordinators: Education & Training – Lynne Hudson; Membership – Bill Jacob;  
Youth – Shelley McConnel;  
Cambridge: Antanas Procuta  
Hamilton Scottish: Grietje Badham, Shelley & Wayne McConnel  
Katikati: Jim & Linda Carter, Douglas & Fiona McCartney  
Lochiel: Jill Littlewood, Mary Gray  
Mount Maunganui: Lynne Hudson; Robyn Dowdle  
Opotiki: Jean Smithson  
Rotorua: Andrew & Jeanette Patterson  
Tauranga: Alan Billing, Bill & Maureen Jacob, Heather Johnston  
Te Awamutu: Jane McIlroy  
Thames: Alison Kendall, Winifred Sheehan (non-member)  
Tokoroa: Raewyn Adams, Jeannette Lauder, Ian Stewart  
(24 RSCDS Members / non RSCDS member)

## **APOLOGIES:**

Balmoral: Mary Thomas  
Lochiel: Ruary Laidlaw (International)  
Mount Maunganui: Liz Wilson (non-member)  
Rotorua: Sally-Anne Christiansen  
Taupo: Margaret Ponga  
Tauranga: Jan Caudwell, Cath McGregor  
Te Awamutu: Jamie Owston  
Tokoroa: Joy Morgan  
No Club: Glenna James

Moved that the apologies be accepted:

*Lynne Hudson/Heather Johnston/Carried*

## **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS GENERAL MEETING HELD SATURDAY 6 APRIL 2019:**

Minutes of the previous meeting had been distributed to clubs and members before the meeting, with copies available at this meeting.

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

*Douglas McCartney/Jill Littlewood/Carried*

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

1. Accounts reviewer to be approved.
2. Noted that the Thames Day School date was changed from 21 September to 3 August 2019 and as a result the region meeting date was changed from 10 August back to 21 September 2019.

3. Jam Camp Re-imburements. No requests for re-imburement had been made to date. Shelley McConnel (Youth) was to follow this up.
4. It was noted that Te Awamutu had agreed to run the Queen's Birthday weekend school for 2020.

### **CORRESPONDENCE: INWARDS & OUTWARDS**

Moved that the list of correspondence, in & out, as circulated by email prior to the meeting be approved. (See attached list).

*Maureen Jacob/Lynne Hudson/Carried*

### **MATTERS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE**

None, but comment was made that it was a very good idea to circulate the list prior to the meeting.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT:**

We have accumulated funds as follows:

	Current (as at 18/9/2019)	Last Meeting (5/4/2019)
Trading Account	335.68	603.39
Online saver	1237.17	1236.58
Online bonus saver	10985.81	10850.23
JAM Saver	1006.45	1559.26
Less unrepresented cheques		-50.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$13,565.11</b>	<b>\$14,181.31</b>

The Trading Account current balance excludes \$4,438 associated with RSCDS fees that have not yet been transferred to the Branch. The two items of note since last meeting are the payment for the YDT uniforms from the JAM Saver account and the seeding funds of \$3,000 to the Katikati club for the Queen's Birthday Weekend School, which has since been returned.

The following expenses require the approval of this meeting.

Administration	Paper & Postage	7.03
	Website renewal fee	124.78
Region Meeting 6/4/2019	Refreshments	3.60
Teachers Only Day 9/3/2019	Refreshments	2.30
JAM YDT Uniforms	Materials for uniforms	553.06

Bill Jacob, Treasurer. 18/09/2019

### **MATTERS ARISING FROM TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Bill Jacob moved that we appoint Bruce Argyle to be the Accounts Reviewer.

*Bill Jacob/Jim Carter/Carried*

### **QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY SCHOOL REPORT 2019:** (Linda Carter co-ordinator)

The weekend school was organised in a way that attracted participants from Canberra (Australia), Christchurch, Lawrence, Wellington, Palmerston North, Wanganui, Otorohanga, Te Awamutu, Auckland, Tuakau, Warkworth, Whangarei, the Waikato, and the Bay of Plenty.

We provided Scottish Country Dance classes for Elementary, Intermediate, Advanced (Low Impact) & Advanced (Technique) levels of dancers, together with a Musicians class, where the special techniques, of Scottish Country Dance reel, jig and strathspey music, was taught.

Musicians from Katikati College were encouraged to attend the Musicians Class. There was a presentation of “What to do with your ears while your feet are busy”, and a demonstration by a team of very proficient dancers.

We had a Ball on the Saturday evening attended by additional dancers from throughout the Waikato, Bay of Plenty region. We had an outstanding 11 sets dancing. We had a Ceilidh on the Sunday evening, where a significant number of “non-dancers”, enjoyed various items, as well as dancing simpler dances to music presented by professional musicians combined with musicians from the Musicians Class. There was also a “Combined Class” on the Monday morning where less experienced dancers were able to experience a dance class with other highly experienced dancers.

