

Waikato/Bay of Plenty Region

RSCDS New Zealand Branch Inc.

Minutes of the 65th AGM held on Saturday 23 November 2019

At the Hinuera Hall, Hinuera.

WELCOME:

The President, 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

Treasurer: Bill Jacob

Coordinators: Communication & Publicity: Ruary Laidlaw. Education & Training: Absent.

Membership: Bill Jacob, Youth: Shelley McConnel

Ham. Scottish: Wayne & Shelley McConnel, Andrea Fox (non RSCDS)

Katikati: Douglas McCartney

Lochiel: Jill Littlewood, Ruary Laidlaw (Int. Member), Kate Corfield (non RSCDS)

Rotorua: Andrew & Jeanette Patterson,

Tauranga: Bill & Maureen Jacob, Alan Billing

Te Awamutu: Jane McIlroy,

Thames: Marcia Sowman, Jan McIvor (non RSCDS)

Tokoroa: Jeanette Lauder, Raewyn Adams

(14 RSCDS NZ Branch Members)

APOLOGIES:

Balmoral: Mary Thomas

Cambridge: Antanas Procuta, Helen Smythe

Ham. Scottish: Greitje Badham, Pam Godfrey, Dawn Spence, Ken Weeks

Katikati: Jim & Linda Carter, Fiona McCartney

Mt Maunganui: Lynne Hudson, Liz Wilson

Taupo: Margaret Ponga

Tauranga: Jan Caudwell. Heather Johnston, Chris Ingram

Thames: Glenda Hammond, Alison Kendall

Tokoroa: Joy Morgan, Ian Stewart

Whakatane: Jan Pyke

Moved that the apologies be accepted:

Jill Littlewood/Jeanette Lauder/Carried

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS AGM HELD SATURDAY 3 NOVEMBER 2018:

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:

Maureen Jacob/Jane McIlroy/Carried

MATTERS ARISING:

None

CORRESPONDENCE: (See below.) As distributed be taken as read.

Moved that the inwards correspondence be accepted and the outwards be endorsed.

Maureen Jacob/Shelley McConnel/Carried

MATTERS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE:

None

REPORTS:

PRESIDENT’S REPORT

A year has gone by since I was elected President at a meeting I could not attend. Because of family commitments this year there have been more "couldn't attends" on my behalf. However every occasion I have attended, I have enjoyed. Thank you to all club members for organising Dances and Balls. These socials are the lifeblood of our passion for SCD.

Other functions have become part of our calendar, part of "what we do". Dancing at Hamilton Gardens, Paeroa Tattoo, various Ceilidhs, Schools, Old People's Homes all helps to raise our public profile. Again thank you to the organisers and participants of these events.

Our "Young Dancers" are fully fledged this year. They are energetic and great to watch and have to be helping the SCD word to get out there. Well done "Youth Team" and all involved.

Katikati Club's Queen's Birthday Weekend School was a highlight this year. Well done Katikati.

I have made one Club visit to Cambridge. I will try to get to more clubs next year, if you want me to continue in this role.

I especially want to thank our Secretary, Maureen Jacob. She has always been "on the ball". The Treasurer and Membership officer, Bill Jacob, has processed our membership fees and handled the finances well. The work of the three other office bearers is also appreciated - Lynne Hudson (Education and Training), Ruary Laidlaw (Communication and Publicity) and Shelley McConnel (Youth).

It has been my pleasure to sign letters of appreciation on your behalf to two, now retired, stalwarts of our region, Howard McNally and Dianne Murdoch. Congratulations and Thank You to both of you.

The Summer School Committee has put in hours of work and we anticipate a great Summer School at Cambridge. I expect to see many of you there, helping or participating or both.

Season's Greetings,

Jean Smithson

Moved that the president’s report be received.

Jean Smithson/Wayne McConnel/Carried

TREASURERS REPORT:

Please refer to the emailed financial statements and reviewer’s report. This year’s activity to 31st August has resulted in a small loss of \$349.17. This is on a par with the previous year’s excess of \$368.32 and reflects the dynamics of one-off sources of income and the various one-off expenses. This year we saw the JAM fund reduced by \$553.05 to provide the Youth Demonstration Team with uniforms.

We continue to transfer \$20 per month to the Bonus Saver account in order to gain as much interest from the bank as possible, albeit rather miniscule in the current economic climate. I changed to Automatic Payment from the Trading account as I found it too easy to forget to action a manual monthly transfer.