All meals were provided from Friday evening to Monday mid-day. Attendance exceeded our expectations, as a result of appropriate classes, respected class tutors drawn from throughout New Zealand, live music at the classes, and appropriate Registrations Fees, made possible by the Creative Bay of Plenty sponsorship, and a very successful fundraising raffle with excellent prizes donated by local businesses.

We consider the whole event an outstanding success, borne out by the many verbal and written complements we received.

We received advice and guidance and moral support from other clubs in the Waikato/Bay of Plenty Region and we don't think that there is anything that we would want to do differently on another occasion.

A very significant contribution was made by club members providing food for the lunches, High Tea, morning and afternoon teas etc. We were conscious of the need to be environmentally friendly, and wherever possible plastic was eliminated by wrapping lunches in homemade beeswax wraps, that the participants got to take home, paper bags etc.

Katikati Scottish Country Dance Club is a relatively new club, starting less than 5 years ago. The club owns a very limited number of official Royal Scottish Country Dance Society (RSCDS) instruction books, donated by the Tauranga Scottish Country Dance Club, and no music, or equipment. Instruction books, music and equipment is currently provided by our tutor using her own resources. This leaves the club in a very precarious position, in the event that we lose our tutor.

We therefore propose using the small surplus from the Queen's Birthday Weekend School towards the purchase of RSCDS instruction books that we do not hold, the official music for the these dances, a suitable device to play the music, and portable speaker, that can be used for our classes, balls, and many demonstrations, A & P Shows, Cultural Festivals etc. (both indoor and outdoor) that the Club is frequently involved in. These demonstrations encourage others to join, and benefit in fitness. Scottish Country Dance has also been shown to be good exercise for the brain.

Having our own resources will give the club a significant level of security that it currently lacks, being completely dependent on our present tutor, for these resources.

Look forward to seeing you all at the New Zealand Branch Summer School, Cambridge, New Zealand, 28<sup>th</sup> December 2019 to 5<sup>th</sup> January 2020.

The Katikati club presented the region with a small cheque of \$250.00 in appreciation of the regions financial back up in the initial stages of organisation.

A vote of thanks was given to the Katikati club for the amazing success of the weekend school.

*Heather Johnston/Antanas Procuta/Carried*

## **HAURAKI THAMES SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE CLUB: DAY SCHOOL REPORT 2019**

The 3rd August 2019 saw the above Club hold an Intermediate and Above (Low Impact) Day School and it was most encouraging to have some 30 attendees from various clubs in the Region. Our Tutor was Kathryn Deroles who put us through our paces at a steady rate although it was still quite a 'relaxed' day, and it is hoped everyone gained something, no matter how small, from the tuition.

It is always a pleasure to welcome other dancers to Thames, appreciating we are a rather far flung destination, so thanks to all those who made the effort.

Financially we ably covered our costs at \$25 per head, with costs being for teaching and mileage to Kathryn, hall hire plus the usual costs for light refreshments, ending in a small profit of \$160.

Winnifred Sheehan.

### **SUMMER SCHOOL 2019/20 COMMITTEE REPORT: (Antanas Procuta – Organiser)**

Today we're exactly 14 weeks away from people turning up on 28 December this year to sign in and receive their welcome bags at the NZ Branch Summer School at St Peters School outside of Cambridge.

Firstly, I do want to acknowledge the on-going effort and focus the Summer School working group has been putting into the Summer School, especially into the weeks leading up to the close of Early-Bird registrations and the few weeks since.

So I note the working group here again, and each has a range of portfolios:

Glenna James and Andy Patterson, who in secretarial and treasurer roles have been taking in the registrations.

Wayne McConnel who has been liaising with the musicians and coordinating the evening events Shelley McConnel working with St Peters in regard to accommodation and other facilities, and Caron Rogan, a new dancer, who has been looking after the transport, afternoon recreational events and welcome bags.

Jill Littlewood has recently joined the team to assist with a number of roles including taking on catering.

Along with the working group, a growing number of other people are now contributing to the school organisation, including Ruary Laidlaw with the six-weekly newsletters, Jeanette Patterson with polo shirts, and Grietje Badham with events at the school.

The school is already doing well, with around 170 registrations, which includes around 20 staff (i.e. the Summer School Working Group, Class teachers, and musicians). Of the 170 registrations, around 25 so far are commuting from their homes or from nearby accommodation.

With this number of class registrations and the interest shown to date, the school has been able to increase the number of dance classes from five to seven, to include an 'Advanced' Class (being a step up from the Development Class), and a Junior JAMs Class for young dancers up to 12 years old.