Considering that the overall accumulated funds are \$13,565.11, I report that the Region funds are in good health.

Bill Jacob

I move that my report be accepted.

Bill Jacob/Jeanette Lauder/Carried

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Statement of Income and Expenditure - 1 September 2018 - 31 August 2019

Trading Account		Note	Income	Expenditure	Net 2018-2019	2017-2018
Admin and Publicity	President expenses					73.22
	Treasurer expenses					9.40
	Secretary expenses			10.63		111.20
	Meeting costs			100.63		75.47
	Accounts reviewer			75.00		75.00
	Website			124.78		138.58
	Gazebo					335.20
	Printing flyers and cards			161.00		652.05
					(472.04)	(1470.12)
RSCDS fees	Collected on behalf of NZ Branch		6585.00	6585.00	0.00	0.00
Region fees	Clubs		470.00		470.00	495.00
Donations			55.00		55.00	
Region Sept. dance			215.00	79.59	135.41	
Weekend schools	QBWE - Katikati seeding funds		3000.00	3000.00	0.00	1500.00
Workshops	Core dance day 24/11/2018		0.00	120.00	(120.00)	
	Teachers' workshop 9/3/2019		0.00	52.30	(52.30)	(270.87)
JAMs	Youth Demo Team uniforms	1		553.06	(553.06)	(90.00)
Bank interest			0.13		0.13	0.22
Operating surplus or (loss) for year			10325.13	10861.99	(536.86)	164.23

Other Income	Interest Online Saver			1.24	1.60
	Interest Bonus Saver			185.31	200.85
	Interest JAM Online Saver			1.14	1.64
	Total			187.69	204.09

TOTAL EXCESS OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE	(349.17)
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Balance sheet as at 31 August 2019

	Trading Account	Online Saver	Bonus Saver	JAM online Saver
Opening balance at 01/09/2018	399.48	1305.93	10650.50	1558.37
Plus Total Income Received	10325.13	1.24	185.31	1.14
Less Total Expenditure	(10861.99)			
Transfers between accounts		(70.00)	70.00	
	(60.00)		60.00	
	553.06			(553.06)
Closing balance at 31/08/2019	355.68	1237.17	10965.81	1006.45

Accumulated Funds:	
Accumulated funds at 01/09/2018	13914.28
Surplus (Loss)	(349.17)
Accumulated funds at 31/8/2019	13565.11

Notes:

1 On-line payments can only be done from the Trading account.

Treasurer: Bill Jacob

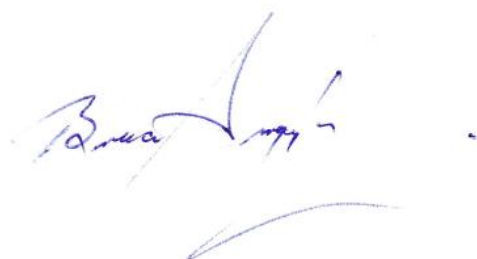
Date: 29th September 2019

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This is to confirm that I have sighted both the trading account and balance sheet and that movements from the general ledger all agree. As to bank / savings account all movements as recorded on balance sheet along with opening balances from previous year match certificate as supplied by bank.

Bruce Argyle



EDUCATION & TRAINING REPORT: (Prepared by Lynne Hudson, read by Maureen Jacob.)

There has not been a huge lot of activity regarding Education and Training during the last few months. I continue to mentor Liz Wilson and Robyn Dowdle and Jeannette Lauder has continued with helping Anna Verhaegh. Robyn Dowdle is presently studying for her full Teaching Certificate

The more experienced dancer is being well catered for thanks to Jane McIlroy and Heather Johnston with their invitation-only sessions held intermittently throughout the year. These are much appreciated by those who attend.

Throughout the year I have had several enquiries regarding interpretation of dances and formations from dancers who are not certificated but are taking clubs. Also requests for suggestion of dances for less or more than four couple sets where club numbers fall during the winter months as a result of illness or travel of the members.

At the end of October, I again was asked to teach Scottish Country Dancing at the local Waldorf Steiner School – six classes of children aged 7 to 13 culminating in displays and audience participation on 31 October.

A copy of Ruary Laidlaw's "Clapyerhands" has been left at Tauranga Primary School. I am waiting to hear back from that school.

Douglas McCartney and I spent the last two weeks of October teaching a Scottish Country Dance to all the classes of the Junior School at Pahoia for them to dance as a mass display at their school assembly. The last week of November we have been requested to teach the Pahoia Senior School dancing. The teachers are keen to keep the dancing going and are exploring the possibility of making this part of their regular programme. Many of the children (boys and girls) are very keen for this to happen.

Lynne Hudson

Moved that this report be accepted.

Maureen Jacob/Douglas McCartney/Carried

A request was made that Helen Smythe's name be recorded as one of those who had run a dance for more experienced dancers. Also that a lot of work by clubs had been done to keep newer dances interested.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT:

I am pleased to report that both the RSCDS and Club membership numbers have increased this year as you can see in the tables below, despite some members departing the area. Hopefully it was from a successful round of advertising of beginner classes. I urge you all to continue attracting new members and spreading the word that SCD is a healthy activity.

Club Secretaries/Treasurers will have seen the new RSCDS NZ Branch membership renewal forms and process and I report that there was a mixed response to the electronic return process with several paper forms returned and cheques. Personally I found the process a breeze and I'm sure that Andy (Branch IT coordinator) would appreciate your comments on the process. Banks are in the process of withdrawing chequing facilities so Clubs should consider going on-line for banking. There are no charges for on-line

RSCDS NZ Branch Membership Category	Numbers	
	2019/20	2018/19
Adult Single	9	15
Adult Single - Email	52	40
Adult Joint	6	4
Adult Joint - Email	20	24
RSCDS Life Member	2	2
RSCDS Life Member-Email	0	0
RSCDS Life Family	1	1
Young Adult	1	0
Total Membership	91	86

Club	Membership		
	RSCDS 2019/20	Club 2019*	Club 2018*
Balmoral	1	6	9
Cambridge	14	19	18
Hamilton Scottish	10	26	21
Hauraki-Thames	5	22	18
Katikati	4	20	16
Lochiel	5	19	16
Mount Maunganui	6	18	31
Opotiki	1	10	7
Pauanui		10	
Rotorua	6	8	11
Taupo	2	20	18
Tauranga	15	32	30
Te Awamutu	7	11	14
Tokoroa	12	12	12
Whakatane	2	19	14
Club Membership	90	252	235
Non-Club	1		
Region Membership	91		

* As at 31st August

banking facilities and the process of 2-person authorisations isn't as daunting as you might at first think.

Bill Jacob

I move that my report be accepted.

Bill Jacob/Jeanette Lauder/Carried

Discussion arose over some clubs having difficulty printing the new membership cards. It was mentioned that if these came in PDF format, the majority of people would have the computing ability to print them.

COMMUNICATION & PUBLICITY REPORT.

WaiBOP News

Glenna James's work as editor of the WaiBOP News was a hard act to follow. It has been a steep learning curve for me trying to follow the example set by Glenna. It also took a while for me to figure out what sort of stamp that I wanted to put on the Newsletter. It changed slightly with every issue. At the moment I see it as a platform for dancers in the Region to express their views about what they like about dancing in the Region and what they don't. Having said that I do try to keep the expressions in a positive frame. As well as that I see it as a reflection of what is going on in the Region at Club level as well as a more Regional level. It has mushroomed from a three or four issues a year to about six, but I am happy with that. I did try to keep it to about 8 pages, but people kept sending me stuff - which is all to the good - I think!

Facebook Page

I have made a good effort to keep this active and most of the time have succeeded, with the odd interval where I didn't for one reason or another. I will strive to do better next year!

WaiBOP Website

We don't know how lucky we are to have the benefit of Andrew Patterson's skills as a website designer. It really is the go-to place when you want to find out about what is going on in the Region and at NZ branch level. Thank you Andy

Summer School

My contribution has been restricted to being the editor of the Summer School Newsletter. The committee has been working really hard to get the school up and running. So far registrations have been exceeding expectations. Andy's Summer School website and Shelley's Facebook page have been instrumental in providing up-to-date information about the school.

Ruary Laidlaw

Moved that this report be accepted.

Ruary Laidlaw/Andrew Patterson/Carried

The president thanked Ruary for his efforts in putting together the many varied newsletters we have received.

YOUTH REPORT:

This year's highlight has been our young dancers. They call themselves Anti-Gravity, yes they do have a lot of bounce in their step.