Owing to the addition of these two classes, the school has now extended its 'Early-Bird' close-off date to 30 September 2019.

With this demand, the school been able to add to the number of St Peters hostels being hired so as to accommodate up to 200 people on site (and that's an on-site residential cap), but there are no other current limits on class numbers.

And of course, having a local school is perfect opportunity for local dancers to attend classes – whether a development, advanced low-impact or other class, as commuters, and we hope as many as possible take advantage of the proximity of the school.

As alluded to above, there'll be afternoon events, such as a bus-tour visit to the Hamilton Gardens, and Musicians and Teacher Refresher classes. The evening events include a Razzamatazz 1920's theme dance on Monday evening, Hogmanay hosted by Fiona and Dianne Murdoch and Alec Calderwood on the 31st of course, a Talent Showcase on the evening of Wednesday 1 January, a public and friends ceilidh combining ceilidh and easier fun Scottish Country dances on Thursday evening, and the formal Presidents Ball on Friday 3 January.

As you can imagine, the Summer School can only thrive with the assistance of local clubs, dancers and friends with help as gofers in classes, jobs in and around the school before and during the school, and with catering for the evening functions. Glenna James and Jill Littlewood may have contacted you already, or will do shortly, and if not, and you are willing and able to help, please contact either Jill or Glenna. The school has organised evening concessions for those who are able to help.

Thank you to everyone who has assisted and supported the Summer School and committee so far.

Moved that report be accepted.

*Antanas Procuta/ Ian Stewart/Carried*

#### **MATTERS ARISING FROM REPORT:**

Jill Littlewood asked that one person from each club be responsible for their clubs contribution to the catering etc. so that there was no confusion between the committee and an individual club.

Discussion was held about the need for the JAM's to be financially supported should they attend Summer School.

It was moved that: We as a region support JAM's, from the region, who wish to attend this Summer School, for \$50 a head for attending the full school up to a limit of \$500, to be distributed by their clubs.

*Shelley McConnel/Jill Littlewood/Carried*

#### **QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY WEEKEND SCHOOL 2020: (Jane McIlroy)**

QBWS 2020 will be held over 2 days – 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> May. The school will be based at Otorohanga College, Bledisloe Ave.

Basic cost will be \$140 – less for early-bird registrations, RSCDS Membership and JAMS.

There will be a catered dinner for dancers on the Saturday prior to the ball. This will be at a cost of \$25 each.

#### **Classes and Teachers:**

Elementary Class                      Gaye Collin    Lower Hutt

Intermediate Class                    Mary Thomas Balmoral

Advanced Low Impact                Damon Collin Lower Hutt

Advanced Technical                  Helen Smythe Cambridge

Musicians Class                        Lynne Scott

Glenfiddle will provide much of the music

#### **Accommodation:**

There are 2 Motels in Otorohanga – Palm Court which has been booked for SCDers for the weekend – Friday to Sunday.

Otorohanga and Waitomo Motel which has accommodation for 60 people. Contact to be made directly to them.

Many other Motels within the area – especially to the south.

Many B&Bs also available.

If talking to visitors from outside our region – the passenger train stops at Otorohanga on its way between Wellington and Auckland.

Registration forms are now available online and from myself.

**GENERAL BUSINESS:**

1. Heather Johnston wished for it to be noted that items 1 & 2 on the agenda did not need to be discussed at the meeting, that an email advising folk of the details was sufficient.
2. The Katikati club hold a selection of decorations that can be used by clubs at any time, details are on the website. Please contact the club if you wish to borrow them.
3. As the Lochiel club had volunteered to put on an afternoon school, and had not been requested to do so by the region, Heather Johnston submitted that this was not region business. The meeting believed otherwise. Clubs were asked to encourage those who would benefit from these lessons to attend. The Day School has been well publicised.
4. The Region Ceilidh is to be held at St Peters Church Hall, Anzac Street, Cambridge on 30 November 2019. Details of programme etc. will be advised shortly.
5. The Rotorua club has requested a date change to later in the year owing to difficulties in recruiting new members because of the timing of their dance. Maureen Jacob suggested that the Region Dance could be held at this time and that Rotorua could take the later time that the Region usually filled. The meeting agreed.
6. Region Awards: A sample of what an award might look like was shown to the meeting. There was a great deal of discussion, both for and against the possibility of making a Region Award to people who had given significant service to the Waikato/BOP Region and beyond. It was felt that strict guidelines would have to be drawn up before any thought could be given to considering this further. It was also brought up that this matter had been discussed several years ago and nothing had been done about it. The meeting instructed the secretary to write a letter of thanks to two stalwarts of the region.

Howard McNally

*Jill Littlewood/Jim Carter/Carried*

Dianne Murdoch.