This group has seen emerging leadership skills in Sophia Kilgour and Natalie Garcia-Gill. It was initiated and is mentored and supported by Antanas Procuta the Cambridge Club teacher. The dancers are a group of really nice teens. There has been some involvement from slightly older dancers at the start up and on request to make up sets. The number of participants available to dance fluctuates, with up to 2 sets, and the enthusiasm is huge. With support from the Region the group now has a set of skirts and shirts - they look and feel smart. The group meet for practice and learning sessions based in Hamilton and Cambridge, also to dance as a demonstration set around the region at dances and as many other places and events as they can find. Starting at Hamilton gardens and then the Paeroa Tattoo.

A JAM camp was held in Auckland with local dancers attending with some financial support from the Region.

Tokoroa club hosted a dance targeting young dancers and beginners. It was their annual club dance that was very well supported by young dancers.

This December the Summer School at Cambridge will host both a juniors and a high energy class aimed at senior JAMs. Again the Region is offering financial assistance to assist young people to attend.

Shelley McConnel

Moved that this report be received.

Shelley McConnel/Jill Littlewood/Carried

A question was asked whether clubs with JAM members had received the latest Jigs and More newsletter. Some had, some hadn't.

Jill Littlewood gave a vote of thanks to all office bearers for their contributions over the past year.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

President:	Jean Smithson	<i>Jane McIlroy/Wayne McConnel/Carried</i>
Secretary:	Maureen Jacob	<i>Jean Smithson/Shelley McConnel</i>
Treasurer:	Bill Jacob	<i>Shelley McConnel/Andrew Patterson</i>

Membership Co-ordinator:	Bill Jacob	<i>Shelley McConnel/Andrew Patterson</i>
Education & Training:	Heather Johnston	Note 1
Youth:	Sophia Kilgour/Jill Littlewood	Note 2
		<i>Shelley McConnel/Jeanette Lauder</i>
Communication & Publicity:	Ruary Laidlaw	<i>Jane McIlroy/Shelley McConnel</i>

(The meeting agreed to continue to accept Ruary as the Communication & Publicity. This continues the agreement given at our last AGM)

Note 1 There were two nominations for this position:

...Lynne Hudson, nominated by Shelley McConnel and seconded by Andrew Patterson.

...Heather Johnston, nominated by Greitje Badham and seconded by Marcia Sowman.

A secret ballot was held and as a result, Heather Johnston was elected.

The process was scrutineered by Kate Corfield & Andrea Fox with the voting papers subsequently destroyed.

Note 2 Sophia Kilgour is interested in taking an active role in Youth leadership. As she would need guidance to fulfil this role, Jill Littlewood is acting as co-coordinator to assist in this process.

DELEGATES TO NZ BRANCH SUMMER SCHOOL:

Our Region entitlement is 5 with 91 members.

It was suggested that as this year's Summer School was being held within the WaiBOP Region, that folk who do not normally go to a Summer School could have the opportunity of attending the NZ Branch AGM as a delegate. Four people from the meeting indicated that they would be willing to be delegates. The names of two people to approach were also submitted. Jill Littlewood undertook to approach these people and to advise the Secretary if they were willing to be delegates.

Jean Smithson, Jeanette Lauder, Bill or Maureen Jacob, Anne & Peter Mahon.

REMIT/NOTICES OF MOTION:

Each Remit was discussed as we voted. It was noted that although our region has tried to have the reimbursements reduced, or in some cases ceased, we are not in a position to influence the result at this point. The voting therefore reflects that reality.

Honoraria & Payments for Management Committee position holders. Part A:

(Treasurer and Secretary) Honoraria \$1000 each.

Delegates to vote	FOR
	PASSED

Management Committee Expenses for Summer Meetings & AGM for the 2021 Financial Year. Part B:

(Summer School fee at non-dancing rate excluding any extras, be paid for the following positions.)

NZ Branch President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, Co-ordinators for Communications & Publicity and Membership, Education & Training, Information Technology and Youth.

Delegates to vote	FOR
	PASSED: 2 abstentions

Membership Fees for 2020/21:

As per the tables in the Remit details forwarded to all RSCDS Members in the NZ Branch Annual Report.

Andy Patterson pointed out that the RSCDS fee charged from Scotland had reduced by £2. The meeting felt that the benefit of this extra money should be returned to the Region from which it originated, to be used to further Scottish Country Dancing locally. Therefore, a “Point of Order” at the NZ Branch AGM is to be raised requesting that funds be returned to the regions for supporting Scottish Country Dancing locally.

The last thing we want is for the money to go into the General Fund.

Delegates to vote FOR
PASSED

Presidents Travel Fund: (Continuation of Fund to facilitate visits to Regions)

Delegates to vote FOR
PASSED

Honoraria & Payments for Non-Management Committee position holders:

(NZ Branch Editor, Bookshop Keeper, Recordshop Keeper.) Payments of \$600, \$800, \$300 respectively. Also that the Summer School fee, at non-dancing rate, be paid for the Recordshop & Bookshop Keepers.

Delegates to vote FOR
PASSED: 1 abstention.

Notice of Motion: Removal of the word ‘remit’ from the NZ Branch Constitution.

Delegates to vote FOR
PASSED

Notice of Motion:

Motion regarding Determinations of Branch Fees and Expenses of Office Bearers.

Prior to voting on the last two Notices of Motion, Bill Jacob pointed out that these “Notice of Motions” had arisen as a result of the 2020 consultation discussion. Prior to now, no changes could be made to a Notice of Motion other than at a Summer School. This meant that people who were in the regions had no opportunity to discuss or put forward changes/alternatives which would make the consultation process more inclusive. He felt that it was to our Regions advantage to support this as we had instigated the 2020 discussions.

Delegates to vote FOR
PASSED

Notice of Motion Amending a Notice of Motion.

Delegates to vote FOR
PASSED

General Business.

1. Region Day School.

Lochiel has offered to host a Day School, in conjunction with their beginners dance on 18 April 2020. The theme would be more Reels, but extending how to get into and out of them. The minimum requirement would be that all entrants knew how to do left and right shoulder reels of three.

Shelley McConnel wished to note that if a club offers to run a class other than the Region “requested classes”, that these classes should then be acknowledged as Region Dances, the difference being that they would have to be self-supporting. The club involved would be responsible for any surplus/loss.

2. Dancing Calendar.

Discussion took place regarding the extra afternoon dance that Rotorua had requested to be included in the calendar. As it was a similar activity as the Tokoroa Tea Dance, and targeted the same age group, Rotorua were asked if they could come up with a different date.

3. Paeroa Tattoo

The Tattoo has provided an excellent opportunity to put Scottish Country Dancing on the map and also to get dancing off to a positive start for the year. Shelley McConnel asked for expressions of interest of those who could support this day and will be in touch asking for commitments so that plans can be made for the day’s activity. If you are available and would like to be involved in the dancing, please contact Wayne or Shelley to let them know so that they can get an idea of numbers.

Next Meeting.

- 4. Region Meeting. To be held in Whakatane, followed by the Region dance. (Details Feb/Mar.)
- 5. AGM. Discussion took place about the success of having an AGM without making it a social activity. It was felt that the meeting should include dancing and/or a meal. Raewyn Adams suggested that we hold the next meeting in Putaruru at the St Johns Hall, on either the 7th or 21st of November 2020. There is a very good restaurant in Putaruru at which we could end the day with a meal. Raewyn was asked to investigate the availability of the hall and restaurant, the latter being extremely popular. Date, time and venue will be confirmed at the Region General Meeting in April 2020.

The meeting closed at 3.53pm.

Signed:..... Date:.....

WaiBOP Region Correspondence List for AGM 2019.

FROM:

NZ Branch Secretary

- Request for Names of Delegates to NZ Branch Summer School.
- Membership Renewal
- Branch Nominations, Remits, Notice of Motion
- Received WaiBOP Voting numbers for NZ Branch AGM
- Reminder of closing date for Management Committee nominations.

NZ Branch Treasurer

- Reply regarding Remit 2, Part B regarding payments made to officers.

Katharine Hoskyn

- Reply explaining the time line on her remit.

TO:

NZ Branch Secretary

- Request for explanation of Remit 2, Part B regarding payments made to office bearers at Summer School.
- Names of Delegates to NZ Branch AGM.

Delegates for 2018/9 Summer School.

- Summary of voting agreed to at the AGM of WaiBOP RSCDS Region.

All WaiBOP RSCDS Clubs.

- Details of reply from Katharine Hoskyn regarding her Notice of Motion.
- Remits, Notice of Motion and NZ Branch Nominations.

WaiBOP Membership

- Details of Katharine Hoskyn's reply and the Branch Treasurers reply.

Katharine Hoskin

- For clarification of date in her Notice of Motion.