*Heather Johnston/Ian Stewart/Carried*

7. Consult 2020. No Notices of Motion have been received from the NZ Branch regarding this subject, contrary to the objective of AGM 2018 requiring a remit to be submitted for consideration at AGM 2020.  
Antanas Procuta spoke regarding the reasons for this. He considers that a "Notice of Motion" needs to come from the forum to be held at the Cambridge Summer School, with agreement as to the wording of the motion, in order for it to have any chance of being passed.
8. Jeanette Lauder wished for it to be well known that the young folk who attended JAM camp in Auckland have benefitted hugely from the experience. The older ones in particular were given the opportunity to devise a dance, to unusual music, with unfamiliar musicians and then to perform that dance before the parents etc. at the end of the school. They came back bubbling. Any financial support the region gives these young dancers benefits them, as well as us.
9. Calendar. Club representatives nominated which dates were their clubs preferences with some having to check how that will fit with their club members. An updated calendar will be sent out for club secretaries to check and confirm before the AGM.

A vote of thanks was given to the chair.

*Linda Carter/Antanas Procuta/ Carried*

Next meeting: To be held on 4 April 2020, in conjunction with the Region Dance, in Cambridge, hall to be confirmed.

The meeting closed at 3.22pm.

Signed.....President.

Date.....

## **WaiBOP Region Correspondence List for September 2019 Meeting.**

### **FROM:**

NZ Branch Secretary

- Request for details for Membership for 2019 still outstanding
- Referral of a request to buy dancing shoes locally.
- Summer School Minutes.
- MAC News x 2
- Minutes of mid-winter management meeting
- Notification of "Southern Fling" youth SCD Weekend – Canberra 2020
- Membership Renewal Information
- Reminder that Branch nominations closed on 31 August 2019.
- Replied that guidelines for Branch Award need to be set up by Management Committee

NZ Branch Editor

- Closing dates for 2019 magazine.
- Closing date for April & July Kiwi News.

NZ Membership Co-ordinator.

- RSCDS Membership cards for me to forward.

Branch Education & Training

- Request for Invigilators & venue for R Dowdle to sit Unit 1 written Exam.

WaiBOP Clubs

- Programmes for dances to be held throughout the year.

Tuakau Club

- Change of Venue of Tuakau Club

Auckland Region

- Reminder about JAM Camp in the May holidays.
- Auckland Region Classes Sep 28-29 2019

Thames Club

- Request to change date of Day School to 3 August 2019.
- Request for details regarding fees applicable/payable for a Day School.
- Day School Flyer.
- Reminder regarding Thames Day School.

Membership changes / new people

- (Club changes) = 4      New members + 7

Ruary Laidlaw

- Request for Contributions to WaiBOP Newsletters.

Andrew Patterson

- Request for comments on Membership Renewal Draft Layout.

Hastings Club, Napier Club and Hawkes Bay Region

- Annual Ball Programmes.

Linda Carter

- Photographs of Queen's Birthday Weekend School.
- Report of Queen's Birthday Weekend School.

Heather Johnston

- Notification of John Webb's Death

Geoffrey Thomson

- Notification of Pam Kliskey's death.

Liz Wilson

- Notification of Cath McClure's death.

Shelley McConnel

- Ceilidh Invite from Bourach Moor.

Lochiel Club & others

- "Beginners School focused on Reels" and dance planned for 16 November 2019

**TO:**

NZ Branch Secretary, All clubs & members

- Notification of deaths of John Webb, Pam Kliskey and Cath McClure.

NZ Branch Secretary

- Request for procedure regarding nominations for Branch Awards.

All WaiBOP RSCDS Clubs.

- Request for late membership details from Branch.
- Programmes sent out for club annual dances throughout the year. Also Hawkes Bay region Dance.
- Request for WaiBOP Newsletter Contributions for May, July and August 2019.
- Change of venue for Tuakau Club.
- Change of Dates for both Thames Day School and Region's next meeting.
- Thames Day School Flyers
- Invitation to ceilidh with Bourach Mor.
- Details of "Southern Fling" Youth SCD Weekend – Canberra 2020.
- Request for someone to run Core Dance Day this year due to Heather Johnston being in Australia on that date.
- Agenda for WaiBOP Region Meeting in September & Minutes for last meeting.

Branch Education & Training Co-ordinator.

- Arrangements for Exam venue for Unit 1

WaiBOP RSCDS Members

- Programmes for all club dances
- Queen's Birthday Weekend School photos and report.
- Agenda for WaiBOP Region Meeting in September & Minutes for last meeting.

Some secretaries.

- Request for comments on Andy Patterson's proposed changes to membership data changes.

Auckland Region

- Cambridge Ball Programme.